



Mariners Trust Board Meeting Minutes

8th June 2021	Time : 7.00pm	Trust Bar
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Present-

Sandii Raithby	Stu Raithby	Wayne Brightmore
Kel Billings	Kristine Green	Chris Parker
Dave Roberts	Hayley Carver-Smith	Ian Keightley
Colin Hodgson	Sharon Dobbs	Ian Townsend

Previous minutes

Accepted by all

Whatsapp Actions

Actions that have arisen between meetings. To be published with minutes

Treasurers Report

IT issued report ahead of meeting and was accepted by all. To be published with minutes

IT has been asked by CP to show total figure which is actually ours on the report going forward. 100s club is now at 150 members and pushing for 200 before the start of the season.

Membership Report & Update

Still going up nicely. Getting new members almost daily. SLR To take back responsibility for doing certs and will liase with KG. HCS doing Juniors and family certs. Expecting boost as part of ST sales & future events

GTFC Board update

Meeting took place Friday 4th June. Meetings will be held quarterly, met new chief exec, Debbie. She would like to come to a future Trust board meeting, so will pencil in for August. She will also do a monthly report for us.

We have agreed to review the content of MOU to make it stronger and so KG/DR will put together an initial draft for the discussion.

Loads of work at Cheapside, progressing well but very tight timeframe with players back training in 3 weeks time.



Big focus on safeguarding. MT board will all be DBS checked, cost covered by Trust. There will also be safeguarding training for all Trust members.

Survey is done, initial headlines should be out this week.

Fanzone

Site is clear ready for the containers. Once they are on site (scheduled for Tuesday 15th June) fabrication work will start on them asap.

People have been in to look at tarmacking – just needs a bit of touch up.

The back fence has been deemed in need of replacement, so will either be new fencing or block wall – that is a club cost as it is a ground issue. Update post meeting, this will be a block wall with work commencing w/c 21st June

Sail covers, artists etc are ongoing. Should be ready for 18th July but will be tight due to delay with containers.

Cost wise we are within budget and have received great support from partners

KG asked re licensing and planning . DR advised that both have been submitted and communication will be going to local residents. DR doesn't envisage an issue as it will not be late evening music.

Had some feedback from Dean Wingate who is disabled and has been shown round to get his perspective on anything we should be doing that we hadn't thought about. A couple of excellent suggestions that we will be taking on board and actioning.

Juniors

Membership has increased significantly, Hayley has got gifts out to all Juniors.

Need to look at sourcing our own merchandise.

Will have another push at the open day. We have 350 T shirts to give away to existing members and new members on the day. Lots of events planned and need to get these into a calendar and get advertised.

Board Comms Update

Meeting with JS & AP – tomorrow and then 2nd Wednesday of each month. Let KG know if you are attending.

Fundraising

See if we can get 100s club up to 200s. SLR to send a mail out. When games commence we will look at getting photos etc. with winners. Need to look at prize structure for start of season.

Disabled

Disabled fan meetings to restart.



KB mentioned that the current social media accounts for things like DLO, Fam Co-Ord etc need to be regulated and run in line with the club accounts.

Beer Festival

18th July. DR has an idea for bag in a box ale which keeps better and less wastage. KG has a guy who has recommended a low or no alcohol option. KB can sort some “know your limits” information. KB also recommended a band of local kids who are really good and will play the beer festival or open day, she will send us a link and get in touch with them to confirm. SD to arrange to meet with DR to arrange further details.

Events

Q&A Dates – KG organising Q&A dates which will be 2 by zoom and 1 face to face. Update Post meeting 7th July 6.30 – 8.30 has been confirmed as face to face, details to be issued shortly.

Use of Funds

DR advised there is no current undertaking to pay anything to the club until bars are trading. As part of MOU revamp we will review current payments arrangements.

We were offered a portion of shares to buy, however we see no benefit in this at this stage.

DR suggested we move forward with disabled toilet and overhaul of the bar to open it up to the community for use in the week. WB suggests we have it as a changing place and full disabled facility – there may be grant money available for this which he will look into. Needs a sub group to be created – KB, SLR, DR, WB, SD.

Offers of Help

DR has met with Mike Seawood who is helping at Cheapside who has just retired and is able to help. He has a financial background so could be a great help for IT. He is going to keep helping at Cheapside for now then start making contact with IT and go from there.

Also need to get in touch with Becky Rope who offered to do the website and digital artwork– SR will set up meeting with KG and/or DR.

Exile Tickets

HCS suggested a system for people who don't live locally as they can't get the tickets themselves. KG will look into it with the club. There has also been a suggestion of a shared pass for exiles. Should not be a problem if there are no covid restrictions in place.

Board Uniform

SD has spoken to Dragonfly, their colour choices are not good. We will speak to Recognition Express who have a bigger range. DR has a catalogue from them which he will bring in next week for SD to look at.



AOB

Had quote for POS card readers for the bars. DR is going to review the various options and revert with recommendation. Will allow us scope to upgrade tills, stock management etc.

Pin Badges have been ordered. Will be selling for £3

KB asked about food in fanzone/ground she would be able to provide pop up ideas for food. DR asked for details as he is reviewing with Dave Smith

We have also spoken to Wayne from Grimsby & Cleve Eats App but no reply yet.

Food around ground to be revamped, various options being looked at including guest vendors

CP asked about kit launch – announcement expected this week.

Heritage lottery funding bid is now under review. Recap for new board members for a heritage area & website of heritage information. KG is hopeful it will be successful.

We've been approached by a fan who would be able to deliver some Mental Health support. KG to speak to Adi to see where his work would sit with this. We can also look at developing a drop in session once we have the bar usable outside of matchdays.

We are going to name the Players Bar after Matt Tees for the season, collecting donations for his families nominated charity, Alzheimers, for the season. This will then change each season.

Date of next meeting – 13th July 2021, 7pm, Trust Bar