

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

Board Meeting Minutes

7.00 pm, 17 March, 2016

Venue – Football club boardroom, Champion Hill, London SE22.

(Items in italics are actions / status from previous Minutes)

In attendance: Jack Bagnall (JB), Alex Crane (AC), Duncan Hart (DH) Chair, James Masini (JM), Mishi Morath (MM), Mark Panton (MP) Secretary, Isaac Parnell (IP) Treasurer, Matt Purser (MPu), Dave Rogers (DR), Fiona Scurlock (FS), Jack Spearman (JS)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Andy Greig (AG), Mel Hughes (MH), Darren McCreery (DM).
2. **Last meeting's Minutes:** The Minutes from the last meeting on 25 February 2016 had already been uploaded to the website and therefore have been agreed. No objections were raised.

MAIN ITEMS BY OBJECTIVE

3. **DHFC has a secure long-term home in East Dulwich:**
 - 3.1 **Update on latest ground development plans.** JM set out some of the comments received from Trust members following the Hadley Property Group (HPG) consultation. These included comments on the lack of cover behind the goals (now included in revised plans); gym and toilets overlooking the ground which is a waste of prime match viewing space; length of lease; circulation around the ground; site of main stand; the ability to move straight into the new ground, without having to play games away from Champion Hill. All comments have been fed back to HPG.
4. **DHFC has an ownership model that involves supporters/community either fully or partly:**
 - 4.1 **IP and Matt Purser update on Business Plan for supporter owned club.** MPu stated he had tried to prepare some rough financial projections based on GLL business plan. Discussion on-going about

the details of running the bar and the football pitches. Existing running costs to be further discussed with HPG. Business planning is moving ahead, but further information is required.

IP / MPu

4.2 Any other updates from Supporter Ownership group.

No further updates. Although it was stressed again at this point that the Trust would need 6 weeks in which to conduct the poll of members about the final ground development plans.

4.3 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

DH to email Matt Rimmer of HPG with signed MOU and agreement to publish.

DH

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

5.1 Update on joint issues with the Football Committee.

No further updates.

5.2 Trying to obtain further clarity around financial issues, including liabilities. Still awaiting further information.

IP / MPu

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

6.1 Merchandise, including Trust Mega Shed:

6.1.1 Change from Mega Shed to Mega Container. AC making significant progress. Aiming to open on 2 April at home game v Bognor.

AC

6.1.2 New merchandise ideas and involvement of football club + Running of Mega-shed and on-line merchandise. FS gave update and need for the domain name to be confirmed. shop.dhst.org.uk was agreed.

FS

6.1.3 Replica shirts. Latest from the Club is that shirts will not be in until towards the end of April.

6.1.4 Selling BALA balls. Continue to work with HPG on the BALA DHFC balls that have been purchased. They will be

launched on 2 April – the same day at the opening of the container.

- 6.2 **100 Club registration, objectives, use of funds and meeting of members in spring 2016.** Email sent to Bracknell Council to confirm now registered in Lambeth and no monies are owed. 11, 14, 21 April were proposed as a possible dates for the meeting of members. [Date now confirmed as 21 April].

IP / FS / DH

- 6.3 **Updating FAQ section of Trust website (technical issues).** JB will prioritise this update.

JB

- 6.4 **Fixing problems with software to automate membership joining processes.** Donation glitch has been sorted. Still unable to update to include additional members by same individual – DR working on this issue.

DR

- 6.5 **Membership renewal.** DR designing new flyer.

DR / DH

- 6.6 **Position of Secretary of DHST.** MP to draft article including job specification for website.

MP

- 6.7 **Planning for AGM 2016.** Proposed date of 4 July. All existing Board members to confirm their personal positions on continuing or resigning by the time of the next Board meeting.

All

7. DHFC has strong links with its surrounding community:

- 7.1 **On-going communications with local councillors.** Two councillors attended game v FC Assyria.

- 7.2 **FARE article on refugee work.** Article due by next Board meeting.

JS

- 7.3 **Calais Collection.** Financial information is now up on the website.

DR

- 7.4 **Plan for community initiatives for rest of the season.**

7.4.1 **Kit Amnesty Day, 19 March v Burgess Hill.** Old kits to be donated.

7.4.2 **Southwark Civic Awards.** Draft has been circulated by JB, closing date is 22 March.

JB

7.4.3 **End of season events.** All confirmed.

Trust to support.

All

7.4.4 **Supporter's team (or any DHFC team) v Refugees in Calais.** May be opportunity to involve a local football team. JS to look into idea further and revert to Board.

JS

7.5 **Southwark Neighbourhood Fund.** Application made by AC. Results announced on 19 March. MP to attend. *[update – funding bid successful for community events this summer]*

MP

7.6 **Southwark EnviroGrant scheme.** AC will consider ideas. Closing date for application is 30 April.

7.7 **Dulwich Goose Green Fair, 8 May.** IP to make application.

IP

7.8 **Lambeth Country Show.** IP to make application.

IP

8 Trust governance and miscellaneous items

8.1 **Declaration of Expenses.** Spreadsheet to be sent around by IP.

IP

8.2 Next Board meeting date: 21 April at 8pm.

9. AOB

8.36 Ends