



## Mariners Trust Board Meeting Minutes

18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Time : 6.30pm	Trust Bar
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### Present :

Kristine Green	Dave Roberts	Brian Nicholson
Kel Billings	Ian Keightley	Chris Parker
Wayne Brightmore	Colin Hodgson	
Stuart Raithby	Hayley Carver-Smith	

### Apologies:

Sandi Raithby. Ian Townsend, Sharon Dobbs

### Previous minutes & Matters Arising –

Actions outstanding –

Kev Rodgers has advised DR that he has a number of bands interested in performing in the Fanzone. DR to confirm availability and authorised to arrange as he sees fit.

DR to arrange for 'Membership' QR codes to be visible in Fanzone.

It is understood that all the DBS checks have been done

Charity bucket collections to be arranged as follows: Pink Rose Suite v Stockport 15/4 (KB), Disabled supporters v Maidenhead 07/05 (DR) with Harbour Place to be allocated a game next season in Aug/Sept (CP). With less cash being carried it is vital that supporters are given plenty of reminders that each collection is taking place.

Christmas Draw – didn't take place due to Covid postponements..

CP & BN have presented the clothing to assist the clients of Harbour Place and we have tweeted about this and publicised it on our website. DR says it is in the programme this week and it should be in our newsletter when next issued.

The club are having difficulty in recruiting sufficient Matchday stewards and it was agreed KG would put out a plea for someone to carry out a supervisory role in the Fanzone each game between 12-3. We would pay the living wage for this and one member of the board would assist alongside.



SR to review and update all the subgroups on the Website.

IT to update the board on the progress of the two potential people who have expressed an interest in succeeding Ian as treasurer. It was thought they may be able to help in the short term in getting to grips with certain systems.

### **Whatsapp Actions**

Only discussion related to the Club badge which is covered elsewhere on the agenda

### **Treasurers Report**

Report provided.

The split in takings across the individual bars is being done by DR

KG to advise IT on the split of income from the Hub

### **Membership Report**

Breakdown provided in advance. SLR to chase up all lapsed/cancelled adult memberships.

DR to arrange for a print run of the Junior Membership Flyers in time for the Bromley game. These to be given out at the turnstiles.

### **Board Update**

Next club Board meeting is this coming Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. There was little to update prior to then but these matters were discussed for KG and DR to take forward to the meeting

IK asked about the position regarding a new ground and training facility. Even if no decision has been made it was felt important the club issued some sort of statement by way of an update.

A request would be made for a Fans Forum towards the end of the season

### **Subgroups**

**Fanzone** – DR provided a report in advance.

DR/KB to try and get a band for this Saturday but likely to be too short notice.

It was proving difficult to get ex players to visit.



**Juniors** - Sticker books had been extremely well received. Christmas Party had been a great success, well done to those involved.

The decision on the 3<sup>rd</sup> kit will be made this Friday at the board meeting.

Half term events need planning

Pool Table in SET is up for grabs. DR to speak with Graham Rodger to secure

### **Bars**

Report submitted in advance. Grant from council approved for the Trust bar refurbishment, WB to project manage. Sub group to meet asap as the work needs to commence very shortly.

Stock taking to continue.

### **Events**

SR to set up a a WhatsApp group

Provisional Dinner on 6<sup>th</sup> May to jointly celebrate the 79-80 and 71-72 Championship seasons. It is dependent upon getting headline people to attend. Decision imminent

### **Badge Change**

A passionate debate took place about the badge change. DR & KG had previously admitted an error of judgement in not pushing the owners into supporter input for the badge change. There was criticism voiced for the timing and handling of the whole affair but ultimately it was accepted that the vote, to which we are currently awaiting the results, will decide the outcome.

### **Gratuities**

IK – Formalisation of any Gratuities discussed and agreed.

A supply of Thank You cards was to be ordered and distributed as appropriate to individuals who help the Trust or supply services. A further supply of Birthday Cards which are sent to Junior members were to be ordered

### **AOB & Date of next business**

KG – The club have now implemented the minimum living wage across all employees.

Iain Biglin of the Internet Mariners has requested assistance for the purchase of a kit. KG to explore further and report back



The cost of a suitable display cabinet for the 1939 Cup Semi Final shirt is not proving cheap but it was felt we should not cut corners on a suitable cabinet. It is hoped that within 3 weeks the shirt will be on display in the Hub and then perhaps displayed on a rotational basis around the ground. Gordon Wilson has written an article about the shirt which is likely to appear in the Grimsby Telegraph shortly.

KG read, and circulated an anonymous letter received from a Trust member in which they called for the resignation of both DR and herself from the club board and that we withdrew from the club board altogether as 'fan representation doesn't work'! A copy has also been sent to the Club Chairman. Clearly we cannot respond as no name or address was provided but the board expressed their total support for KG & DR both within the Trust board and as our Representatives on the club board. Fan led review, FSA and fans in general were calling for more fan involvement at club level, not less.

DR – Checked that monthly draws were up to date. SLR confirmed

CP – asked that all board members responded to questions on WhatsApp and via email even if it the response was nothing to add. This would help speed up actions and in particular help SLR in producing minutes of meetings in a timely manner

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022