

**Minutes of Chorley Supporters Trust monthly members meeting.**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

- Present-Board Members.** : Grenville Hartley , John Paul Lynch, Julian Vass.  
In the absence of both the chairman and Vice Chairman the meeting was taken by the Secretary Grenville Hartley.
- Others present** : 14 members.
- Apologies received from** : Mark Rees, Ryan Modlin, David Tindal, Chris Blackburn,.
- Minutes of last meeting** : The minutes of the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 were read out.
- Matters arising.** : It was pointed out that the minutes had incorrectly stated that the Race Night was to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> September when, in fact, it should have been the 6<sup>th</sup> October. I apologise for this error.

**Treasurers Report**

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	<u>Income</u>	£ p.
	Golden Goal.	376.00
	Leaflet Sponsor.	150.00
	Half time draw commission.	51.00
	Donations.	193.10
	Pledges.	1.67
	Gift aid.	11.86
	Membership.	39.96
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		<b>1041.83</b>
	<u>Expenses.</u>	£ p.
	Golden Goal prize.	80.00
	Magpies Radio.	25.99
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Bank Balance.

		£. p.
Working Account.		1600.95
Fans Ownership Fund.		20198.51
Unbanked cash.		150.00
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		<b>21949.46</b>

Check.

		£. p.
Balance at 24/07/17.		21013.62
Income.		1041.83
Expenses.		-105.99
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Balance at 01/09/17.		<b>21013.62</b>

- Matters arising** : There were no matters arising.

- Membership** : The meeting was informed that membership cards had now been obtained and that these would be handed out, where possible, at the Trust table at the next home match.  
So far the membership renewals had reached 75, consisting of 69 adults and 6 junior members.  
Again lack of communication was referred and it was proposed by Paul Brennan and seconded by John Derbyshire that a new banner be obtained.  
**This proposal was passed unanimously.**  
Julian, through his company, volunteered to provide one at a favourable cost and this was to be considered by the Board.  
It was also suggested that members ask their friends or colleagues if they had renewed
- Members Draw** : For technical reasons this was not undertaken during the meeting but was to take place as soon as possible.
- Pledges** : The chairman, in his absence had sent through a report that there had been a slow uptake this season. It was suggested that those on the list from last season who had not joined the pledges scheme this season be chased up and that there reasons for not renewing, if the be the case, be asked for for future reference. Two members joined the scheme at this meeting.
- Easyfundraising.co.uk** : The membership was informed of this new scheme which would raise funds for the Trust every time that they shopped on line with participating organisations at no cost to themselves.  
The chairman had left a note to the effect that he had invested £22 on Euromillions lottery and that transaction had raised £7.50 for the trust.
- Player of the Month** : This was Matt Urwin.
- Race night** : The Race Night, as stated earlier, was to take place on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> October with the usual set up of 8 races, and a hot pot supper for £5 and that there would be a raffle on the night. Volunteers were asked to man the tote and Grenville Hartley stated that he would be available. John Derbyshire suggested that Chris Foley or Fraser Hilton be approached.
- Golden Goal sponsorship** : Apologies were given for the lack of Golden Goal sellers last Saturday. The acting chairman explained that there were now only seven directors of the Trust and that all work was falling on them with a lack of volunteers from the membership. Paul Brennan stated that there appeared to be a lack of communication between the Trust board and the members and therefore the members would have been unaware of this problem. He offered to sell Golden Goals if required provided that he was notified in time as did Dennis Payne.  
The lack of announcement of the Golden Goal time and the sponsor was referred to with a suggestion that Dave Tindall had a word with Graham Watkinson. ( Events after the meeting lead to the Secretary speaking to Graham who advised that in his capacity on the Board he had to time the Golden Goal officially but had been having difficulty himself getting it the announced himself on occasions.  
He advised that we accept his timings and that we go to the announcers box with a piece of paper stating something like “ the Golden Goal time sponsored by XYZ is.....” and if it was not subsequently announced then to tell him and he would have words with the announcer).
- Upcoming Events** : The trust intends to hold the following:-
- A sponsored walk to Southport on New Years Day.
  - A Christmas Quiz on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.
  - A Christmas Craft and Table top sale on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.
  - An indoor car boot sale on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and
  - A Race Night to be held on either the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- Joint Events Committee.** : There was nothing to report.
- Any Other Business** :
1. Paul Brennan referred to the upcoming 200<sup>th</sup> appearance of Jake Cottrell and that Andy Teague was coming up to his 350<sup>th</sup>. Paul thought that this should be honoured but others stated that we do not recognise a 350<sup>th</sup>. Paul then put this forward as a proposal but there was no-one who wished to second this and it was therefore rejected.
  2. Paul also suggested that the Trust look at ways of attracting more young people to the games subject to football club board approval, and that as a way of creating more atmosphere at matches, issuing them with the cardboard clappers as used by Leicester City. This was to be discussed by the Trust board.
  3. Tony Gilgun asked if all comments made at future meetings could be addressed through the chair as there had been quite an amount of cross talk at this meeting.
  4. Tony also asked if we could tell him whether the football club was now a Community Trust. We were unaware of this but thought that the ownership was still solely with Ken and Graham so

Tony then asked what then was there to stop the owners spending the club money on new sports cars for themselves, to which there was no response from the meeting other than the departure of one person present, from the room.

5. Paul suggested that there now seemed to be a lack of communication between the Trust and the football and suggested that we should ask the football club to allow a trust representative to once again attend their board meetings in the future.
6. Maureen Wardman stated that with the introduction of the new sponsors lounge a 'them' and 'us' situation had now been created with players going in there after the match and not into the club room. It was explained that that was the official launch of the room and that players had come straight into the club room after last night's match.
7. Dennis Payne suggested that the supporters be approached, by whatever means necessary to see what they would like the trust do do on their behalf.

**Next meeting**

- : The next Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at a time and venue to be announced.  
There next Members meeting will be held held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Social Club.

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