

# Tudors Supporters Club

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

### Agenda:

1. Meeting opened by the Tudors Supporters Club chairman Kevin Hickman
  - a. 21 members and 1 non-member in attendance
  - b. Apologies received from committee members Chris Pelling, Mark Thompson and Tony Parrott.
2. Accounts
  - a. Treasurers review of the 2016/17 season, as follows:

<i>Opening Balance for 2016/17 season:</i>	<b>£996.67</b>
 <i>Income</i>	
<i>2016/17 Membership Fees</i>	<i>£475.14</i>
<i>Coach ticket sales</i>	<i>£1,345.00</i>
<i>Quiz, Football Cards and Raffles</i>	<i>£375.00</i>
<i>Merchandise Sales</i>	<i>£10.00</i>
<i>Misc Fundraising</i>	<i>£439.49</i>
 <i>Expenditure</i>	
<i>Coach Costs/Minibus Donations</i>	<i>-£2,765.00</i>
<i>Misc Expenditure</i>	<i>-£244.28</i>
<i>Banking Charges</i>	<i>-£89.95</i>
 <i>Closing Balance for 2016/17 Season:</i>	 <b>£552.27</b>
  - b. Secretary confirmed (via email, in his absence) the accounts have been reviewed for accuracy. Committee members Danny Green clarified that he had also reviewed the accounts and they seemingly all in order.
  - c. Treasurer broke down the “misc expenditure” so the fans were clear on the clubs outgoings.
3. Membership
  - a. Membership fees were discussed, agreed for fees to remain £10 adults, free for Under 18’s (age 17 and under) and full time students.
  - b. Fans were satisfied with the current application process, no changes recommended
  - c. The TSC will continue to issue membership cards with photo ID to members
4. Travel
  - a. The fans reflected on away travel during 2016/17; 10 away trips were run, 5 by coach, 5 by minibus with the obvious consequence that the TSC contributed far more funds to subsidise away travel this season. However, running minibuses for the fans that want to travel when there isn’t enough interest for a coach was considered a positive development this year.
  - b. Feedback from some members was that early arrivals at our destination is preferred, with opinions varying from arriving early in the day to see local sights to arriving at the ground 90 minutes to two hours prior to kick off. Committee pointed out that filling coaches for away games with early departures have been difficult to fill, however it was agreed that we would consider organising some earlier departures next season to see how much interest they generate.
  - c. Any other travel business
5. Supporters Club Rules and Travel Rules
  - a. Review the Constitution as set at the 2016 AGM
  - b. Propose changes/amendment to existing Constitution
  - c. It was proposed and subsequently agreed to amend the Travel Rules so that anyone who reserves a seat on an away trip but is a “no show”, then the committee are entitled to request funds up front the next time the same fans reserves another seat.
  - d. A suggestion was made that, in addition to existing means of promoting our organised away travel, announcements are made on the PA system at Hemel FC home games. The football will be approached with this request.
  - e. Furthermore, having stopped issuing coach tickets for upfront payments for our organised away travel this season, it was agreed that we would reintroduce this for 2017/18 to see if this improves take up of our travel – having someone proactively selling tickets on match days.

- f. Travel costs were discussed, it was agreed that higher fees will be introduced to reflect our more expensive coaches for lengthy journeys; whilst £10 fees are preferable to encourage more fans to travel, this is unrealistic due to escalating coach fees.
6. Competitions and Fundraising
    - a. Fans reflected on the success of the Quiz Night, our first social event which raised the TSC £300 in March. The target for 2017/18 is three events with the aim of raising £1000 in total.
    - b. Merchandise was discussed, with suggestions for T-Shirts featuring a TSC logo. Committee member Danny Green will look in to this.
    - c. Our fund raising through the EasyFundraising website was explained to the fans; over the last year just 6 fans have signed up but have raised £113 through online shopping which the TSC earns commission on. Most fans seemed unaware of the scheme and requested further info was emailed out/publicised.
  7. Social Activities
    - a. The fans were offered full use of the TSC website and Twitter if anyone wants to organise any social events such as golf days, curry nights, etc – with a focus on socialising with fellow fans aside from usual football and TSC fund raising activities.
  8. Tudors Supporters Club affiliation to Hemel Hempstead Town Football Club
    - a. General feedback re TSC and HHTFC working together was positive, with fans having a continually improving sense of affiliation between the supporter's club and the football club.
    - b. The HHTFC bar/shop discount scheme for TSC members remains a popular initiative; feedback will be provided to Hemel FC Chairman Dave Boggins.
    - c. Hemel FC secretary Dean Chance requested any feedback or ideas about a Junior TSC initiative to compliment the football club's own initiative of inviting primary school to Vauxhall Road as guests on match days. Suggestions from the fans in attendance included providing the children with a TSC badge or key ring, a certificate stating that they are "Junior Members", and sending children a Hemel FC card, on their birthday, signed by the players. Fans stated they would support any TSC committee decisions around liaising with the football club and progressing a Junior Membership scheme.
    - d. "Beard Tax" fund raising for player sponsorship
      - I. Fans reflected on the scheme and feedback from those that participated was positive. We will run the scheme again in 2017/18 with a decision around which player to "sponsor" will be discussed at the start of the season.
      - II. With the considerable amount of money the TSC has raised for Hemel FC through this scheme, we will ask the football club if (as per other sponsors) we can get a pitch side advert included in the deal.
      - III. *Accounts: Raised £1,752.18, paid £1,500 to HHTFC – closing balance £252.18; the funds are banked along with the usual TSC funds and the closing balance (along with any extra funds generated over the summer) will go towards next seasons scheme.*
      - IV. Fans were reminded that if standing orders/recurring PayPal payments are set up, it is their obligation to cancel them if they want their payments to cease over the summer.
  9. Officers
    - a. Chairman Kevin Hickman stood down from his role. Current Vice-Chairman Kevin Patterson was put forward for the role of Chairman and Andy King was put forward for the role of Vice-Chairman, both were subsequently approved for the roles by the fans in attendance. Kevin Hickman and Lee Scott took up roles as General Committee Members, with the 2017/18 Committee being as follows:
      - Chairman: Kevin Patterson
      - Vice Chairman: Andy King
      - Secretary: Chris Pelling
      - Treasurer: Marc Willmore
      - Membership Secretary/Social Secretary: Danny Green
      - General Committee Members: Tony Parrott, Mark Thompson, Kevin Hickman, Lee Scott
  10. Any other business
    - a. The "Player of the Month" scheme introduced midway through 2016/17 was discussed with positive feedback. This will continue in to next season.
    - b. It was suggested that, if Hemel FC has another "meet & greet" session as per the event in Marlowes at the start of last season involving players and staff, the TSC could assist and help the event with fans volunteering their services. The football club will be approached with this offer.
    - c. Danny Green encouraged fans to attend the Hemel FC presentation night on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.
    - d. The 2017 AGM was closed.