



MEETING NOTES

Committee Meeting 2014-02

5th July 2014, 1:00pm

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 ✓
C Smith ✓
R Saunders ✓

1. Formal Apologies

Were received from Mike Scott, Alan Hemingway, Gavin Borthwick and Tom Collins.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Supporters' Trust

Introduced R.Pepper and R. Gomersall of Huddersfield Town Supporters' Association (HSA) present on behalf of Supporters Direct (SD).

M.Gretton explained that Tigers Co-Operative have passed a motion to adopt new rules required as a supporters trust. This had to be done to enable them to move forward with a merger with CTWD. A postal vote amongst Tigers Co-Operative members will now take place to approve the merger.

CTWD emailed members to take a view on merging from the CTWD perspective. 619 members voted. 617 voted in favour of becoming a Supporters' Trust. 2 voted against.

The Supporters' Trust sub-group have a meeting arranged with J.Forster from SD next month.

Questions for R.Pepper and R. Gomersall were invited from the committee.





R.Pepper asked if it was true that official supporters organisations are excluded from SD. Explained that there are no restrictions on an official supporters club being a member of SD but that Huddersfield are unusual in that most clubs have a Supporters Club and an unattached Trust who are members of SD.

R.Pepper asked what the benefits of SD membership are from his point of view. A trust benefits from SD membership by taking advantage of the expertise of the SD employees such as legal advice. There are sub-groups of SD based on geographical area or league division that offer the opportunity to meet and share knowledge.

R.Pepper informed that SD run a supporters' summit each July, this year being 26th July at St. George's Park, which gives Trusts an opportunity to interact.

R.Gomersall added that each supporters' trust is allocated a member of the SD Council as a point of contact if they have any issues.

R.Pepper asked about HSA membership and charges. HSA has around 500 members. Was as high as around 1100 when the club was facing extinction - a similar story to many supporters' organisations. Membership fee is £5 annually without donations for 13+, £2 for 10-13 and free for U10. The highest annual charge R.Pepper has come across for any supporters' trust is £20.

R.Pepper asked about HSA's relationship with the club. HSA are part of a consultation group of 25 supporters that meet Huddersfield Town regularly holding 3 spots. Those meetings are minuted.

R.Pepper asked what benefits are offered by HSA. They have a policy of providing travel for members £2 cheaper than the club. They have also built up a relationship with a group of businesses who offer discount for members.

## **5. Campaigns**

CTWD have registered our displeasure at the change of badge and the lack of consultation and received no acceptable response from the club.

Members of the CTWD committee have applied to take part in the club's fan consultation group.

CTWD support our fellow fans in attempting to negotiate disabled concessions with the club that were previously removed.

CTWD appreciate the club's previous statement supporting safe standing at the KC Stadium. Action: Add information on the safe standing campaign to the new website.

## **6. Membership**

R.Skelton working on a "CITY" T-Shirt. Draft to be discussed on probboards.

Venue for an event coinciding with a match was unable to be secured. R.Skelton to approach the club about the KC Stadium and also check availability at the Station Hotel.

C.Smith struggling to get any commitment on price for Europa league travel given the uncertainty of the fixture. M.Gretton to contact M.Gothard of the Ulltras to work together on the travel.

## **7. CTWD Website**

No discussion.

## **8. CTWD Aims**

No discussion.





## **9. Officers' Reports**

Chairman - M.Gretton spoke at the SD Scotland summit about the "No To Hull Tigers" campaign along with K.Ogram.

M.Gretton, M.Scott and I.Watson met S.Brady and M.Upfold from Hull City Council. It was a constructive meeting.

Finance Officer - A.Hemingway sent in a report that bank account is now set up. CTWD holding £605. A.Dalton still has around £1000 in PayPal to be received.

Membership officer - R.Harmer reports latest membership figure is 1784.

## **10. Any Other Business**

R.Saunders mentioned that the club's birthday passed at the end of June and suggested organising an event to coincide in the future.

R.Harmer suggested an upcoming event should feature a celebration of the 110th birthday of Hull City AFC.

R.Saunders suggested CTWD do the ground work on locating items of importance to the club's history in case a permanent museum could be set up at the club. R.Saunders to take this task on.

R.Skelton offered thanks to A.Mills for his excellent work on recent communications with the club and blog posts on the CTWD website.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 10am, then the final Monday evening of each month (29 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov, 22 Dec).

## **12. Meeting Close**

Meeting closed at 3:00pm.

