
Shrimps Trust: Meeting Minutes

Location: Globe Arena, Christie Way, Westgate, Morecambe LA4 4TB

Date: 27th February , 19:00

Attendees: Stuart Rae (**SR**), Jimmy Goulding (**JG**), Mark Swindlehurst (**MS**), Ian Lyon (**IL**), Pat Stoyles (**PS**), Jack Steer (**JS**), Steve Doran (**SD**), Andy Langdale (**AL**)

Apologies: Simon Bentley (**SB**), Ben Swindenbank (**BS**), Richard Allan (**RA**), Steve McDonagh (**SM**), Joanna Wilkinson (**JW**)

Meeting Minutes – Please refer to Meeting Agenda

Meeting Opened 19:00

I. Acceptance of minutes from committee meeting (12/12/2017)

SR read out minutes from previous committee meeting – accepted by trustees present and to be published on the Trust website.

MFC shares purchase, letter had been sent to Graham Howse; **JS** had produced cheque ready to be countersigned.

Supporters Direct – **SR** has been in touch with Nicola Hudson regarding Trustee training.

II. Pending Actions from meeting (12/12/2017)

a): Red heart. **JG** stated that the proposed red heart area has been evaluated and measured up. The heart will cover an area of 5m x 5m and will ideally be completed before the end of the season. **MS** pointed out that Screwfix stock suitable paint.

b): Volunteer database. **JG** and **JS** will liaise with Ron Freear to send out a targeted mailshot to those Members who indicated that they would be willing to help the Club. To be done before the next meeting.

c): Away day briefer. **PS** stated that he had been unable to progress this and was willing to let someone else take this on. **JS** offered to look at this going forward with a view to having something ready for the visit of Cambridge United.

d): Trustee Board training. **SR** reiterated that we need to sort out a date for training, only Sundays are available for full training. A £100 donation to Supporters Direct was voted through in appreciation of work done to support the formation of the Shrimps Trust.
e): Partner agreement. **RA** has been unable to progress this. **SD** will take this on and put in place ASAP.

III. Finance Report

JS handed out the Shrimps Supporters Society Limited Management Information Document for the Period to 25th February 2018. Brief discussion regarding Membership Packs for next season. Membership – do we discount or add to a renewal. Database needs to be cleaned up, Ron Freear to be invited to the next committee meeting.

Electronic card payments. There are various options available – PayPal, Sum Up, I – Zettle. Would make taking payment for Memberships, calendars, merchandise more convenient, especially at busy times such as Launch Night.

IV. Membership Update

Current numbers. **JG** gave a quick update on Membership numbers, 374 + 1 from LMC pending. Aaron McGowan has been presented with an unused Membership prize. Ken Ormrod will be presented with another. There are 12 overseas Members, **JG** has connected them to each other via e – mail. There was a suggestion that we could pin their locations on Google Maps and display on our website. **PS** will progress this, **JG** will provide location information. Discounted junior, youth, young adult Membership to be looked at going forward.

SD to progress pending Discount / Prize Draw Partnerships. **AL** will chase up Jump Rush.

V. Legends Wall

MS displayed the banners for the first four inductees of the Legends Wall (Barry Roche, Ken Ormrod, Clarrie Hollings, and Charlie Lea). Meeting agreed that they looked superb. Mounting of banners and unveiling of Legends Wall to be organized ASAP. Legends Night event – Wayne Curtis, Stewart Drummond, and Danny Adams unable to attend. Line-up will be finalised shortly.

VI. Matters Arising from Meeting with Morecambe FC (30/01/2018)

a): Omega Terrace project. Options for fundraising and grants to be explored. Clarification to be sought as to whether any grant has already been applied for by Morecambe FC / Morecambe FC Community Sports.

b): Memorial Garden. Not considered to be a major priority at this time but will be considered again in the future.

c): Supporter Liaison Officer (SLO). Club SLO, Graham Fagan, to be invited along to a future meeting to find out what his role is. Club GMSO (Ground Management Safety Officer), Graham Brennan, to be invited to a meeting also.

VII. Annual General Meeting

a): Proposed date (Year ending 31/05/2018). **JS** stated that the AGM has to take place within six months of the year end date.

b): Appointment of auditor. Vote took place to dis-apply an audit for our accounts, motion passed. Accounts now to be completed, independently examined and ratified by 7th August 2018.

c): Election process. It was stated that half of the appointed Trustees have to stand down. Three Trustees stated that they were unlikely to stand for re – election.

VIII. A.O.B.

Membership Draw. Brian Campbell is looking to automate the posting of Draw results to our website and social media channels.

The possibility of staging of a Shrimps Trust Members Day with possible entertainment was discussed.