

Minutes of Chorley Supporters' Trust AGM

1 May 2014

Apologies were received from Steve Parker, Ed Cookson, Barbara Heaps.

Ten places on the board are available, and seven candidates came forward. Consequently there was no election.

Motion: to approve the election to the board of:

Paul Brennan

John Derbyshire

John S Derbyshire

Grenville Hartley

Fraser Hilton

John Paul Lynch

Julian Vass

The motion was carried, with 26 of the 30 members present voting in favour.

Accounts

The audited accounts for the year to December 2013 were presented to the meeting by JP Lynch.

The Trust has not been paying for the MagpieWatch internet dongle despite offering to do so. Graham Watkinson is paying for it through his company and is happy with this arrangement. There will be an opportunity to contribute to some improvements to the service next season.

Treasurer's report for May

Income £ 2190, as follows

Subs £ 15

Golden goal £ 360

Coaches £ 1293

Grand National sweep £ 80

Draw commission £ 13

Quiz £ 26

Ramp donations £ 403

Expenses £ 1355

Golden Goal £ 100

Coaches £ 1100

Trophies £ 105

Postage £ 6

Match tickets £ 24

Quiz prize £ 20

Total funds £ 3399.17

Paul Brennan proposed a vote of thanks to JP for his hard work as treasurer.

John Derbyshire proposed a donation of £ 1000 to the ramp fund next month.

Membership report

On December 31 there were 83 members (£ 621 in income), currently there are 100 (£ 795).

We will continue with the members' draw offering two tickets to the sponsors' lounge next season.

Membership is due on June 1. Longer-term membership deals will be available.

Newsletters will continue to be issued throughout the summer.

ACTION: Julian Vass. Membership renewal invitations must be sent out.

Chair's report

Thanks very much to the membership secretary, treasurer and secretary for their hard work. Thanks also to those who have sold programmes, raffle tickets, draw tickets, golden goals and the gatemen.

Thanks also to the Golden Girls for their long-term contribution and work in the background, and especially for the Player of the Month award and trophies, which the players really appreciate. Flowers were presented to the Golden Girls.

Finally, the next twelve months will be more hard work. We have to step up and progress alongside the team.

Direction of the Trust for the coming season

We should hold meetings every month in the close season.

The carnival is on June 7th, and volunteers to help man and dress the float are required. If anyone has black and white flags or bunting please bring it. The cost of dressing the float will be around £ 200. Insurance has been arranged free of charge.

The theme is 130 years of CFC/We are the champions.

ACTION: meet on 5th June 6pm onwards at GDW engineering in Whittle-le-Woods to decorate the float.

Now that we have an elected board, the board must meet to choose officers and elect a chair.

Mark Rees: There is a Secretary's development training course offered by Supporters' Direct on May 23rd in Manchester. I strongly encourage the new secretary and any other board members who are able to attend.

Paul Brennan: it is hard to get things done in this meeting.

MOTION: The board to meet outside the monthly meeting to discuss policy and then recommend ideas to members.

Seconded by Sheila Brennan and carried

MOTION: We should survey our membership and ask them what they want

Seconded by Nigel D and carried

PB: our main aims should be to increase membership and get into the community. The Trust has to move up a league in tandem with the football club.

Nigel Dawson: We need more volunteers

Player of the Month

Andrew Teague

Any other business

Thanks to Cath Still for running the away travel.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the beer festival should contact Glen at the Spinners on Cowling Brow.

The club assures us that the turnstiles will be better lit next season.

Disabled ramp

We must get due credit and publicity from this in the local media. Josh Vosper has this in hand. The ramp is due for completion next weekend.

The club has plans to improve the stewarding and viewing from the disabled area.

Mark Rees is to cycle the first stage of the Tour de France on May 10th to raise money for the appeal. £ 35 in donations was immediately offered by various members.

PB noted a considerable improvement in the website in recent months.

James Wilson has won the community award for his work with AFC Chorley.

Next week's quiz is the last subsidised one, and will be the last one until next season.

ACTION: Secretary to add quiz to the next agenda

Next meeting 12th June

Membership benefits:

5% on merchandise in the club shop

discounted away travel

free room hire in the Social Club

A monthly draw during the season for two passes to the Sponsor's Lounge

10% off at Roy Miller's butchers, Goodies Coffee Shop and Wing Sing takeaway

Nigel Dawson noted that it is everyone's responsibility to promote these benefits.

Possible events for next season include a members' evening with a discounted bar, and a meet the manager evening.

Finally all are encouraged to attend the AFC Chorley vs MUFC fans match at Victory Park on Saturday 17th May in aid of Mencap.