

Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust
(Dulwich Hamlet Football Community Mutual Ltd)

Board Meeting Agenda

12 January, 2015, 7.00 pm

Venue – The Board Room, Dulwich Hamlet FC, London SE22.

In attendance: Jack Bagnall (JB); Andy Greig (AG); Duncan Hart (DH); James Masini (JM); Darren McCreery (DM) (part); Robert Molloy-Vaughan (RMV); Eddie Muraszko (EM) (part); Mark Panton (MP) Secretary; Isaac Parnell (IP); Fiona Scurlock (FS); Jack Spearman (JS).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jonathan Hunt (JH).

2. **Last meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from 15 December 2014 meeting have been put up on the website and were agreed.

MAIN ITEMS BY OBJECTIVE

3. DHFC has a secure long-term home in East Dulwich:

3.1 Further detailed plans due from HPG following on from the latest consultation and presentation. Update from DH / FS / JM from meeting on 8 January. JM stated that further more detailed pre-application proposals from HPG, in response to the most recent consultation, are likely to be put forward around the end of January. DH would continue to push for a meeting with Southwark Council (Councillors Mark Williams and Barry Hargreaves) to discuss lease issues. We would invite Fisher FC, as they have a similar issue on their proposed new ground.

DH

It was also agreed that JM would produce a draft letter to be sent to HPG setting out documents that are needed by the Trust in order to fully understand the business of the football club and for Supporters Direct to undertake a 'health check'. These include, *inter-alia*, management accounts, contracts and lease(s). We would also make clear that we need a statement from HPG on the three interlinked issues of fan ownership, ground redevelopment and security of tenure before we can ask our members to vote on the Trust's position on the redevelopment of the ground.

JM / JH

3.2 Proposal to obtain report from FWP on HPG's latest plans for the new ground. Update from MP. MP confirmed a report from FWP would take approximately one month from instruction for the stated fee. However, Supporters Direct has issued a press release announcing a partnership with AFL Architects to assist with Club Development. MP to investigate this further with James Mathie of SD. MP to liaise with JM and DM to agree a simple brief for the proposed report.

MP/JM/DM

3.3 Camberwell Community Council meeting on 4 February and use of the existing petition to get DHFC on the agenda for the meeting. JH's note concerning proposal to leave it for a later meeting due to the ongoing planning developments was discussed and noted. There is a further meeting on 16 March and this may be a more appropriate date. MP to check on any further later dates.

JH/MP

4 DHFC has an ownership model that involves supporters/community either fully or partly:

4.1 Update from FS on sub-group meetings on ownership and governance issues, including meetings with all other interested parties. There was discussion around the need to amend the constitution in order to adopt the most up to date SD version and in order to be in a position to issue shares. It was agreed that the most appropriate time for this to take place would be around the time of the AGM. Planning for the AGM to be discussed at next board meeting. A report to go out to members well in advance of AGM that sums up the main proposed changes.

FS/MP

4.2 Planning for meeting on 15 January. To include presentation from James Mathie of Supporters Direct and experience of Paul Millington, Dan York, Jo Collins, David Gowns and Nigel Higgs.

Detailed discussions took place about the planning for the meeting. This included:

- Need to produce a report for the website following the meeting.
- Steve Carver has kindly volunteered to record the meeting, which will be uploaded to our website.
- MP to act as rapporteur to assist with website report.
- FS will contact all guests to confirm attendance and discuss structure of the meeting.
- It was agreed that proceeds from the raffle on the night would be split equally between DHST and the Twelfth Man.

All

5. DHFC as a transparent and well run football club:

5.1 Further joint meeting between Trust and Football Committee.

JH has suggested that a meeting would take place during w/c 19 January. AG will liaise with JH to arrange this meeting before the Football Committee meeting on 22 January, i.e. at 7.00 pm on that date.

AG

5.2 Update on developments concerning Trust's request to the owners for covering behind the goals. It was agreed to pursue this further once HPG's overall planning application has been submitted to Southwark Council and to discuss with the Football Committee on 22 January – with further details such as photos, etc.

JM

5.3 Latest DHST public communication points. Trust communicated latest position with website report on 20 December. This remains our public position. An update on next steps on fan ownership will be published after the meeting on 15 January.

DH/JB

5.4 Request for detailed financial information on the running costs of the club to the owners. Letter to be drafted to include this issue, see 3.1.

6 DHFC has a growing Supporters Trust that communicates regularly with its members:

6.1 Proposed Trust/supporters meeting on 15 January. See 4.2

6.2 Trust Mega Shed

6.2.1 Organisation

Ad-hoc support may be needed to work with the individual who is responsible at each game, as per the Mega-Shed rota. Shop will close during the actual game to focus sales during pre-match period, at half-time and full-time.

All

6.2.2 New merchandise ideas / orders

RMV is producing further sample T-shirt designs.

RMV

6.2.3 End of Season Sale

Sale to take place later in the season of older shirts, tops, etc.

7 DHFC has strong links with its surrounding community:

7.1 100 Club. EM to confirm original objectives of the scheme and present on further ideas at the next Board meeting.

EM

7.2 On-going communications with local councillors and planning officers, including invites to attend future home games. Update due from JH. See also 3.3.

JH

7.3 Organisation for Lambeth County Show and other Spring/Summer events. DM to liaise with GG and report back to February board meeting.

DM

7.4 Altona FC visit.

DH working with 'Editor Mike' concerning a band night at the Ivy House on 10 July. DHFC will be playing Altona on 11 July 2015.

DH

7.5 LGBT history month in February. Events being organised involving the Trust and the football club. Mishi Morath to let the Trust know if he needs our help. We are ready to assist.

JB

7.6 Mental Health awareness week in May. JB working with MM and Crystal Palace Eagles Mental Health team.

JB

7.7 Southwark Council Neighbourhoods Fund 2015. Any proposals for application(s) must be submitted by 16 February. Ad-hoc or email brainstorming meetings needed. MP to keep behind this issue.

MP

7.8 Football v Homophobia event in Manchester, 15 February.

JS to check his availability to attend this event. Funding for advance booking for travel was agreed up to £50.

JS

8 AOB

8.1 Fixtures notice board outside of ground. Controlled Advertising Consent is necessary and will be submitted by HPG. AG has produced scale drawings and will put up the board when it is approved. It was agreed for the Trust to sponsor the fixtures board at an approximate cost of £300.

AG

8.2 Changes have been proposed around in the area where the Mega Shed is sited, connected with further food provision. It was agreed that board members would speak with Stephan and Matt Rimmer about this issue. Wider issues of additional food options, the bar and licensing would also be raised.

JB/DH/AG

8.3 Date for next board meeting: 9 February. MP to check the availability of the club board room.

MP