



MINUTES OF THE OFFICIAL ACCRINGTON STANLEY SUPPORTERS CLUB MEETING

HELD: Thursday, 23rd June 2016 at 7.15pm in the Sports Bar.

APOLOGIES: Richard Holden, Nicky Simmonds, Susan Marshall, Dean Lonsdale, Bob Mitchell, Dorothy Vernon, Eugene Carroll

IN ATTENDANCE: Nick Westwell, Malcolm Isherwood, W. H. Nuttall, Jill Macintosh, Kevin Westell, Georgia Brennan, Mark Brennan, Rosie Toye, Jim Toye, David Burgess, John Greaves, Peter Leatham, David Barnett, Dave Young, Mark Lonsdale, Yvonne Grimshaw, Jim Curtis, Stephen Davies, John Norris, Mick McColm, Steve Jeffrey, Marion Marshall, Sheila O'Shaughnessy, Stanley O'Shaughnessy, David Stanley, Alex Crook, Ken Jefferson, Ian Gardner, Glenn Watson, Sharon Watson, Sue Wiseman, Eddie Lawrence, Stewart M Astin, Richard Carter, Derek Regan, Nigel Dean, F. Ashworth, Murray Dawson, Jimmy Bell.

WELCOME

Welcome new members and members of the board.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated to members present.

AGENDA ITEMS

Thank you to David Burgess for the Stadium tour which was very interesting to see.

Nick Westwell announced he would be stepping down as Chairman.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and MATTERS ARISING

Fanzone - It has taken 16 - 17 months to raise the money. David Burgess invited Nick to the club to show him where it would be located.

Nick Westwell proposed that the Supporters' Club donate £25,000 to the Fanzone. Everyone was in agreement. The money will go towards the cost.

David Burgess said that there will be some kind of plaque to recognise our contribution and also one for McMurrays, who have made a donation to the Fanzone.



The money was originally raised for the changing rooms, was there any objections to the change of use. None put forward.

John Norris said what a fantastic start and that we should continue to raise money.

Away Coaches - Malcolm Isherwood and Nick Westwell agreed that the fundraising should continue and would like to see the money raised put towards coaches for away matches.

Jim Curtis said that Ashley lost money on the Wimbledon coaches.

Malcolm Isherwood thought we should have a lump sum in mind and that the next batch of money would ensure coaches would run.

Everyone in favour? No objections.

David Burgess thanked the fans very much, there will be a formal opening, and a photograph will be put on the media of the handover of the cheque.

Malcolm Isherwood suggested that we present the cheque at the season ticket launch on the Thursday before the season starts.

Player of the Season - Malcolm also suggested that we present the player of the season awards at the season ticket lunch but Jimmy Bell felt that it would perhaps be better to present after the first home game.

Bank Account - Jim Toye now controls all the money which will be in the one account at Santander.

Club presence in town - Carry on as normal, we have 8 or 9 volunteers.

The Bradford game has been confirmed for Tuesday the 9th August 7.45 kick off.

Tickets will be sold at the shop for the time being.

Accrington Food Festival - It was an amazing day. Murray Dawson organised a shop in the Arndale free of charge.

We sold £165 of raffle tickets for a signed football. Well done Steve he did a fantastic job.

Unfortunately the ball was stolen, and 2 days later a lady claimed the prize which Nick will sort out for her.

A big thank you also to Murray Dawson.

Programme fair - Nick Westwell will organise another one in September, all stall holders re - booked. It is a good money raiser. Plan to hold it on the day after a home game.



TREASURER'S REPORT

£681 - in Lloyds Account which is to be transferred to Santander.

£26,500 - balance in Santander Account

£800 - paid out for the marquee.

£600 + from the shop and the food festival

£27,400 - the total balance from the two accounts.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Curtis asked if there was any update about ticketing. David Burgess has met 2 or 3 different companies. They will be laser printed and eventually will be bar coded.

The season tickets will be the same as last season for the moment.

There will be new turnstiles, better printed tickets available at the usual outlets and hopefully on line.

Bill Nuttall and David Barnett asked about the Clayton End seating for season ticket holders. They have been contacted, 50 or 60 have been relocated, no one has asked for their money back.

Murray Dawson introduced the new Sponsorship Brochure. Looking for Stand naming rights, Local Custodian Businesses.

Murray thanked for all his help.

The first team training kit has arrived cost £10,000.

The Food Festival - very grateful for our support.

Looking to speak to John Timmins about a beer tent for next year.

There were approximately 14,000 at the Food Festival.

David Lloyd 20/20 match - Friday 22nd July at Read Cricket Club 6.15 onwards.

Team Update - David Burgess asked Jimmy Bell to give us an update on the team.

We have lost a lot of players through agents persuading them that they can do better. This has left a massive void. We have signed 5 or 6 and have a lot of irons in the fire - looking at another 5 or 6.

We had a fantastic season which ended disappointedly.



Our market is young hungry lads. Players that want to better themselves.

Andy Holt is giving a 2 year contract or 1 + 1.

Changing Rooms - Regarding the changing rooms the team is playing second fiddle to the fans but I am happy with that. We will have a very good team on the pitch.

Thanks to Nick Westwell - Ken Jefferson thanked Nick for all his hard work, he has done so much.

Ken presented Nick with a framed set of badges of all the original team founders on behalf of the supporters

New Chairman - Malcolm Isherwood proposed that we elect a new Chairman.

Peter Leatham was proposed and seconded and accepted the position.

Sponsored Bike Ride - It was suggested that we do another sponsored bike ride to Blackpool at Easter, but it was thought that it would probably be better doing it from Blackpool to here in September.

To be discussed at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st July, 2016 in the Sports Bar.