



## Mariners Trust Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 13th January 2018	Time : 10.00	Venue : Trust Bar, Lower Findus
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Present:          Jon Wood    Paul Savage  
                         Stuart Raithby (SR)    Sharon Dobbs  
                         Alan Rutter    Sophie Bray  
                         Ian Townsend    Sandii Raithby (SLR)  
                         Kristine Green    Terry Rudrum

Apologies :      Andrew Nutting

An informal discussion took place about all aspects of the Mariners Trust which allowed each board member to air their views. PS and AR gave an update on a meeting they had with the GTFC club board, which included an update on the £30,000 payment for a place on the board. JW gave an update on club board matters. IT gave an update on the Trust's finances and TR and SD gave an update on the bars and looked at the recent loss of income due to the fall in attendances. It was agreed to revisit this issue at the next meeting when further discussions would have taken place.

### Memberships -

There is still a lot of work to do updating membership system. There is a loophole in capturing data from someone who pays their membership by bank transfer as IT doesn't receive any details other than an account number and possibly a surname. IT is to send SLR & SR a list monthly of new membership payments so they can update the system and check data.

### Survey -

It has been agreed that the Fans' Survey is our main priority in the immediate future and will be ready for issue within the next week and will be available online, in hard copy in all bars and by email. Questions for the survey were debated and agreed. PS to write final draft and send to SR & SLR for printing and uploading.



## **Fundraising & Events.**

Many fundraising ideas were discussed, including -

- 1) World Cup Draw - tickets have not yet arrive. IT to chase as soon as possible as we need to begin selling.
- 2) Sale of stock in hand - some items are to be auctioned via E-Bay. SLR & SR are to man a stall at the "Last Memory" event on 24th January.
- 3) A second quiz night will be held in line with the start of the World Cup.
- 4) More junior events are to be arranged. This needs to be discussed with JN who could not be present today.

It was also discussed that going forward, fundraising will be done for a set purpose or venture to ensure our members understand what their donations and membership supports.

## **Bars Update**

Income is reduced due to the time of year and low gates. SD is managing the situation well, One TV in the away bar is damaged - SD will replace with a spare from another bar. Nothing else to report.

## **Treasurer's Report**

IT stated he was concerned that our revenue is down due to a quiet January, low gates and no income stream other than bars. We will meet our obligation to the club this season but have no "buffer" in hand. The board discussed the Trust's financial position and has agreed to look at how costs can be managed and how income may be able to be increased. The fundraising ideas discussed will help with this. AR stated the Trust, to an extent, had become complacent and more needed to be done by all members to ensure the Trust's financial position remained achievable.

## **AOB**

None.

**Next Meeting - Saturday, 3rd February - 10.00am - Trust Bar, Lower Findus.**