

Tudors Supporters Club

Annual General Meeting of members, Tuesday 3rd May 2016

Minutes:

1. Meeting opened by the Tudors Supporters Club chairman Kevin Hickman
 - a. 23 members and 6 non-members were in attendance, this included HHTFC Chairman Dave Boggins.
 - b. Apologies received from committee members Chris Pelling and Tony Parrott.

2. Accounts

- a. Treasurers review of the 2015/16 season, as follows:

Opening Balance for 2015/16 season: £634.96

Income

<i>2015/16 Membership Fees</i>	<i>£540.00</i>
<i>Coach ticket sales</i>	<i>£2,257.00</i>
<i>Last Man Standing Entry Fees</i>	<i>£580.00</i>
<i>Football Cards and Raffles</i>	<i>£189.00</i>
<i>Merchandise Sales</i>	<i>£504.00</i>
<i>Donations</i>	<i>£400.00</i>
<i>Misc Fundraising</i>	<i>£807.00</i>

Expenditure

<i>Coach Costs</i>	<i>-£3,760.00</i>
<i>Last Man Standing Winnings</i>	<i>-£348.00</i>
<i>Merchandise Costs</i>	<i>-£518.00</i>
<i>Misc Expenditure</i>	<i>-£209.70</i>
<i>Banking Charges</i>	<i>-£79.59</i>

Closing Balance for 2015/16 Season: £996.67

- b. Secretary's confirmation (in his absence) that the accounts have been reviewed for accuracy
 - c. Marc Willmore explained the "Miscellaneous" items as fundraising activities facilitated by HHTFC via computer games donated.
 - d. Marc Willmore reiterated the necessity for fund raising despite the apparent wealth of the TSC, pointing out that without the generous donations and the no longer applicable Last Man Standing income, we'd be significantly less well off.
 - e. No other accounts business raised
3. Membership
 - a. Member count for 2015/16 – 54 adults, 19 Under 18's.
 - b. Marc Willmore proposed to keep the £10 membership fee for adults and free membership for Under 18's and full time student. Unanimously agreed.
 - c. Proposal to abolish the necessity of photo ID for membership cards. Football Club Chairman Dave Boggins interjected to state that members with photo ID would receive a discount at the club bar on all match day purchases. Proposal to abolish photo ID retracted.
 - d. Marc Willmore proposed TSC purchasing a lockable letterbox that would be attached to a wall in the HHTFC bar for membership forms etc to be posted in. Dave Boggins agreed this could be facilitated and there were no objections to one of these being purchased from TSC funds, along with a TSC noticeboard to also be attached to the wall to promote the TSC and associated events.
 - e. No other Membership business raised
4. Travel

- a. Reflected on away travel during 2015/16 – TSC ran 8 coaches and, as a new initiative for this season, contributed financially towards 3 minibuses ran independently by members.
 - b. Feedback from members was positive; there was suggestion that we could depart from away games later to allow fans to have a drink at the away ground – Marc Willmore reiterated the 2015 AGM decision to depart at full time for games less than an hour(ish) travel time and to remain for a short while for further journeys.
 - c. Youth members in attendance stated that they felt that the travel was well organised and appropriately priced (despite the mid-season price rise for U18's) and this had encouraged more young fans to travel.
 - d. No other travel business raised
5. Supporters Club Rules and Travel Rules
- a. Marc Willmore proposed a Constitution to replace the current Rules; the majority of fans in attendance agreed they had reviewed this constitution prior to the AGM.
 - b. Andy King proposed (in his absence, via email) three amendments to the draft constitution, these were read aloud by Marc Willmore as follows:
 1. Have the committee serving a term of two years with the Chairman and Vice Chairman alternating the year they stand. This was unanimously denied.
 2. Rule 5-5 to be added: Minutes can be viewed by any member by writing to the Secretary who will arrange an appropriate date and time. This was unanimously agreed.
 3. Rule 5-10: if a member is co-opted onto the Committee they must be entitled to a vote. This was unanimously denied.
 - c. Any other rules business
6. Competitions and Fundraising
- a. Marc Willmore announced the circumstances of the Last Man Standing Competition being discontinued, due to the format of the game being contrary to gambling rules.
 - b. The concept of selling TSC merchandise introduced in 2015/16 was generally well received and widely accepted that it wasn't an initiative that would make the TSC much money. A new designed in-badge and shirt will be considered for 2016/17.
 - c. There were numerous suggestions/ideas for fundraising activities. The TSC committee (with ownership of the initial enquiries falling to Danny Green) will look in to the feasibility of running a Premier League winders based sweepstake to run over the course of the season and a monthly cash prize raffle draw with 50% of the prize fund rolling over an end of season jackpot.
7. Social Activities
- a. Dave Boggins reiterated that the club facilities are available free of charge to the TSC for fundraising events. The TSC committee will, once the new season is underway, plan a quiz night for September/October.
 - b. Suggestions by Graham Sherman of a fund raising TSC 5-a-side tournament was considered impractical, but the concept of utilising the AstroTurf facility was considered worth bearing in mind and revisiting for future TSC related ideas.
 - c. Suggestions of TSC dinners with ex-footballer after-dinner speakers and "gentleman's nights" were discussed, with the general acceptance that with these types of events requiring a financial commitment with an element of risk on the part of the TSC, we'd defer these types of events until we're confident of running them successfully.
8. Tudors Supporters Club affiliation to Hemel Hempstead Town Football Club
- a. Dave Boggins reiterated his desire to reward supporters' loyalty by providing discounts for bar purchases to members. He will also discuss with the HHTFC committee the possibility of TSC discounts for season tickets.
 - b. Graham Sherman offered his services for selling match ball sponsorship to raise funds for HHTFC; it was agreed that whilst Graham would lead this, the TSC as a whole would attempt to sell match ball sponsorship in aid of HHTFC.
 - c. Marc Willmore proposed introducing a Supporters Player of the Month award, with an online poll, for the purpose of promoting the activities of the TSC to non-

members. The winning players would be presented with a bottle of champagne by a TSC member with the photo and news being featured on the HHTFC website and match day programme. This was unanimously agreed.

9. Officers

- a. The existing Supporters Club committee positions were clarified:
Chairman: Kevin Hickman
Vice Chairman: Simon Burrige
General Secretary: Chris Pelling
Treasurer: Marc Willmore
Membership Secretary: Marc Willmore
Social Secretary: Danny Green
General Committee Members: Tony Parrott, Mark Thompson
Marc Willmore proposed the additional position of Youth Member Representative to be added, no objections.
- b. Marc Willmore informed the members that Craig Johnson and Kevin Paterson had put themselves forward for the roles of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Neither were in attendance, while only Kevin provided his apologies for absence. The decision of voting in candidates not present was a decision left open to the members in attendance, who decided that they'd only vote for Kevin, not Craig, based on Craig not providing his apologies. Current Vice Chairman Simon Burrige did not oppose Kevin's nomination and Kevin was subsequently unanimously voted in.
- c. Danny Green forwarded himself for the role of Membership Secretary. Current Membership Secretary Marc Willmore did not oppose Danny's nomination and Danny was subsequently unanimously voted in.
- d. Graham Sherman proposed he joins the committee as Disability Liaison Officer; his lengthy explanation in to his rationale was cut short by a unanimous decision to appoint him. It was agreed that, should any disabled TSC members require representation on TSC or HHTFC matters, Graham would be their point of contact.
- e. The 2016/17 Tudors Supporters Club committee was clarified:
Chairman: Kevin Hickman
Vice Chairman: Kevin Paterson
General Secretary: Chris Pelling
Treasurer: Marc Willmore
Membership Secretary: Danny Green
Social Secretary: Danny Green
Disability Liaison Officer: Graham Sherman
Youth Member Representative: Vacant
General Committee Members: Tony Parrott, Mark Thompson

10. Any other business

- a. John Armit was thanked (in his absence) for printing TSC coach tickets
- b. Marc Willmore proposed abolishing the offer of send TSC members the monthly newsletter by post, leaving it as an option of email only. Unanimously agreed.
- c. Further to the previous agreement of a TSC noticeboard and post box to be purchased by the TSC and installed in the HHTFC bar, it was suggested that the TSC constitution and monthly newsletter are featured on the noticeboard. There were no objections to this.
- d. Marc Willmore sought feedback on the effectiveness of the TSC website, Twitter and Instagram. Those that had made use of them for information etc responded positively. It was suggested that TSC has a Facebook page, Kevin Hickman stated that Kevin Paterson had already started one. This will be reviewed for its ongoing effectiveness with creative input from Danny Green, if required.
- e. Marc Willmore pointed out that the 2016/17 season marks HHTFC Chairman Dave Boggins 20-year anniversary in his role. It was suggested that over the coming months, fans consider ideas for marking the occasion accordingly.

- f. Dave Boggins addressed an issue of anti-social behaviour by a minority of TSC members at Vauxhall Road during the final home game of the season against Whitehawk. Dave reiterated the HHTFC's stance on this being wholly unacceptable and that he wants TSC committee to deal with the matter as it sees fit, with HHTFC reinforcing any punishments.
- g. Kevin Hickman encouraged fans to attend the HHTFC presentation night on Friday 20th May 2016
- h. The AGM was closed.