



MEETING NOTES

Committee Meeting 2014-01

11th May 2014, 12:30pm

Meeting Room 1, Dearne Building, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull, HU6 7RX

Attendees

Officers

- Chairman (M Gretton) ✓
Secretarial Officer (M Scott) ✓
Finance Officer (A Hemingway) ✓
Membership Officer (R Harmer) ✓
Communications Officer (I Waterson) ✓
Technical Officer (G Borthwick) ✓
Events/Merchandise Officer (R Skelton) ✓

Sub Group members

- C Ball ✓
G Bielby ✓
T Collins ✓
C Cooper ✓
P Johnson ✓
A Mills ✓
R Overfield ✓ (via Skype)
C Smith ✓
R Saunders ✓

1. Formal Apologies

None

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Not applicable.

3. CTWD Aims

M.Gretton informed the committee that the Tigers Co-Operative held their AGM and achieved the quorate to start discussing a merger with CTWD.

A.Mills added that the meeting was sparsely attended but everyone who did attend was in favour of moving forward with CTWD. There are some financial issues with monies donated to Tigers Co-operative over the years but this is in their court to sort out with their members.

C.Cooper offered to work with F.Beill and M.Beill of the Tigers Co-operative and the lawyers suggested by Supporters Direct (SD) to bring their constitution into line with current SD guidelines.

ACTION - It was agreed that a six-man sub-group would work on this aspect consisting of: M.Scott, M.Gretton, G.Bielby, C.Cooper, A.Mills and C.Smith.

T.Collins felt there may be a level of apathy amongst fans towards the political side of the game.

C.Cooper suggested the only way to fight apathy is to encourage fans that they can have a voice and make a difference.



**ACTION** - M.Scott to produce a list of short, medium and long term aims for the committee to discuss.

R.Skelton suggested that any need to campaign to keep the club's name in future could harm the potential to grow the membership amongst the whole fan-base.

A. Mills felt that CTWD's values should be stated openly to all existing and potential members including the desire to protect the heritage of the football club.

#### 4. CTWD Sub Groups

C.Smith asked what levels of delegated powers will be given to sub-groups.

M.Gretton stated that the committee is looking for the sub-groups to get on with things as much as possible and report back to the full committee for approval. All sub-groups should contain at least one officer to facilitate decision-making.

C.Cooper felt the sub-groups should take on the task and then make recommendations to the full committee.

M.Scott pointed out that the constitution states that if it is necessary to vote on any issue, which should be a very rare occurrence, then it is the 7 officers who will vote.

M.Scott set out the proposal for the first general meeting that the sub-group members apply for positions in three specific sub-groups. However, one of these groups received insufficient applications.

M.Scott suggested that the sub-group members be kept as a pool of 9 people who are assigned to roles in sub-groups as required.

It was agreed that this is a sensible approach.

**ACTION** - A communications sub-group was set up to communicate messages to members in the short-term consisting of: I.Watson, R.Harmer, G.Borthwick, C.Ball and P.Johnson.

**ACTION** - An events sub-group was set-up consisting of: R.Skelton, C.Ball, T.Collins and P.Johnson.

#### 5. Vote on Supporters' Trust

**ACTION** – M.Scott agreed to draft an email to ballot all members on whether CTWD should continue to strive to become a Supporters' Trust.

Timescale is two weeks to present the draft to the committee with a view to emailing all members in three weeks time.

#### 6. 2014/15 Membership

R.Skelton suggested that membership should be carried over into the new season.

C.Smith suggested this as a perk for "founder members" of CTWD.

C.Ball suggested that it run until the formation of the supporters' trust.

M.Scott added that if CTWD becomes a trust, the membership cost and renewal period would have to be discussed.

**ACTION** - I.Watson and R.Harmer to lead the communications sub-group in creating an email to inform all "founder members" of this decision.

#### 7. CTWD Branding

M.Scott has started work on producing some standard templates for use on the website, social media and documentation. M.Scott will approach a Graphic Designer to ask for help in producing these templates.



C.Cooper suggested the “Ambition and tradition” tagline be a part of this template.

G.Borthwick has approached Twitter to ask if an appropriate handle could be released from its dormant state.

## 8. CTWD Website

G.Borthwick presented ideas for a “magazine style” website but stated the need to produce content to keep the site interesting to users.

C.Cooper suggested that content could be acquired from other supporters’ trusts as well as SD and the FSF but it would need to be moderated to ensure it fits with CTWD’s core aims.

**ACTION** - M.Scott proposed that the group discuss this further online with a view to launching any new site for the new season.

## 9. Finances

A.Hemingway is progressing with opening a new bank account. M.Scott and M.Gretton will be signatories on the account alongside A.Hemingway.

**ACTION** - M.Gretton to oversee transfer of previous CTWD funds once the new account is opened.

## 10. Any Other Business

M.Scott asked if the committee is happy for our social media accounts to engage with the “Against League Three” campaign. This was supported.

G.Borthwick asked if scarves could be posted for Wembley if pushed on social media. R.Skelton suggested a last postal date of Wednesday 14th May.

I.Watson has spoken to journalist D.Conn about the season for a piece in the Guardian and will be featuring on Sky Sports before the FA Cup final.

C.Cooper will be attending SD’s supporters’ summit to speak about the campaign for a workshop on protecting clubs’ identities.

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

To be determined.

## 12. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 2:05pm.

