

Dons Trust Board Meeting

Monday 7 July 2014

The Cherry Red Records Stadium

Middle Bar



MINUTES PART 1 – redacted version

Members:

Matthew Breach (MB)
David Grown (DG)
Kris Stewart (KS)
Sean McLaughlin (SM)
Jane Lonsdale (JL)
Iain McNay (IM)
Zoe Linkson (ZL)
Mark Davis (MD)

Invited:

Erik Samuelson (ES)
David Hall (DH) – Dons Trust Secretary
Michael Hayes (Secretariat)

Apologies:

Moorad Choudhry (MC)

Nigel Higgs (NH)
Ivor Heller (IH)
David Charles (DC)
Mick Buckley (MBu)
David Reeves (Secretariat)

Ref	Item	Action
	The meeting began at 19:30.	
1.0	Apologies for absence	
1.1	Apologies were received from Moorad Choudhry (MC) Ivor Heller (IH) Nigel Higgs (NH) David Charles (DC) and Mick Buckley (MBu). It was noted that FCB members are not expected to attend except when needed.	
2.0	June Minutes	
2.1	MD asked that paragraph 5 be reviewed for potential redactions.	DH
2.2	ES said that he has not yet met KSk to discuss her proposals for the Foundation.	ES

2.3	MB indicated that it would be worth exploring synergies between the Foundation and Morden Girls League as part of the sponsorship agreement. .	
3.0	Football Club Board Items	
	<u>Football Club Report</u>	
3.1	ES tabled the FCB Report (previously circulated). He reported the signing of left back Jack Smith (ex Millwall). NA is now seeking one or two young players to complete the squad.	
3.2	JL asked how many agents have been paid in respect of the new signings. ES answered only one (for Matt Tubbs).	
3.3	MD asked that the Board record its sympathy for Louis Cockle the U-18 player who broke his leg. Unanimously agreed.	
3.4	ES reported that the player wage bill will be £1,120,000 including agents and signing on fees. This would have put us 17 th in the league in spending in the previous year, at this stage. (The figures for 2014-15 won't be available until late autumn.)	
3.5	MB asked for the “matching” figure raised in response to Mike Richardson’s offer, as at 1 July. ES said that he will contact Mike explaining all the amounts raised directly and indirectly relating to Mike’s offer, including the auction and IM’s increase.	ES
3.6	JL suggested that Mike should write a letter, which the DT should draft, explaining that Mike decided to donate the full £100,000. JL will check exact figures, as there are some returned cheques.	JL
3.7	The Board recorded its thanks to IM for the increased sponsorship from Cherry Red Records.	
	Kit Launch	
3.8	The Board recorded congratulations to IH and his team for the kit launch which raised £12K on the day.	
	Stadium Update	
3.9	ES reported that the exhibitions in Tooting and Wimbledon Park were well attended and overall very positive. A full report is coming. <i>This section has been redacted.</i> ES has asked for an analysis by postcode. He has been invited to attend the Wimbledon Community Forum but it clashes with the Meet the Manager event.	
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3.15	JL asked that DG be thanked for organising the exhibitions.	
	Kingsmeadow	
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3.19	ZL asked about Kingstonian. ES said that we continue to keep them in touch. ES wants to maintain the current good relationship whilst recognizing that their position will have an impact on some decisions (for example temporary relocation). It was agreed that the DTB have a further discussion on the options for Kingstonian at a future DTB meeting.	
	Other FCB topics	
3.20	Season ticket sales are about 100 down on last year. It was agreed that season ticket forms should be available at the MTM event on 10 July.	ES / DC
3.21	For the match against Milton Keynes, the board agreed that they will adopt the same policy as for the December 2012 fixture i.e. that they would collectively refuse hospitality, leaving individual supporters to decide whether to go or stay. IM suggested that basic information e.g. on parking should be given to AFCW fans who decide to go, and there should be a reminder about behaviour at the MTM event.	ES / DC
3.22		ES
3.23	ES asked that the DTB give approval to the latest capital repayment of the Barclays loan from DTB funds in line with previous practice. This was agreed.	
3.24	Betting (item 3.14 of June minutes). DC is attending a league secretaries meeting today and will understand more. The ban (from 1 August) appears to extend to club volunteers. Potential sanctions may include being excluded from attending or being involved with football. We will have to inform those affected. ES to speak further with DC before clarifying with those who may be affected.	ES
3.25	ES noted that Alan Turvey (of Isthmian League) is retiring.	
	ES reported that Thames Water may permit access to the Your Golf Travel stand via the access road behind that stand.	
4.0	Update on Collaborate Tool	
4.1	JL explained that Collaborate is a tool which will enable the DT to collaborate with	

	<p>DTB members more easily, and for working groups to share documents confidentially. The DTB will trial, then a volunteers working group to monitor hours. JL to invite Chris Slavin and MBu to attend a demonstration at Collaborate's office in Tolworth. JL said that it will not work unless the DTB takes a lead. In response to the question as to what is in it for Collaborate, the answer is that it will be free to us, plus consultancy worth £7K, on the basis that we share our experience with other clubs. JL to set up a meeting. The board congratulated JL for this introduction and her efforts.</p>	JL
5.0	AOB	
5.1	IM noted that no sponsor has yet been found for the Chelsea match, and asked whether we have raised the issue with Chelsea supporters.	
5.2	JL asked about the search for a replacement for the Chris Atkinson role. ES said that the season ticket work has been done by Mike Berry following Chris's departure. From the replies we have two possible, but it may be necessary to advertise again.	
5.3	ES reported that the template for player registration has been reorganised, and ES is satisfied with this. The Football League is also going to contact all clubs warning them when loans are about to expire, although this will not cover the Jake Nicholson situation which was a one off.	
5.4	KS raised the question of who locks up KM after DTB meetings. DG volunteered, to be put on the action list.	DH/DG
6.0	Date of Next Meeting	
6.1	This was confirmed as 7 August, although it was noted that DG, MD and JL will be unable to attend.	
6.2	MB to prepare an outline meeting calendar for 2015	MB