



MEETING NOTES

Interim Board Meeting 2015-01

19th January 2015, 6:30pm

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

Attendees

Interim Board Members

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

Sub Group members

C Ball ☒
 G Bielby ☒
 T Collins ✓
 C Cooper ☒
 P Johnson ☒
 A Mills ✓
 R Saunders ✓

1. Apologies

Were received from I.Waterson (Communications), C.Ball, G.Bielby, C.Cooper, P.Johnson.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. HCST Update

300-350 members have joined in the first week.

Next step on the website is to transfer the URL to www.hullcitysupporterstrust.com within the next couple of weeks. HCST wish to offer thanks to I.Walters for his excellent work on the website to date.

R.Skelton queried the content requirements on the site. It was agreed that more content about the club should be added to the website alongside the trust updates and issues.

Hull City Supporters' Trust is the trading name of Tigers Co-operative Limited, a Community Benefit Society registration number 29021R.
 The registered address is:
 Hull City Supporters' Trust, 37a North Bar Within, Beverley, HU17 8DB.

Trust Board Members:
 To be confirmed

The Hull City Supporters' Trust Partners are:

Co-op Energy --- TDN Automotive --- Hemingway Bailey Ltd. --- One Stop Golf --- Finesse Internet --- Wine On-Line --- Leasing for Business
 Grange Driving School --- Circle 87 Café --- Harpers Fish & Chips @ Beverley --- Dickens & Browne --- Photo Express --- Cross Solutions
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M.Scott to put a message out advertising for writers for the website from outside the trust. T.Collins & R.Skelton volunteered to help edit and publish articles.

R.Harmer mentioned the need to improve the forum on the website. M.Scott to reach out to I.Walters with a view to integrating an external forum.

The committee asked J.Forster questions about the rules inherited from Tigers Co-op (TC).

- > Rule 4 – Objects of the association. Agreed to inherit TC rule 4 with expanded version in the Vision, Aims and Objectives section of our website.
- > Rule 10.6 – Clarified that “application of surplus” in Rule 7 refers to ensuring that any profit (surplus) is reinvested in the organisation.
- > Rule 26 – J.Forster clarified the requirements for ordinary resolutions, extraordinary resolutions and resolutions brought about by members.
- > Rule 90 – J.Forster said “servant” refers to someone who is not on the board of the trust but is someone who contributes to the running beyond standard membership.
- > Rule 101 – Clarified that agreeing to borrow money requires an ordinary resolution.
- > Rule 105-107 – M.Scott asked about the need for indemnity insurance and where to get it from. J.Forster suggested other trusts have found local insurers to be the best value but it’s also been suggested that it isn’t worth it because claiming has been difficult. Might be worth asking someone at MUST (Manchester United Supporters Trust) or SOS (Spirit of Shankly). It’s required especially for any legal challenge the trust may face.
- > Rule 121 – Clarified the requirement for the bank account to be in the name of the society.
- > Rule 113 – Need to change the society’s registered office. M.Scott to produce the form to make the change. J.Forster suggests that is one of the more straightforward processes regarding rule changes.

J.Forster added that in the near future the rules will need to be amended to reference the Society Act 2015 instead of the current references to the 1968 act. M.Scott to work with J.Forster.

A.Mills reviewed other Trusts websites and produced a list of good practice from other websites. Ideas will be considered as part of the action plan after the AGM. Examples include:

- > Online museum
- > Credit union
- > Charity fund raising

A.Mills also suggested adding instant access to the trusts vision to the home page of the website and displaying the current membership number prominently.

A.Mills suggested a sub-section of the board take on the task of producing an action plan. This was agreed.

5. HCST AGM (Saturday 21st February 2015)

M.Scott to put together the agenda for the AGM. Prior to the event, members will be invited to apply for board positions within HCST.

An ex-player has been asked to take up the role of President and is thinking about it. The committee agreed on another player who will be approached to be Vice-President.

A.Mills suggested presenting cheques to the charities chosen to be recipients of the money held by TC at the AGM.

Committee agreed that the AGM should start at 11am and finish 12:30pm. Committee to be present from 10am to handle new memberships.



6. Campaigns

M.Gretton written to the FA on behalf of HCST with regard to the club's use of "Hull Tigers" on social media. We received a response stating that they don't believe they can do anything as the FA ruling referred to the playing name and they do not have any specific rules relating to social media.

HCST has thus suggested that the law should be clearer and offered to be a part of any consultation on changes to the rules.

A.Mills suggested approaching Greg Dyke should the response from the FA not be affirmative.

HCST still await the outcome of the Asset of Community Value (ACV) application made to the council regarding the KC Stadium. It's of of no consequence to HCST that the story made the press as it had been public on our website for months.

The KC Stadium atmosphere group met recently and fed back minutes from the meeting. C.Cooper is looking at producing a survey. HCST remains involved to give people a means of communicating on the issue.

7. Fans Group Meetings

No further meetings have been held with the club.

The biggest thing to come out of the meetings so far is that the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) has agreed that a fan can join the group.

Some smaller suggestions have been taken on board by the club such as not reading the attendance out and abandoning "Caravan Of Love".

R.Harmer received correspondence from J.Mooney at Hull City AFC who confirmed that a triangle of concrete causing issues in the South Stand disabled area will be removed. The issue was raised by a disabled HCST member and so a positive outcome is most welcome.

8. Membership benefits

HCST Partnership scheme led off by T.Collins is off to a solid start. More than ten local companies have signed up already.

The CTWD/HCST T-Shirt is selling well. R.Skelton will bring any left to the AGM.

9. Officer Reports

MS and MG attended a meeting of Newcastle United Supporters' groups recently.

A.Hemingway updated financial situation which is £3133 held.

M.Scott confirmed new membership cards are on order and will be delivered before the end of January.

10. Any Other Business

J.Forster suggested a date for the diary of 19th/20th June. The SD Supporters' summit is being held in Manchester. It will be just SD members on the Friday.

11. Date of next meeting

- > AGM – Saturday 21st February 2015
- > Regular - Monday 23rd February 2015