

Minutes of Chorley Supporters' Trust meeting Thursday 3rd April 2014

Apologies

were received from Dave Perris, Steve Parker, Nigel Dawson and Ed Cookson.

Actions

John Derbyshire (JD) has produced an electronic record of the rule change voting
Grenville Hartley (GH) has a copy of the model rules as amended by the Rules Committee and has given it to Mark Rees (MR)

Membership

The Trust now has 100 members (59 full, 34 OAP, 7 children). Thanks are due to Julian Vass for his efforts in this area.

Keith Haddon won the members' draw. JD will contact him.

Publicity for the draw has improved

ACTION: Jue Vass to publicise the draw on the noticeboard

We should try to use the ping pong balls from the 200 club draw for future draws, if available.

AGM preparation

The next meeting is the AGM. Election preparations are in hand, but we may need to hold a postal ballot in advance of the AGM if enough people stand for the board.

ACTION: Paul Brennan (PB) to approach Mike Nield and Barry Hodgson to see if they would be interested in chairing the Election Management Group (if necessary).

ACTION: MR to publicise the election in the programme and website

ACTION: JD to do the same in the Guardian

ACTION: MR to check if there is anything in the rules to prevent the president from holding elected office (there isn't)

Fundraising

ACTION: Fraser to discuss the carnival float with Nigel Dawson (ND)

Mark Locke has produced two designs for the pitchside banner. One was approved

ACTION: JD to arrange production

The flag design was also approved

ACTION: MR to arrange with ND for the flag to be produced

The golden goal is selling out each game, and thanks for this are due to Paul Snape.

Treasurer's report

INCOME

Subs £ 10
Golden Goal £ 270
Coaches £ 1603
Programmes £ 287.20
Christmas Raffle £ 448
Half-time draw commission £ 92.20
Quiz night £ 47.50
Donation £ 40
Total £ 2797.90

Expenses

Golden Goal £ 75
Coaches £ 1470
Trophies £ 3
Quiz £ 100 (not yet paid out)
Ramp £ 2000
Total £ 3648

Funds: £ 2506.13

The Player of the Month trophies will now be billed annually rather than monthly

The audit will cost £ 500 + VAT

ACTION: MR to sign the Letter of Engagement from the auditors

ACTION: MR to invite the auditors to the AGM.

There is £ 526 of coach sponsorship money still left. We will see how much there is left at the end of the season before deciding what to do with it.

Membership pricing

A motion to keep the prices at £ 10 full and £ 5 concessions was unanimously carried.

PB proposed a motion to offer life membership at £ 200 (£ 100 for over 60s) and five year membership for £ 35 (£ 15), this was also carried.

Membership benefits are currently

– £ 1 off away travel

discounted events admission

5% off merchandise

Membership draw for two tickets to the sponsors' lounge

A share in the Trust

Free room hire in the Social Club

ACTION: JD to confirm that the merchandise discount will be offered next season

ACTION: Discuss this package further in the next meeting, especially the away travel discount.

There was a discussion about community work, and whether this should be part of an explicit membership benefit, such as £ 1 of each fee going to a nominated charity. We could offer free transport and admission for people who find it hard to get to games.

ACTION: discuss community work at the next meeting

It was noted that FC United of Manchester could teach us a great deal about community engagement.

Disabled ramp

We will do bucket collections for the disabled ramp at the Stocksbridge and Marine games

ACTION: JD to confirm that this is OK with the club, also to check about doing a bucket collection at the beer festival

ACTION: Josh to produce the labels for the buckets

The ramp is now being made of metal by Graham Watkinson's company. The total cost of the project is still not clear.

ACTION: JD to seek a quote

We must seek to control costs more carefully on future projects of this nature.

ACTION: JD to ensure we have a plaque on the finished structure to say we paid for it.

We will arrange for an opening ceremony with someone suitable to preside.

Any other business

ACTION: PB to organise a race night in September.

ACTION: Jue to organise a sweep on the Grand National on Saturday

Player of the month; Jamie Vermiglio

Voting has begun for Player of the Year

ACTION: GH and Eileen to represent the Trust at the 200 club dinner

JD: we should have a table in the Social Club at every home match, as Witton and Ilkeston do.

ACTION: discuss having a stall at car boot sales over the summer at the next meeting.