



Mariners Trust Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 4th April 2018	Time : 18.00	Venue: Players Bar, Main Stand
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Present:	Jon Wood	Alan Rutter
	Stuart Raithby (SR)	Sharon Dobbs
	Ian Townsend	Sandii Raithby (SLR)
	Kristine Green	Terry Rudrum
	Andrew Nutting	Ian Keightley

AR opened meeting – No apologies, all board in attendance. Roger Ward has tendered his resignation. Ian Keightley has expressed an interest in joining the board and has joined the meeting tonight. He has been co-opted on to the board as proposed by JW and seconded by IT.

Port Vale game & the aftermath:

The board discussed the events of the day and the following SAG and actions arising. It is agreed that there may be a general lack of knowledge regarding the SAG and power it holds. The board agree that we should respond with our version of the events and our reaction. DR to compose statement which will be approved by board before release.

Memberships:

SR is very close to a complete database of members. It should be complete by mid May.

Survey: The board discussed in depth the next steps regarding the survey. It appears that there has been some confusion over the report which was issued, and some results are being misunderstood or misquoted across social media. A



statement on this will be prepared by SLR and approved by the board before release.

KG to contact Supporters Direct to invite them to a meeting to assist us on the next steps following the survey results.

Fundraising Events:

Meet the Manager night was successful and we agree to hold more events like this in the future.

The Quiz night has been rescheduled to 8th June and will coincide with the World Cup draw. SLR to publish & add to website shop.

We have agreed to support the Internet Mariners in the Hartlepool 6 a side tournament by paying the entry fee. This is a thank you to the Internet Mariners who are selling World Cup draw tickets for us and support us regularly.

The Family Open Day in conjunction with the club will happen again this year. We are awaiting confirmation of a date.

We are supporting Broadley FC in their annual charity match on 30th April at Blundell Park.

Bars:

SD confirmed all bars now have plastic glasses at a cost of approximately £500. This should last until the end of the season. It is agreed that DR will contact the club to confirm we no longer wish to show Sky TV in the bars due to the cost.

Supporters Direct:

We will contact SD who have offered to meet with us to assist us in our focus moving forward. KG to make contact to arrange a meeting.



AOB:

KG has had a suggestion that we hold a smartphone quiz whereby answers are submitted by an app rather than pen and paper. KG will investigate the software required and see if we can perhaps introduce them around the ground before games.

KG has had a request for support with a collaboration with other local Trusts for a walk around the 4 grounds (Hull, Scunthorpe, Lincoln and Grimsby) to raise money for charity. KG will make contact with the other Trusts and SLO's to see if they would like to be involved as we would support this fully.

AN mentioned stock for Junior members who usually receive a welcome gift. As soon as SR has a list of Juniors he will send it to AN who will co-ordinate welcome gifts and birthday cards.

AN also mentioned the potential re-brand of the Trust, which is something we are looking into for the summer. This would include an overhaul of membership fees and types, rebranding the bars, potential sponsorship amongst other things. We will need a separate committee for this. Initially, SD will provide an inventory of signage that would need changing so we can state to look at costings.

JW confirmed that Matt Dannatt is currently unable to commit to the Trust due to his work load, but may potentially offer in the future.

IT confirmed Leon Harding has also decided not to come on board.

SLR has an email from a fan with a couple of questions – How we are looking to engage and increase membership and what our focus is. SLR will respond in full, but both of these issues will be addressed as part of the potential rebrand at the end of the season.

Next Meeting - TBC