

TIGERS CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

GENERAL MEETING

At the Duke of Cumberland, Cottingham on 28th April 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Committee members Frank (FB) and Margaret Beill (MB) and Ian White (IW), Secretary Peter Kirby (PK) and eight other members together with Jacqui Forster (JF), Regional Representative of Supporters Direct (SD).

1. **Apologies** for absence were received from: eleven members. A further three were received later.
2. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting** held on 08.10.2013 were read and agreed as true. Proposed by MB; seconded by IW.
3. **Matters arising:** MB said the membership figure was incorrect as it was 117 on that date and not 121.
4. **Reports from committee**
 - (a) **Membership** is now 100
 - (b) **Relations with Hull City:** There have been no further meetings of the Fans' Liaison Group and a letter to the Chief Executive expressing dismay over the ballot organised by the football club which was delivered by hand on 3 April 2014. TC has yet to receive a reply
 - (c) **Financial update:** PK went through the annual accounts for year ending 31.12.2013. Income for the year was £596 and expenditure £582 leaving a surplus of £14. Total deposits in Natwest current and Nationwide deposit accounts amounted to £29,774. Some members have more than the minimum £10 in shares and will be reminded of this.
5. **New constitution:** Our existing rules registered in 1999, when the TC was one of the first six supporters' trusts, are both unique and no longer legal. The new rules in the model constitution suggested by SD have some similarities but there are differences regarding minimum shareholding and quorums for meetings together with proxy and postal voting which the present rules do not allow. Proposal to accept rules made by Andy Mills (AM); seconded by Roy Uzzell (RU).
Unanimous vote of meeting to accept new rules.

6. **New name for Tigers Co-op:** JF said that alternatives such as City1904 or City of Hull Supporters would be acceptable to the FCA but we could retain our existing name. Proposal to remain the Tigers Co-operative made by RU as the name might have to change yet again later in the year, seconded by AM. Unanimous vote to accept proposal.
7. **Future of Tigers Co-op:** The City Till We Die (CTWD) group has now formed into a broader based Hull City AFC supporters' group rather than a single issue coalition. At its foundation meeting on 19th April, which was attended by over 70 members, the motion to merge with the Tigers Co-op was agreed. SD will support only one trust per football club and the TC is the existing one for HCAFC. Proposal to explore the TC merging with CTWD was made by IW; seconded by Trevor Oates. Proposal was accepted by the unanimous vote of the meeting. Discussions will take place with CTWD committee over the merger.
8. **Campaign to protect the name of Hull City AFC:** FB suggested that having met with Assem Allam (AA), Alan Johnson MP and Councillor Stephen Brady, leader of Hull City Council, the whole renaming issue was the result of the argument between AA and the council over the ownership of the KC Stadium. The FA was not convinced of the value of the name change and ruled against it. The CTWD group which the TC supported is not an anti-Allam group. It only opposed the owner on the renaming issue. Patrick Maclagan suggested Allam will not change his mind on this issue and fans should be careful not to rub him up the wrong way. Julie Newmarch pointed out that AA cannot just walk away from the football club as the money he has put into the club is in the form of loans which would be lost if HCAFC went into administration. It was felt that there may be a new attempt to change the name. Possibly other issues with the football club's owner might now arise.
9. **Any other business:** There was no other business
10. **Date and place of 2014 Annual General Meeting:** TBA but timing could be affected by the new rules.

Meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.