

# Minutes of Chorley Supporters' Trust general meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> 2014

## **Apologies**

John Paul Lynch, Cath Still, Maureen, Steve Parker, Ed Cookson

## **Actions**

The following actions will be carried over to the next meeting

John Derbyshire to make an electronic record of the voting at the January meeting

Mark Rees and Julian Vass to improve publicity for meetings

## **Coach travel**

Cath Still provided a report:

First of all, I would like to thank Graham and the club for paying for the Tamworth Coaches (all 5 of them). I think we can safely say that it helped to CFCST out greatly.

There is 1 coach sponsorship outstanding and I am chasing that up, out of the sponsorship that we have received there is £ 515.00 left, meaning we have used £ 585.00.

Also could we please put the following on the website and in the newsletter,

No Alcohol Permitted on the coach/es.

If you book on the coach and then cancel or don't turn you will still be charged for the seat/s

ACTION: Jue Vass to add this to the website

## **Rule changes**

Motion: To completely amend the society's rules

NB the rules include an asset lock. This is the second vote on the rule change following the successful vote at the previous meeting.

The motion was carried with 17 in favour and none against.

ACTION: Rules committee to proceed with rule change

## **Membership report**

There are 94 members, of whom 88 are full members. Total income from membership is £ 745

Paul Brennan asked if we could accept direct debits

It was agreed that

– the membership year runs from AGM to AGM

this year the AGM will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm (proposer PB, seconder GH)

half-price membership will be offered from now until the AGM (proposed JD, seconder SB)

John Derbyshire: now is the time to launch a membership drive. We should contact members who did not renew this year, and launch a draw. The football club has kindly donated a prize each month: two people to go into the sponsor's lounge at a match. The first draw will be at next month's meeting. This must be publicised by all channels

**ACTION:** Jue Vass and Paul Brennan to publicise the draw via twitter, the website, the programme, the notice board

Free advertising is on offer from the club – a space of 16 x 3ft if we provide a banner or board. We will have a flag for around £ 60 which can go to home and away matches, and an advertising board for in the region of £ 100 to £ 150.

**ACTION:** Nigel Dawson to organise a design for the flag

## ***Treasurer's report***

### **Income for January £1032:**

Subs £55

Unknown banking Lynda Farren £ 10 (this is a membership fee)

Monthly automatic credits £ 20

Golden Goal £ 333:

Witton Albion £ 63

Tamworth £ 90

Skem £ 90

Stamford £ 90

Coach to Blyth £ 481

T Shirts £ 10

Football card £ 20

Half time draw commission £ 70

Quiz night £ 33

Note that I have still not had the commission from the Christmas raffle.

Expenses for the month £ 821:

Golden Goal prize money £ 100

Coach to Blyth £ 550

Printing and postage £ 21

130th Brochure £ 150

Note that the £ 100 cheque to Mencap has never been banked.

The bank balance now stands at £ 4588.23 (including the £ 1308 squad development fund discussed last month)

**ACTION:** JP Lynch to find out why the Mencap cheque has not been banked

Some board members were asked to use £ 1200 from the Squad Development Fund to pay for part of Chris Almond's signing. They agreed to do so, and the donation is to be publicised in the FC United programme.

It was noted that the Magpies Trust part funded Terry Fearn's signing a few years ago using the

fund. Credit is to be given to Paul Morris, who is the principal donor to the fund.  
GH expressed concern that we didn't consult more widely before spending the money. This can be discussed in more detail at the next meeting if we decide to retain the fund.

ACTION: Paul Brennan to publicise the donation

ACTION: All to discuss the future of the Squad Development fund at the next meeting

## ***Fundraising***

After a discussion where various initiatives were proposed, including videoing matches for fans unable to attend, it was decided that

- we shall provide disabled access for the Social Club (proposed ND, seconded JD)

A design for the ramp exists and it will cost around £ 4000 to build. Work on the project is to start immediately with the aim of having it in place for the start of next season.

ACTION: Paul Brennan to organise a race night to raise funds

A sponsored walk and crossbar challenge were also proposed.

It was agreed to donate £ 2000 to kickstart the fundraising.

## ***Quiz***

It was decided that

- the price of entry will be £ 2

the raffle will no longer be held

the top prize will be £ 50, which Dave has offered to donate (thanks was offered from the meeting from March, there will be a jackpot question where one individual can win a prize of £ 100, rising by £ 20 per month until it hits £ 300 or is won

This will be reviewed after three months

## ***Player of the month***

We will not pursue a merger with the twitter award.

Mark Ross won for January

## ***Any other business***

The Golden Goal price will stay at £ 1 and 90 tickets will continue to be issued

ACTION: Nigel Dawson to organise the carnival float, which will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> June

£ 22 was given to Jue from Matt Bagot raised from selling FGR 51 badges

The fans' 200 club ticket has £ 120 donated so far, Paul Brennan is organising that.

ACTION: John Paul to buy a 200 club ticket on the Trust's behalf.

The forthcoming AFC Chorley Sportsmans' dinner was publicised. Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Social Club

FCUM: Mark and Nigel will work at the away end for this match. Inviting the FCUM Trust into the Social Club was discussed and dismissed as impractical owing to the segregation.

Next meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

£ 100 jackpot quiz Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March