

Ayr United Community Initiative

The Honest Men Trust



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Society Board Meeting No.23

Cariston Hotel, Monday 5 September 2005.

24.01 Present

Thomas Slider
Donald McNeill
Robert Ritchie
John Dalton

Neil Bone
Gordon Rodie
Alan Farmer
Andy Smart

Fraser McCallum
Callum Yorke
Lyn McConnachie
Andrew Morrell

24.02 Apologies

Eddie Bulik joined the meeting after the first 45 Minutes.

24.03 Previous Minutes

Action

03.01 Minute 23.04.02 should have read DMcN to "list current means of communications" instead "draft a communications strategy". Otherwise they were a true record. Proposed by Donald McNeill and seconded by Gordon Rodie.

24.04 Matters Arising

04.01 AF asked if minute 23.06.02 had been actioned, NB said that it would be dealt with this month. **NB**

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24.05 Chairman's Report

05.01 FMcC welcomed RR and AM to their first Society Board meetings. FMcC stated that since this was the first meeting after the confirmation of the new SB we were required to elect a chairman. FMcC stated he was willing to continue in the role, this was approved by the SB. FMcC proposed that RR become the Treasurer for the year 2005-2006, this was seconded by CY, this was approved by the SB, CY offered to continue the role in the interim to allow RR time to review current financial methods. All other office bearers would continue to hold their previous positions. AF proposed that JD become a co-opted member of the SB and become the link between the Football Academy and the Trust Board, this was seconded by Donald McNeill, this was approved by the SB, JD accepted the offer to become a co-optee. LMcC stated that she was relocating and would not be able to take up a 'hands on role'

- 05.02 FMcC stated that he was to have a meeting with AUFCs new Managing Director, at a date to be confirmed. There was no agenda for the meeting and that it was primarily an introduction, although the matters raised in our letter of 25 August would be discussed.
- 05.03 AUFC have asked if THMT would be interested in sponsoring a player this season, after discussion it was decided we would and that the player would be Chris Robertson.
- 05.04 AUFC have asked THMT if they could source two positions for a new Committee. Nobody present matched the criteria.
- 05.05 JD suggested that since AUFC had turned down THMT's offer of a Supporter Director we should offer some other method of communication, perhaps a monthly meeting. FMcC stated that he would wait and see how his discussion with AUFC's MD developed, but he agreed that since it was in our constitution to make the club aware of the concerns of the fans, some method was required.

05.06 **Community Ownership Working Party:**

AF stated that at the AGM it was agreed that a working party should be set up to explore AUFC becoming a Community owned football club. This working party would consist of AF, LMCC, EB and JD.

05.07 **Fundraising Committee:**

DMcN suggested that there should be a group of people whose responsibility it was to organise and construct a series of fundraisers throughout the year. This was agreed by the SB. This Fundraising committee would consist of RR, CY, GR and FMcC.

24.06 Secretary's Report:

06.01 NB confirmed that following a request by the members present our AGM in August, a letter was drafted and sent to AUFC. The letter covered AUFC's decision not to accept THMT's offer of a associate Director and also the concerns regarding the new Committee structure. NB also confirmed, that THMT had received a response stating that the points raised would be discussed at the next AUFC board meeting.

06.02 NB stated that a copy of THMTs letter to AUFC 050825 would be issued to all members of THMT as part of the next members letter, but that we should also wait for the response before issue, this was agreed by the SB. NB stated that in response to minute 23.04.02 a newsletter would be drafted for handing out to the fans at the forthcoming CIS Cup-tie against Hibs. Also the.

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06.03 NB stated that in response to minute 23.04.02 a newsletter would be drafted for handing out to the fans at the forthcoming CIS Cup-tie against Hibs. It was decided that the newsletter should have a catering survey, EB agreed to formulate a survey

NB / EB

06.04 NB confirmed that the Supporters Direct National Conference was on the 30 September and that he was planning to attend.

06.05 Following the disappointing turn out at the AGM, NB suggested that in 2006 we move the AGM back six weeks to mid September. The idea being that THMT allow the football season to begin, tie this in with the THMT Elections and build momentum towards the AGM. It would also move the AGM away from the holiday period. It was also suggested that Sunday may not be a popular day for an AGM.

24.07 Treasurer's Report:

07.01 CY confirmed that the signatories to the Chequebook should be changed following the AGM. It was decided that the signatories would remain The Chairman, The Treasurer and The Secretary.

07.02 NB asked if we could change the need for dual signatories on all cheques as this had proved problematic. NB was reminded that the SB had approved previous Treasurers suggestion of single signatures on cheques below £500.

24.08 Membership Service's Report:

08.01 We currently have around 201 members for 2005.

08.03 TS tabled a letter which will be issued to lapsed members, NB suggested that it include an advertisement for the Sportsman's' Dinner.

24.09 Public Relations Report:

09.01 DMcN commended THMT on the AGM handout and suggested that we utilise the same in our forthcoming letters.

24.10 General Fundraising Report:

10.01 Reference Minute 24.05.07.

24.11 Federation Report:

12.01 AF confirmed that the Federation were to meet the Scottish Executive on 13 September 2005.

24.13 Trust Travel:

13.01 GR apologised for the confusion regarding the bus to the recent Scotland game, but there had been a mix up with the JPC..

13.02 GR confirmed that the bus to Gretna ran at a loss of £130. It was decided that in future Trust Travel would only run the JPC bus on a first come first served basis.

13.03 GR stated that a cheque was required to pay for the Gretna Bus, NB and JD signed a cheque and handed it to GR.

25.14 Any Other Business:

14.01 Ayr United Football Academy Ltd:

JD confirmed that problems regarding the registration of players, which were outwith the control of AUFAL, were the reason for a single u-13 team for season 2005-2006.

Following request for candidates AUFAL had received 20 applications who would be trained to become Community coaches, this would allow AUFAL to look at opening 10 schools for community development teams.

25.15 Date of Next Meeting

15.01 The next meeting of the Society Board would be the first Monday in October.