

## **BUFCST Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007. Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

**Boston Squash Club, Rosebery Avenue, Boston, Lincolnshire.**

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### **Present:**

Melvin Moxon (Chairman)  
Mark Hildred (Treasurer)  
Dr Paul Kirk-Smith  
Kim Cocks  
Mick Spillane  
Sarah Spillane

**In attendance:** Adam Hildred

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Andrew Chapman, Chris Cook, Richard Tupper, Mat Barker, Mick Taylor.

In the absence of Chris Cook, MH agreed to take the minutes.

Melvin opened the meeting by welcoming Mick and Sarah Spillane, he explained that Mick & Sarah had volunteered to help out on the Supporters Trust Board. It was unanimously agreed by all present that Mick & Sarah be co-opted onto the Board. It was noted that Adam would need to add their details onto the web site and a profile would be required. Action: MS, SS, AH.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 October 2007 were reviewed and duly approved.

### **Matters Arising**

The relationship with Boston United Football Club

It was generally felt that a meeting would be beneficial at this stage, a proposed letter was currently in circulation (to be discussed later).

### **Santa Run**

This has now been moved to Sunday 16 December (see later business).

### **Signatories**

It was noted that in the previous minutes M Hildred and Chris Cook should be added to the signatories, this had not been done yet.

MH reported that he was still awaiting Treasurer details such as cheque books, paying in books and bank contacts from Richard. Melvin agreed to chase Richard on this. Action: MM, RT.

### **Trust Mobile Telephone** (used by Melvin)

Melvin reported that this needed sorting out, the current situation was unacceptable for him in so much as there was not a hands-free kit. Many of the Trust's contacts use this number and it was agreed that it was not fair for Melvin to bear any such costs personally. It was proposed by Dr Kirk-Smith and seconded by Kim Cocks that Melvin be allowed to sort this out in due course. It was unanimously agreed by all present.

### **Current Correspondence**

Melvin reported that he was aware of two pieces of correspondence. Firstly, the draft letter to the Football League backing up the club's attempts to get the parachute payment had been sent by registered post. To date, no reply had been received.

Secondly, there was a complaint from a new member that he had heard nothing with regard to his membership of the

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Membership Secretary: Mat Barker

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Trust. Melvin was unsure whether Richard had acted upon this, but it was noted that in the future all new members should receive a letter, membership card, and be entered onto the data base. The cheque or cash (which in future would be passed to MH) should be banked.

### **Letter to Boston United Football Club requesting a Meeting**

The merits of the various letters in circulation with regard to a letter to David Newton requesting a meeting of the current Board of Boston United Football Club was discussed. Both Andrew Chapman and Melvin's draft letters were read out. After some debate it was agreed that the shorter version was preferred, although removing the reference to forming the Club Board at this stage. It was agreed to get the letter sent off as soon as possible on Trust letter heading. The Board requested that Adam arrange for this letter to be printed off and sent. Action: AH.

### **Aims of the Trust**

There followed a considerable discussion on the aims of the Trust, it was particularly interesting to hear the views of the new Board Members who had obviously previously monitored the Trust from the outside. Whilst in principle it was agreed that the Trust would be supporting the academy, nonetheless this is still money straight to Boston United Football Club Limited. It was noted that many supporters trusts have the aim in the long term of buying shares, this has also been stated to be a long term aim of the BUFC Supporters Trust. This being the case, then a fundamental policy decision needed to be made as to whether any fund raising monies should be retained in an attempt to provide funds for purchase of shares, support of the club in the future. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a meeting with the current Board of Boston United Football Club would be highly beneficial in order that the current Trust Board could give some direction to its members who needed to be involved in the principle goal setting of the Trust.

### **Fund Raising Update**

As previously reported, the Santa Run had been put back to 16 December, the authorities had been unwilling to let the run happen on 9 December. Chris Cook remains a focal point, having put a huge amount of effort into it. Melvin had also supported and was currently doing a report to the police, which had to be submitted in the next few days. The police were now proving to be supportive, the officers on duty will even put Santa hats on! It has been advertised in the Target and the start/finish line will be in town, outside Oldrids, hoping to get them to fund the PA system. Mick Taylor had also put in a lot of effort distributing the posters. Amongst all of this, it was noted that it was very much hoped to make it an annual event. Fitness First and Chris Cook Print were the main sponsors in the year, St John's Ambulance had also been approached to provide the necessary medical presence on the day. It was also noted that the Chairman of Boston United Football Club, David Newton had entered.

### **Any Other Business**

MH confirmed that they had filed the annual accounts with the Financial Services Authority, he had also filled in the required annual return and sent it off to the FSA by the due date, he had signed it as Treasurer as he had been unable to track down Mick Taylor before the submission date. As Secretary Mick was supposed to sign the annual return, but MH did not anticipate any problems by the fact that he had signed it.

### **Disabilities Officer**

Kim Cocks requested that Adam put a reference to the fact that the Trust now had a Disabilities Officer onto the web site, also to be put in the next newsletter, together with requests for any views on facilities for disabled. Kim was also attending a lunch the next day representing the Trust with the local MP, the lunch being a collection of all the local disabled bodies.

### **Fundraising**

Mick Spillane raised a possible link up with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), it was agreed that the Trust needed to look into this.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.*