

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Ron Coley and Mr. Stephan Cooke.
2. Mr. Mark Isaac was elected to chair the meeting in Mr. Ron Coley's absence.
3. The previous minutes had been previously agreed via email and published on the Trust website
4. Mr. David Whittle outlined membership schemes at other trusts around the company. The meeting agreed that membership was to be available to all, with no one being financially unable to join. It was also important that the membership should grow as swiftly as possible, allowing for a much needed injection of capital to the Trust. The following annual membership rates were agreed

Children under 18 and full-time students	£1.00
Adults	£10.00
Adults (10 year membership)	£75.00
Over 60's	£5.00
Over 60's (life membership)	£50.00

4. It was agreed that the Trust should work very closely with BUSA, both organisations having the same aim of forwarding Boston United FC. A joint membership scheme will be discussed with BUSA in the future
6. Mr. Richard Tupper is to investigate the possibility of opening a current account. The current Nationwide account is inflexible for some purposes. Supporters' Direct recommend a Co-op account for its ethical background. The subject of direct debits is also to be investigated.
7. The proposed business plan for the Trust was agreed in principle, but it was agreed to flesh out some more of the detail for discussion at the next board meeting.
8. Mr. Melvyn Moxon outlined plans for fundraising including "pie and pint" evenings, a World Cup raffle, a golf day and auctions. He also announced that a local sporting organisation with very similar aims to the Trust, had agreed to offer Trust members 10% discount on fees. He also stated that an application for a permit to operate lotteries and raffles was to be submitted to the council. The Trust is to investigate the idea of having Trust memorabilia made for resale including items such as enamel badges.
9. The formal rules were agreed by the meeting and signed by Mr. Taylor, Mr. Whittle, Mr. Overton and Mr. Isaac. The application form for the FSA was also signed by the same people. The documents will be hand delivered to Supporters' Direct in London on Monday, 20th February 2006
10. Mr. Lee Overton informed the meeting of his liaisons with Supporters' Direct including a recent East Midlands area meeting and a future training day available to members. The meeting covered topics including Trust liability (as currently being tested at another East Midlands club) and audit practices. It was agreed to dedicate a specific part of the website to keeping everyone updated regarding SD issues and

meetings

11. Mr. Adam Upsall is to continue his communications with BUSA to help establish common concerns and common interests and to help the two organisations to work in partnership for the benefit of Boston United FC.
12. Mr. Pete Brooksbank reported that the website had received further updates and he is to investigate the possibility of online payments.
13. Mr. Pat Everitt reported that he will open formal communication with the club once the Trust is a formal legal entity and as such concurrent with the Club Chairman's recent statement of when he will work with the Trust. He is also to write a Privacy policy to cover the gathering and keeping of member details within the Data Protection Act.
14. Mr. Mick Taylor reported that the publicity was going from strength to strength. The recent poster campaign had received local press coverage with a story on a poster displayed in India. At the match today, the Trust was handing out complimentary copies of a new fanzine based on the Impstalk online magazine. Other publicity ideas were discussed including radio competitions.
15. Mr. Mark Isaac closed the meeting by stating that within two weeks, the Trust would be a legal entity.
16. The next meeting was to take place on March 4th 2006 prior to the home game against Northampton. The venue has yet to be decided.

Meeting closed 14.35

Minutes agreed as accurate

Signed:

BUFCST Secretary.