

Minutes of Chorley Supporters Trust meeting March 2014

Apologies:

Sheila Brennan, Cath Still, John Derbyshire, Graham Watkinson

Actions from the last meeting carried over to the next meeting:

John Derbyshire to make an electronic record of the rule change votes
Rules committee to proceed with the rules change

Membership draw

No publicity has been done for this draw despite the actions agreed in the last meeting.

ACTION: publicise the members draw via the website, twitter and the programme before the next meeting

The winner of two tickets to the sponsors' lounge at a forthcoming game is number 48, Dave Perris

Squad development fund

£ 133 remains in the account.

We revisited the debate about how to decide what to do with the money and considered appointing a committee.

There was a discussion about whether to ditch the account or to promote it more widely. It was generally agreed that funding the first team is not what the Trust should be about. Paul Brennan spoke in favour and suggested it could be used to fund youth players, or meeting travel or physiotherapy expenses. Nigel Dawson and Grenville Hartley spoke against, saying we were too small a club to operate such a scheme and that we should concentrate on improving the fans' matchday experience.

We decided to do nothing.

Publicity

Nigel has looked into a flag design and has secured a favourable deal.

ACTION: Mark Rees to produce a graphic of Nigel's design, incorporating the logo, web address, meeting and quiz information.

ACTION: Josh Vosper to send Mark the logo

Carnival

Graham Watkinson is to provide a flatbed truck and a driver. The theme is the 130th anniversary of Chorley FC. The carnival will take place over the weekend of 6th/7th Jun, and the truck will be decorated at the Spinners on Cowling Brow.

ACTION: Nigel to look into getting insurance through the carnival committee.

ACTION: Mark to design the banner

Treasurer's report

We hope to appoint Moore and Smallery as auditors.

The Mencap cheque has finally cleared.

We have bought a 200 club ticket, and Paul Brennan has organised a fans' 200 club ticket.

The payment we made towards signing Chris Almond has been publicised

Income £ 1205

Subs £ 5

Golden Goals £ 177

Coaches £ 969

Badge sales £ 22

Quiz £ 32

Outgoings £ 2553

Golden Goals £ 25

Coaches £ 1110

200 Club £ 200

Transfer fee £ 1200

Sundry £ 18

Cash in bank £ 3298.23

Membership report

No change – 96 members

Fundraising

ACTION: GH to ask Ian Livesey to publicise the quiz

ACTION: Julian Vass to publicise the quiz on the website

ACTION: Paul Brennan to put a poster on the noticeboard

Ed Cookson proposed inviting teams from local clubs and pubs to the quiz.

Julian Vass noted that Thursday is not a good night for the quiz as it clashes with darts and dominos

Programme sales have raised £ 773 in commission for the Trust, and £ 1843 for the club.

This is a turnaround from a loss of £ 1800 last season.

Thanks are due to Josh Vosper for producing such an excellent programme.

ACTION: GH to see about entering the programme into the end of season awards

We have committed to spend up to £ 4000 on disabled access to the social club. The

steel will cost £ 1500 alone, and new doors are required. The sooner this is in place the better.

Paul Brennan noted that there is not enough liaison between the club, Trust and individuals regarding fundraising.

Forthcoming club events:

April 11th 200 club

July 15th Golf day

September ball

November Sportsmans Dinner

Beer festival

These events are slated to earn some £ 30000 for the club, excluding the 200 club income which will be up to £ 40000

The offer of commission on the 50/50 draw is still available if we can provide enough sellers.

Player of the month

Paul Woolcott

Any other business

Julian Vass will organise a coach to the Cup Final

Radio Lancashire are recording a show on Monday evening to preview the Cup Final, from 7pm.

We will have an awards ceremony, and the Trust will give a community award, nominations to be decided.

We will continue to meet on Thursday evenings

The football club will look at improving the lighting around the entrance to the ground.

ACTION: Ed Cookson, Jue Vass and John Paul will dismantle the penalty shootout on Saturday.