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# Shrimps Trust: Meeting Minutes

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**Location:** Morecambe Cricket Club, Woodhill Lane, Morecambe

**Date:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 19:30

**Attendees:** Stuart Rae (**SR**), Steve Doran (**SD**), Ian Lyon (**IL**), Jack Steer (**JS**), Ron Freear (**RF**), Rob Wilkinson (**RW**)

**Apologies:** Joanna Wilkinson (**JW**), Paul Hodgson (**PH**), Sophie Fish (**SF**) & Nick Barrett (**NB**)

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## Meeting Minutes – Shrimps Trust Trustee Meeting

### Meeting Opened 19:30

#### **I. Previous meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes approved for 17/10/19

#### **II. Pending Actions from last meeting**

##### **a) Legends Wall**

**SR** still gathering photos for next wall legends, working with **IL**.

**SD** & **SR** have met Martin Thomas, MFC Commercial Manager on 18/10/19 – Martin is keen to have a legends theme in the hospitality suite for the Legends Wall official unveiling, maybe in January 2020.

##### **b) Fundraising**

**SD** has discussed with Martin a rewards-based scheme for Trust fundraising. There is no problem in principle, but our timing is off and we may need to park the idea for now, as a very similar SkyBet rewards scheme is being relaunched in the New Year and all league clubs are being asked to participate.

Sportman's dinner – Martin will work with us on a package (he suggested possibly £35 per head) in March/April 2020. There will be no room hire cost. Martin would prefer a Saturday night after a home game (possibly Stevenage game on 21<sup>st</sup> March or Crawley Town game on 4<sup>th</sup> April).

Murder mystery - **JW** pursuing details with organizer (killerontheloose.co.uk).

Quiz night – possibly use JB's Bar (hopefully with an extended happy hour offer) sometime in the New Year. We already have a quiz trophy, and hope the Rammalammadingdongs team can defend it!

Martin also suggested a sponsored parachute jump for Trust funds – all volunteers welcome! **SD** to investigate.

**c) Cheque for Ladies FC**

**SD** & **JW** to liaise with **SF** and **NB** re cheque presentation picture and article in MFC programme on Morecambe Ladies- still to do

**d) Shrimping all over the world**

14 entries have been submitted, **RF** to include a random draw after next monthly prize draw (December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019) and notify the winner of the shirt prize.

**e) Other appeals**

Further discussion required with Janet Preston to liaise with over toy appeal, food bank appeal, **SD** & **SR** to organize.

**III. Membership numbers and benefits Update**

Currently 393 members- 44 life and 349 annual members - including 25 under-16 and 67 new members.

**RF** to email out to 83 members not renewed from last year.

Benefits update - **SD** has approached Salt Ayre Leisure Centre with a view to obtaining a corporate membership rate for Trust members.

**IV. Trust Finance Update**

**JS** provided full summary ahead of the meeting.

£17106 balance, Surplus £2600, Blackpool coach generated a £143 surplus.

Raise The Roof reserve stands at £2983.

**SR** to chase National Tyres £50 debt from last year's calendar sponsorship.

2020 Centenary calendars are now available – **SR** and **SD** to produce sponsorship invoices for our 11 sponsors.

**V. Away travel/ coaches**

**a) RW** ask for price for 35 seater for Crewe trip (27 seats currently booked), Bradford City trip currently has 53 booked.

**b) JW** and **SD** to approach some local firms re sponsorship of coaches.

**c) Huge Trust flag approved by board. JW** to progress.

## **VI. Calendar**

- a) 252 Trust 2020 Centenary Calendar were delivered just in time for the Tuesday night (12<sup>th</sup> November) leasing.com trophy game against Carlisle United. We sold 7 on the night, and have just over 40 on pre-order.

We now have just 2 home games before Christmas (7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December) and a Boxing Day home game to try to sell them.

**SD** to arrange with Club Shop to stock them and take payments.

A big thanks to all our sponsors - Reef and River, ukbathroomstore, Just Artificial, Callender Caravans, The Laundry Company (x2), Eden Music, DPR Transport, Morecambe Cars & Commercial, Rob Wilkinson Driving, Alpha Sheet Metal, Northgate Autobody. Their sponsorship covers production costs of £550, so all proceeds are pure profit.

## **VII. Meeting date and responsibilities**

- a) **SR** to liaise with RT and GH for next board meeting date.  
b) Martin Thomas to be invited to next meeting.  
c) Next meeting scheduled for 19:30 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Globe Arena.

## **VIII. AOB**

PA in ground at most stands not working – bring this up at next meeting with MFC Board.

Boxing day raffle- **RW** to donate prize, other prizes to be sought.

**IL** proposed that we produce a Shrimps Trust poppy badge next year in conjunction with British Legion – Ian to contact them and provide further details.

**SD** noted that we no longer have a Shrimps Trust banner inside the ground. A new one could be provided for about £80 – **SD** and **SR** to liaise with club to see where we could site a new banner.

## **Meeting closed 10pm**

Next meetings:-

Board tbc

Trust Tuesday 17/12 MFC

Trust Tuesday 14/01 MFC

Trust Thursday 13/02 MCC