

Shrimps Trust AGM

Location Local Choice Suite, Morecambe Football Club, Morecambe.

Date 22nd July 2019 19:30- 20.30

Attendees: membership

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

Official meeting opened and membership thanked for their attendance

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

JS introduced the agenda

* Membership accepted the minutes of the previous AGM on 19/7/18- Paul Rogers and John Taylor

* Accounts can be viewed in full using link www.tiny.cc/shrimpstrust

Review of the year

* Second year of shrimps trust. Aim for 500 members, still progressing, at 31/5 416 (106 new members and 84 not renewed), and still a sizeable proportion of supporters.

Monthly meetings with Graham Howse on behalf of the MFC board.

Events

Away travel

Fundraising

* Member's survey 2018 results drive what we do and priority. 65% priority cover at home end. Working with board to do these

* Benefits to members. Funded by the trust. Hospitality at MFC top prize, funded by trust. Local businesses and partnerships thank you and thank you to Steve Doran for effort. Merchandise being sold

* Community Sports- donation at Christmas. Fundraiser for Elisions birthday with donation to Lancashire Mind

* Benefits to club. £2.2k donations and purchases trust make for prizes. Steve Doran person of the year due to promoting games. Member's day. Litter pickers, turnstile operators and legends wall

* Member's day/ break the gate. Organised and funded by the trust. Net fundraiser due to volunteer and supporters.

Accounts

JS – accounts available in full on drive. Independently examined and agreed, also by trust members. Thank you to Mark Rose

Income £13436, up on last year and costs also increased. £4769 surplus allocated to projects. £4000 Membership income (first £1 is shareholding in trust). £4000 away travel, £2200 Calendars and merchandise £770 income/ donations, £851 member's day, £784 fans tournament.

Expenditure £8667, £2700 coach travel, £1000 donations to MFC and Community sports, £830 membership packs, £562 prize draw, £967 merchandise £262 legends wall, £1100 events

£100 shares in MFC to allow to attend MFC AGM as shareholders. 2 coaches to Oldham including sponsored coach by Qualify driving proceeds used for flag, plus £500 anonymous donation to fund. Raise the roof Halifax travel surplus plus proceeds from merchandise, Sardines donation £180 and surplus £1381- total fund stands at £2984

Certain allowance deferred to next seasons due to lifetime memberships

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

Other

SR- board resignations of Jack steer, Jimmy Goulding, Steve Doran, pat Stoyles and Ian Lyon.

Thank you to Pat who been involved since fan club and Jimmy for work on memberships and prize draws.

Vote by members to accept Jack Steer- all agreed

Vote by members to accept Steve Doran- all agreed

Vote by members to accept Ian Lyon- all agreed

Vote by members to accept Rob Wilkinson- all agreed

All accepted to board

Volunteering

JS- Decreasing number of trustees, no expertise is required just passion for the club. Election can be daunting so please come and speak to one of trustees and can be option to be co-opted.

Motions

JS- Approval of accounts- all agreed

JS- Disapply audit for current year (none against)

JS- Reappointment of independent examiner (none against)

SR – Amendments to side policies and motions requested.

1. Due to closure of Morecambe College, although not officially part of MFC, Ladies and girls football team had to see k new premises to play and train with no equipment.

Helped trust with kit for fans tournament. Goal posts in particular required and fund of £3000 required. Motion to donate £250 to fund.

Yes all, No 0, motion approved.

Any further motions re changes or funds etc. please submit to trust.

Other Motions

1. Rod Taylor invited to update on home end cover. RT- badge has meaning and 2 years ago promised home end cover as thought viable. Changes since then and funding issues meant not able to do. Estimate £35-40,000, covering 1/3 of the stand. With loss of £500k last year and hopefully half that this year club cannot fund it. Ground was built and mistakes were made such as no groundsman's shed and no cover at the back. Martin and Rod had trip to Accrington Stanley to look at the Wham stadium developments. Thought he umbrellas function they're not what we want. So cover is a priority but other things taking money.

SR new trustee board to decide how to go forward. £3k of/ 10% fund available currently.

2. Club approached Trust for help funding equipment for the gym. £5100 of the £5500 secured. Email has been sent to members for their help. No formal motion received by members to put forward to the whole membership. Do members want the trust to contribute to the fund? Is this something members think should be put to the membership? Yes 80%, no 10%

Any other business

1. Rod Taylor- Budget set for playing staff and nearly reached the limit. One of the lowest in the league. Andy Fleming situation could take 2-3 months to settle and requires paying until then. Jim wants to sign another player, ex player, been training with them, but no money. Of £15000 required have sought £7000. Significant player, will be coming on board and signing on Wednesday but need further funds. Question from floor- why board not approached for extra money? RT- Trying to keep to budget given, not approached by board. RT- example of Accrington with £300,000 pitch relaying due to cup runs and players sold. The owners stabilised us, previously survival and through it now #strongertogether. Unique club, part of the community, were just custodians of the club, support base always there. Board genuine supporters which strength.

SR submit a motion and can be put to the full membership

SR- thank you everyone for attending

Meeting closed

Shirt draw completed

Vote for legends wall completed- Garry Dullaghan, Kevin Ellison, JB Chrisite (and Andy Fleming automatically) inducted to legends wall