

Shrimps Trust AGM

Location Local Choice Suite, Morecambe Football Club, Morecambe.

Date 19th July 2018 19:30- 20.30

Attendees: membership

Table/ board Stuart Rae (SR), Jack Steer (JS), Joanna Wilkinson (JW)

Mark Swindlehurst (MS) opened the meeting and invited Jim Loxam of United Utilities to explain diversions due to be in place shortly by the ground

Official meeting opened and membership thanked for their attendance

Table introduced Sr chairman, JS treasurer and JW secretary/ minute taker

SR introduced the agenda

Chairman/ board report- SR

Thanked the membership for attending, with great turn out, increasing membership since formation showing moving forward. Trust started in December 2016 with the backdrop of ownership crisis. Who owned the club was uncertain and lack of communication/ brick wall. Meeting held at Morecambe cricket club, with attendance from Supporters Direct and F.com and the Trust was formed.

Since forming 394 members (previously 250-300 F.Com members including complimentary) All members pay £10.00 or £100. Figures show discounts are popular, over half are season ticket holders with high percentage of game attendance. 31 overseas who include expatriates and social media and engagement such as FIFA game. Generally Morecambe based, with 9 months the youngest member age. Aim for 500 members, still progressing., and a sizeable proportion of supporters.

What have we done? Opened dialogue, regular meeting of trust board. Information point in JB bar at home games, manned by Jimmy Goulding (JG) Formal meetings with board. Some tangible changes. Not personal beliefs of board members stand for trust members

Supporters Trust, Nicola Hudson for advice, training of board links with other supporters trusts, sharing ideas and areas to work on.

Partners- network of local business

Annual report 32-page document. Cost to produce. Partners' paid to sponsor so no cost to members Business/ discount scheme, prize draws.

Thank you to Morecambe Press and Chris Whitehead for printing so many items foc. Official partner certificate

Thank you to Single Malt Design and Rob Ellis. Official partner certificate

Benefits to the football club. Donation for GPS monitors, prize draw/ hospitality prize of £3000. Events when club quiet inkling MS and Legends evening, quiz, bingo night.

Geoff Wilson prize at quiz in memory. Jerry Irving passed (attended legend night) Legends wall inductee

Legends wall voting introduced and explained

Benefits to members. Monthly prize draw, calendar (minimal cost c/o Morecambe Press raised £700) Yellow shorts limited edition and generated income for club, bar prices and promotions introduced, smoking areas raised

£2000 charity with race night, stars in eyes, thank you to Mark Swindlehurst for organising and hosting. This year Barry Roche testimonial

Treasurer report- JS

Accounts and annual report around the room, praise for report

Independently examined and agreed, also by trust members

Thank you to sponsors of report National tyres, Alpha Sheet, Morecambe Press and Qualify Driving school

Income £5000 £3500 membership income (first £1 is share holding in trust. £700 calendars £500 income/ donations

Expenditure £5310 £2400 donations to MFC, £1000 membership packs, £400 prize draw, £400 legends wall

£100 shares in MFC to allow to attend MFC AGM as shareholders

£5861 from Fcom income transferred as donation

Certain allowance deferred to next seasons due to lifetime memberships

Note 6 trustee remuneration. No trustee paid by trust. All members in own right with payment made

Accounts independently examined which is audit of accounts. Statutory auditor cost money, independent examination foc. Thank you to Richard Jones

Members agreed

Motions

Disapply audit for current year (none against)

Approve accounts to FCA (none against)

Disapply audit for next year (none against)

Membership and conduct policy amendments (80% agreed)

Disciplinary policy amendments (80% agreed)

Trustee

Thank you to John and Jean

Resignation of: Richard Allen, Joanna Wilkinson, Stuart Rae

Vote for new trustees: Joanna Wilkinson accepted, Paul Hodgson accepted, Ron Freear accepted, Stuart Rae accepted

Other business

Smoking areas. Currently no provision at ground for smokers in the stands. Taken to board for consideration. Rod Taylor agreed to provide stewards and areas if trust provide barriers with cost up to £750. 20 agreed, 25 disagreed. Further clarification sought on vote. 2nd question: if no net cost to trust who in agreement with principal of smoking areas 35 agreed, 0 against

Questions/ points raised from floor

JB Christie should be automatically inducted to legends wall

Integrity of legends wall/ lifespan queried. Further works to firm up walls to be completed

Meeting closed