

Minutes of BUFCST Board Meeting ~ Thursday 31st January ~ 7.30pm at Boston United Boardroom

Present:

Mel Moxon, Dr Paul Kirk-Smith, Mark Hildred, Andrew Chapman, Mick Taylor, Chris Cook, Adam Hildred, Kim Cocks and special guest BUSA Chairman Glen Chapman

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mick Spillane, Sarah Spillane, David Whittle and Matt Barker.

Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:

FSA Return - Mark Hildred asked for Mick Taylor's signature as the Secretary. Andrew Chapman suggested the Rule Change should go to the FSA. Plus one more committee member asked to sign off the accounts, Mel Moxon did so. Mel Moxon then asked Andrew Chapman to send off the signed cheque he already had for the SD Membership sooner rather than later as we had been receiving messages from SD that we had not sent the cheque yet, but Andrew Chapman said that there was a lot of paperwork to send with it, Mel Moxon told Andrew Chapman to just send the cheque and leave the paperwork for later.

Correspondence:

John Blackwell had offered a pigeon hole service at the ground instead of the Trust purchasing a post box, but the board agreed to purchase one and Mick Taylor offered to pick up the post every day.

Mark Hildred presented a letter from Running Imp explaining that the new invoices for the Santa Run had gone direct to Fitness First, the main sponsors for the event. Chris was then asked to converse with Fitness First regarding what is happening re: payment and whether or not she has received them, then Chris would inform Mark Hildred when he found out.

Financial:

Mark Hildred received new invoices from Running Imp with Fitness First name on top of the Trust's!

Mark said he would give a better report at the next board meeting as he was struggling for time, however he did say that the Trust currently had approximately œ5,000 in the bank with hopefully another œ2,000 to come from the Santa Fun Run. Mel Moxon handed his sponsor money in and thanked everyone for their sponsorship, especially BUSA, Mark Hildred and his company Moore & Thompson.

Membership:

Mick Taylor spoke with Matt Barker who sent Mick the database and said that he was still happy to help Mick with the membership side of things. Mick Taylor said that all new members should be passed at each monthly board meeting and a membership card and a welcome letter will be sent out the following day!

Mick Taylor said he had not heard any news from SD regarding the trial of a new database.

Mick confirmed we needed to sort out the basics of membership and he would be doing that in the next couple of weeks. Membership cards will stay as they are for the time being but in the future plastic cards or ones with a magnetic strip will probably be used. Membership problems should be a thing of the past from now on!

Supporters Direct:

Mel Moxon to speak with David Whittle regarding passing information of Supporters Direct meetings on to the board at their monthly meetings.

Santa Run De-Brief:

Chris Cook to speak with Pauline Chapman, Secretary of BUSA and PA to Phil Drury at Boston Borough Council regarding working in conjunction with BBC at the Christmas Market Weekend ie: holding the Santa Run on the same weekend.

Mick Taylor to speak with Chris regarding the Santa Run database, Mick suggested that the hard work had been done putting the names and info into the database and somehow we must find a way of utilising this to our advantage.

Adam Hildred suggested a letter to all competitors thanking them for taking part, including probably some invitations/vouchers from Fitness First, suggesting they join BUST.....and if they had paid their sponsorship money in so far that we could with it before the end of February at the latest as we would like to announce the final total raised.

Mel Moxon also mentioned that we are due to give donations to both the St. John's Ambulance and the Boston Explorers who helped very much on the day, but Chris also mentioned that he thought he had received an invoice from St.John's Ambulance. This would be sorted at the next board meeting.

Aims and Aspirations:

Dr Paul Kirk-Smith spoke of his worries regarding putting money into a bottomless pit that BUFC appeared to be at this present time. Mel Moxon explained that we had to decide which route to take regarding raising the money for which cause, or how to put it into Boston United, either by purchasing shares or just supporting the club financially.

Chris Cook spoke of his disappointment at the lack of fundraising going on since the Santa Fun Run in December and also the fact that some members of the committee have too high aspirations regarding the amount of money we could raise.

Chris also asked the question as to whether or not we should have a separate fundraising committee to concentrate on such things, while the main board concentrate on running the Trust. The board decided this was a good idea and a new fundraising inner committee would meet every second Wednesday in the month, starting on Thursday 7th February at 7.30pm in the BUFC Boardroom, all those wanting to attend would be more than welcome, but those who were not interested in the fundraising side of things need not attend.

Website & Newsletter:

Adam Hildred spoke of his disappointment at his 'Application Form' failure on the Trust's website, Chris Cook and Andrew Chapman suggested Adam to source some better software to improve things albeit at no cost to himself. Chris and Mick Taylor both commended Adam on the quality of his site and appreciated all the time he spent on the web.

Andrew Chapman felt we had failed in sending regular newsletters out and suggested we should aim to send out a newsletter at least every six weeks, Mel Moxon agreed. Chris Cook suggested personalised letters to members would be brilliant and Mick Taylor confirmed that would be possible to do.

A.O.B.

Kim Cocks spoke of his desire to place a presence in the Social Club or the Ship Tavern prior to United games, this was agreed on and be spoken about more at the fundraising meeting on the 7th Feb.

Mel Moxon confirmed that as Adam Hildred had turned 16 on the 10th January 2008, he was happy to ask him to become a fully fledged member of the Trust board, which he accepted.

Mel Moxon also thanked BUSA Chairman Glen Chapman for his attendance at tonight's meeting. Glen responded by saying that he felt the two supporters parties were becoming closer and possibly in the not too distant future there may be a coming together! Glen also invited the Trust to attend any BUSA meeting should they wish to.

Matt Barker via Mick Taylor suggested that the board members pay for the Post Box at the Staffsmart Stadium out of their own pocket, but the board felt they gave enough already, so it was agreed the Trust would pay for the post box.

Matt Barker once again via Mick Taylor also asked upon the whereabouts of the missing minutes from March to September 2007, Andrew Chapman apologised and accepted the criticism but was so busy he had been unable to sort the minutes out at this present time, he said he would do them as soon as he could but that would mean any other Trust business being put onto the back burner for a couple of months!

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 7th February, Fundraising Meeting 7.30pm BUFC Boardroom.

Thursday 28th February, 7.30pm BUFC Boardroom at the Staffsmart Stadium, York Street, Boston.