

Mariners Trust Meeting 5th May 2022 - Trust bar

Present-

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

Apologies Ian Townsend

Previous minutes agreed: Outstanding actions - SLR to action boot amnesty, SR to continue website update, SR to return signed gloves to John Tondeur. PA System still not functioning well in lower due to the volume being adjusted at steward's request - KG to bring up with Club. DR to pursue handover from IT before he steps down

Whatsapp actions reviewed – Discussion with FSA & League re play off final location still ongoing.

Treasurers report – Supplied by IT. Discussion re difficulties banking cash - there is no real reason for us not to bank the cash we have rather than transferring from personal accounts. Query from Ian re £107 paid into account and unallocated needs to be ironed out.

Membership – System was down at time of meeting, however figures since last meeting are as follows -

	13/07/21	10/08/21	08/09/21	13/10/21	30/11/21	18/01/22	07/05/22	
adult	978	998	1015	1012	1016	1004	948	-56
adult life	370	371	374	377	379	381	384	3
senior	155	163	166	167	169	172	166	-6
senior life	36	37	37	37	39	39	39	0
young adult	45	45	45	46	46	48	45	-3
junior	172	219	224	242	249	284	317	33
family	57	65	72	79	79	79	80	1
	1813	1898	1933	1960	1977	2007	1979	-28

We have lost a few, however SLR is working on contacting all of these to try and retain as many renewals as possible.

Board Update - KG & DR meeting with Debbie monthly. Jason & Andrew would like an overview of bar function, takings, costings etc. Discussions regarding whether it would be easier for the Club to take financial management of the bars whilst we retain operation management. SR queried whether this would involve them paying for the new till system we have planned & if it means a change of card system. DR & KG to feed back to the club.

Jason would like some timescales on our plans to meet with them, hold fans forums etc.

Discussion also regarding ground sponsorship and whether this is something we think the fans would be against. KB said it needs to be fully explained, transparent and up front so the fans understand the implications. CP Agrees. KG suggested it'll form part of a survey due to go out soon.

DR is sending out an email to vote for our player of the year. SR has set up a "vote@marinerstrust.co.uk" email address for this. There will be no awards ceremony this year, but we will arrange for a Trust member to present our award.

League fixtures meeting will take place soon and we have been asked for input re bank hols, xmas fixtures. Agreed we would prefer within 2 hour drive for these fixtures.

DR advised the club are potentially looking at resurrecting the YDA to enhance funding into the youth setup.

DR explained potential new disabled viewing platform that is being planned. It will be in the same area as the disabled supporters are currently situated. It is awaiting decision on whether planning is needed or not. DR to clarify the position on funding and whether or not we might need to seek help through fundraising, sponsorship, volunteer help etc.

Note - Subsequent to meeting DR confirmed funding is secured although sponsorship opportunities will also be pursued by the Club.

Subgroups – Updates rcd - KG & DR are pushing back on restricted pitch use and player access to try and allow more junior events to go ahead. Meeting due with Docks to review the season and plan for next. DR to arrange meeting onsite with SAG as they keep changing the goalposts. Our container is to be painted. Open day likely to be 24th July.

Player Interactions - HCS mentioned that more and more kids are gathering and interrupting the players warming up for autographs and selfies. Agreed this isn't an ideal situation as it stops them warming up and getting focussed on the game. Suggested we look at a 15-30 minute window prior to warming up with a small group of players available for fans. Also, the same few fans are begging for players shirts at the end of the game and getting them, so there is little opportunity for other fans to be in with a chance. Need to consider a fairer way to do this.

Refugees - HCS suggested there may be some refugees housed locally and it would be nice to invite them to a game. SLR to put on socials.

AOB – Trust Season Tickets are still not being collected and used. Agreed that there doesn't seem to be a point to buying these next season as they just go to waste. If we need tickets, we can buy them ad-hoc.

IK thanked the board for hosting us recently, it was very kind of them.

Vintage shirt currently being stored safely with KG until it's permanent home is agreed. Trust greeting cards are now here and can be used as and when needed.

Date of Next Meeting – 14th June 2022 -6.30pm - Trust bar