

Amended Minutes of members meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2020.

- Present** : 1. 1. Board members David Tindall, Mark Rees, John Paul Lynch, Chris Blackburn, Peter Thompson, Martin Ramsbottom and Grenville Hartley. In addition there were 23 members present. Owners of Chorley Football, Chairman Ken Wright and secretary Graham Watkinson attended together with Andy Walsh of The Football Supporters Association and founder member of F.C. United of Manchester, and Chorley FC's new CEO Terry Robinson.
- Apologies** : 1. 1. Apologies were received from Hayden Rose.
- Minutes** : 1. 1. No reference was made to the minutes of the January meeting..
- Pledges.** : 1. 1. Pledges so far amounted to £965.00. The chairman informed the members of the Easy Fund Raising scheme and urged anyone booking holidays etc. that if this scheme were to be used the Trust would benefit financially. Similarly, if Local giving was to be used the Trust could claim back Gift Aid.
- Player of the Month** : 1. 1. The Player of the Month was Matt Urwin.
- Finance** : 1. 1. The treasurer provided figures which were up to date as of Tuesday 4th February 2020.

Income

Membership	19.95
Golden Goal sales	90.00
Pledges	163.58
Donations	86.30
Quiz Night	172.80
Football cards.	20.00
Gift Aid	<u>101.83</u>
	<u>653.66</u>

Expenses

Golden Goal prize	25.00
Food at quiz night..	<u>125.00</u>
	<u>150.00</u>

Bank Balance

Working Account	4382.07
Fans ownership Fund	<u>1341.55</u>
	<u>5723.62</u>

Check

Balance at 07/02/20	5219.96
Income	653.66
Expenses	<u>150.00</u>
Balance at 04/02/20.	<u>5723.62</u>

Membership income to date	293.90
Pledges collected to date	539.69

Owed to Trust by CFC.

261 season tickets x £1	261.00
50 books x £7.95	397.50

There were no queries arising from the accounts.

- Future Events.** : 1. 1. A Hash tag quiz is to be organised together with a race night and, perhaps, an ordinary quiz.
 2. Martin Ramsbotham had now worked out a route for the sponsored walk from Euston station to Boreham Wood and will look into transport back from Boreham Wood.
 Ar the last meeting the membership was asked to suggest likely recipients for the proceeds of the walk and,
 3. at this time, the following had been suggested suggested.
 i)- Mencap.
 ii)- Guide Dogs for the Blind.
 iii)- Menkind.

- iv)- Sporting Memories.
 - v)- St.Catherines Hospice.
- The Trust is considering a ballot via social media.

Business Club	: 1.	1.	The Football club is to re-establish the Business Club. Chris Blackburn will attend these functions on behalf of the Trust to make the Trust, and its intentions, known to local businesses.
Trust members on the board of the football club.	: 1.	1.	Two names had been put forward to fill the vacancy on the board of the football club following the resignation of Dave Tindall. These members have been invited to stand for election to the Trust board at the Annual General Meeting in May. Following this, the Trust board will nominate a new Supporter Director to the Chorley FC board.
Any Other Business :Questions to the Football Club.	: 1.	1.	<p>In the meantime, current Trust board member Peter Thompson will temporarily fill the vacancy.</p> <p>a) The first question concerned the closure of part of the main stand asking when it would be re-opened and how much it would cost to repair. Graham Watkinson stated that it would cost in the region of £100,000 which the club has not got and so that part would remain closed for the foreseeable future. However, to maintain the seating capacity, benches from the affected part were being relocated at the other end by Dave Perris. An alternative would be to provide a temporary stand on the Ashby Street side of the ground.</p> <p>b) A question arose as to when the new floodlights would be provided, a requirement of grading to be carried out by the end of March. GW stated that Chis Blackburn sought grants but that the club could not find the 30% it had to find. However, by providing new mirrors behind the bulbs on the existing pylons, and providing some replacement bulbs, the lights narrowly passed the test required and were now compliant.</p> <p>c) A query was raised as to the necessity to stay overnight on long away fixtures. The simple answer, according to GW was that players could not be expected to leave Chorley at 6.30 am in the morning, travel for five hours in the case of the recent trip to Yeovil, and then be expected to take on a full time professional team.</p> <p>d) Were the Board resigned to relegation and, if so, would they attempt to bounce back next season? Ken Wright answered this one by stating That Jamie had been instructed to do everything possible to keep the club from relegation, hence the recent influx of loan players. Ken did mention the bad luck in losing some of the loaners to injury and wondered whether he had "run over a black cat", and added that even though injured, as professional players they still had to be paid, putting more financial strain on on bringing in further players. Wherever Chorley FC are playing next season a lot of lessons had been learnt this season which would be taken on board next year.</p> <p>e) Would more financial investment be of assistance to the club particularly in attracting better players through higher salaries? Obviously it would help said KW, GW added, though, of the state of Chesterfield who, despite having a wage bill of four times that of Chorley, was still in the relegation zone just a few points above Chorley!</p> <p>f) A member asked what are the options for, say, five years down the line? GW answered and said that option 1 would be to move and mentioned various sites such as Limbrick, Euxton and Adlington. They were in informal discussions with both Chorley council and Lancashire County council over possible sites. Option 2 would be to stay at Victory Park but the cost could prove prohibitive due to contaminated land caused by the former brickworks open pits having been unfilled with cinders and ash to a depth, in places, of up to 9 metres, as found when foundations had to be laid for the Pilkington stand. When further asked what interest had been shown and what help could the club get from the landlords, Chorley council, the simple answer was none. At this point Andy Walsh was asked how long it took from inception to building the stadium for F.C.United, and he said that the decision was taken at the very beginning that they would build their own stadium but that it took ten years and a lot of financial effort from members in fund raising with the average donated or raised by the fan shareholders being, on average, £5000 each.. He did point out that we had a big advantage at Chorley, in that this club already exists with a good fan base and with many local business to hand who could lend assistance and that although costs to build a new stadium may, at this time, seem prohibitive it could be achieved. In his role of adviser for the Football Supporters association he mentioned the many grants and funds , tax reliefs etc., open to us and with which he would assist with should that route be taken.</p>
New C.E.O.	: 1	1	Terry Robinson was introduced to the members. Terry has vast experience with football league clubs such as Leicester City, Stoke City etc. More on Terry to follow later.
100 Years at Victory Park.	: 1	1	Members were asked to decide for next month what we, as a Trust, along with the club, should do to mark this historic event.
Andy Teague	: 1	1	Andy Teague has been awarded a testimonial by the football club who will announce events later.
Next Meeting.	: 1.	1.	The next meeting would be held at 8.00 pm in the social club on Wednesday the 4th March 2020 at 8.00 pm.
		2.	The date and venue of the next Trust board meeting will be announced later.
