

Boston United Supporter's Trust Acting Board Meeting
held on Saturday 13th February 2007 at 12.00 Noon at
The Unitarian Chapel, Spayne Lane,
Boston, Lincolnshire.

Meeting Minutes

1.0 Welcome

1.01 Mr Melvin Moxon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Present were; Melvin Moxon, Terry Taylor, Richard Tupper, Adam Hildred and Andrew Chapman (minutes).

2.0 Apologies

2.01 Apologies had been received from Mark Isaac, Mat Barker, David Whittle and Lee Overton.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.01 The minutes for the previous meeting had been circulated to all Acting Board Members by email. It was agreed that the minutes were a true, and accurate, record of the meeting, and it was agreed that a copy of the minutes should be published on the BUFCST website.

3.02 It was noted that a report from David Whittle to the Acting BUFCST Board about a possible social / fundraising event incorporating a Brass Band, was outstanding.

4.0 Vice-Chairman's Report

4.01 Melvin Moxon suggested that the BUFCST should contact Jjim Rodwell, Chairman of BUFC Ltd about obtaining a seat on the Board of BUFC Ltd.

4.02 Andrew Chapman suggested that this may be rather ambitious, as currently the BUFCST were having great difficulty in actually getting Jim Rodwell to attend a meeting with representatives of the BUFCST, or indeed obtain a reply to correspondence sent to BUFC Ltd, by the BUFCST. Furthermore, if BUFC Ltd agreed to this request would any of the current acting officers of the BUFCST to be prepared to become a Director of BUFC Ltd given the financial situation at BUFC Ltd. It was therefore agreed that if any request was made that this should be for an "Observer" to attend BUFC Ltd Board meetings.

4.03 Melvin Moxon proposed that the letters already sent by the BUFCST to Jim Rodwell, Chairman of BUFC Ltd should be published on the BUFCST website. Agreed Unanimously

4.04 It was confirmed that the BUFCST had received an invitation from the BBC to appear on "Leave it to Levy". Following discussion, it was agreed that the BUFCST would be happy to appear on the programme, and that hopefully this medium could be used to convey to the supporters of BUFC, and the residents of Boston the aims and aspirations of the BUFCST, which are to see BUFC become a "Community Club" providing not only recreational and social opportunities to the residents of Boston, and the surrounding area, but also providing both health and education facilities to the whole community.

4.05 It was agreed that the "Leave it to Levy" programme should be used as part of a campaign to increase the awareness of the BUFCST and increase the current membership from around 100, to 200, and hopefully towards 500 before the 1st AGM.

4.06 It was also agreed that contact should be made with all existing BUFCST members regarding the AGM and that the best format for this would be by a BUFCST mailshot, which could be either be published by post, by email, or if produced in .pdf format downloadable from the BUFCST website. A draft of the proposed BUFCST mailshot to be produced from discussion / approval at the next BUFCST Acting Board Meeting.

5.0 BUFCST Premises / Caravan

5.01 It was agreed that the BUFCST should explore the possibility of siting either a mobile or static caravan in close proximity to the club ground. Therefore, letters from the BUFCST should be sent to BUFC Ltd, the Malkinson family, Matalan and Boston Borough Council about this matter.

5.02 It was agreed that the costs for both mobile and static caravans should be investigated. Andrew Chapman stated that his family could offer storage for a mobile caravan should a mobile caravan be purchased. Insurance of the caravan(s) would also need to be investigated.

6.0 BUFCST Website

6.01 Adam Hildred confirmed that the BUFCST website had been brought up to date however, there still remained two pages that needed further revision, i.e. Meeting Minutes and Acting Officers Profiles.

6.02 It was agreed that Andrew Chapman should work with Adam Hildred, in trying to secure a copy of ALL previous Meeting Agenda's and Meeting Minutes from the Secretary, so that these documents could be made available on the BUFCST website, in pdf format, before the next BUFCST Acting Board Meeting.

6.03 It was also agreed that Andrew Chapman would provide Adam Hildred with an example of a personal "profile" which included an embedded email link, within the profile for each BUFCST acting officer.

6.04 Adam Hildred was to contact various Football related websites requesting that a link to the BUFCST Website be included within their website. Hopefully, besides providing more football related information on the BUFCST Website, the links would also raise the rating of the BUFCST Website on various search engines.

7.0 Correspondence Sent & Received

7.01 Andrew Chapman confirmed that correspondence had been sent, and replies had been received from The Football Association (FA), The Football League (FL), The Football Conference (FC), The Professional Footballers Association (PFA), Supporter's Direct (SD), Mark Simmonds MP, Boston Borough Council (BBC), Boston United Football Club (BUFC) and Boston United Supporter's Association (BUSA).

7.02 Despite communicating with all the above parties, the BUFCST had still not been able to get a definitive answer as to where a new football club would be allowed to re-enter the football pyramid should the worst case scenario occur, and that it not be possible to rescue the existing football club from liquidation, and oblivion.

8.0 Finance

8.01 The Treasurer confirmed that the BUFCST had approximately £1800 of funds. A PayPal account had been registered, and the Logo, and links, could now be added to the BUFCST Website.

8.02 Hopefully, the above PayPal account would now allow both Membership Subscriptions and Donations to be made on-line.

8.02 Two payments had been made recently to Chris Cook Printshop in respect of expenses incurred for leaflets in respect of the membership campaign.

9.0 Supporter's Direct, East Midland's Region Meeting

9.01 It was discussed, and agreed, that each person attending the event should be issued with a name-badge, as otherwise nobody would know who was who, and which Supporter's trust they were representing.

9.02 It was discussed, and agreed, that the BUFCST should try and make contact directly with each Supporter's Trust that makes up the East Midland's Region. Hopefully, this pro-active action would ensure that the event is well attended, by ideally at least one representative from each Supporter's Trust?

9.03 It was discussed, and agreed, that once the BUFCST had been able to get indications of the number of people likely to attend the event, discussions could be held with the Steward of The Solo Club, Sleaford as to which room would be the most suitable, and that a cost for food (sandwiches) and refreshments (tea & coffee) could be agreed, and all acting BUFCST Board members notified.

10.0 Membership & Fundraising

10.01 It was discussed, and agreed, that a Membership & Fundraising Sub- Committee should meet on the 1st an 3rd Thursday's of each month.

10.02 It was discussed, and agreed, that the above sub-committee should look to arrange at least one fundraising event each month, which could take place on the 2nd week of each month so as not to clash with sub-committee meetings.

10.03 It was also suggested that any fundraising events be held after a Wednesday of each week, as this would allow the event to be advertised in the weekly newspapers, which are normally published, and received, each Wednesday. By holding the fundraising events on a Thursday evening, it may also be possible to miss live European football matches on SKY.

10.04 Melvin Moxon confirmed that the 2nd BUFCST AM-AM Gold Day had been booked to take place at South Kyme Golf Club on Friday 24th August 2007.

11.0 Any Other Business.

11.01 It was discussed, and agreed, that Melvin Moxon should organise leaflets for all the remaining BUFC home games, to try and increase the membership of the BUFCST.

11.02 Discussion took place about the possibility of utilising the latest digital technology so that the BUFCST could have a landline telephone number, i.e. 01205, which operated over the internet i.e. VOIP. To be discussed further at the next BUFCST acting Board Meeting.

12.0 Next Meeting

12.01 The next acting board meeting to take place on the 24th March 2007 at The Unitarian Chapel, Spayne Lane, Boston commencing at 11.30am.

12.02 It was also agreed that ALL future BUFCST Acting Board Meetings are to be held from 11.30am to 1.30pm followed by a presence in The Sports Bar, York Street, from 1.45pm to 2.45pm.

12.03 There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.00pm

It is hereby agreed that the above meeting minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed:

BUFCST Vice Chairman.

Date 24th March 2007