

# Tudors Supporters Club

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of members, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

1. Meeting opened by the Tudors Supporters Club Treasurer Marc Willmore. Meeting starts with an apology for the lateness of the AGM this year which has had an impact on the amount of people who have attended.

2. Accounts

- a. Treasurers review of the 2017/18 season, as follows:

*Opening Balance for 2017/18 season: £552.27*

***Income***

*2017/18 Membership Fees £227.30*

*Coach ticket sales £370.00*

*Competitions £361.50*

*Merchandise Sales £0*

*Misc Fundraising £639.94*

***Expenditure***

*Coach Costs/Minibus Donations -£960.00*

*Merchandise Costs -£0.00*

*Misc Expenditure -£502.00*

*Banking Charges -£49.95*

***Closing Balance for 2016/17 Season: £689.06***

- b. Membership Secretary Danny Green confirms the accounts have been reviewed for accuracy

3. Membership

- a. It is agreed that membership fees will remain at £10 adults, free for full time students and juveniles age 17 and under.
- b. The necessity of membership cards with photo ID was discussed, agreed to remain to assist committee members in the event of running a busy coach to away games.

4. Travel

- a. Reflection on away travel during 2017/18 – this season we ran very few coaches with Chairman Kevin Patterson implementing a new initiative of subsidising “unofficial” fans coaches if they allowed TSC members to travel with them. In 2016/17 the TSC was down approx. £1400 on away travel costs, this season it was just £590.
- b. The committee reiterated that the TSC will continue to organise subsidised “official” travel to away games when there is sufficient demand for specific games.
- c. There is an obvious vulnerability when subsidising “unofficial” coaches with TSC funds when the travel is not being organised within the stated club travel rules. However, up until now the “unofficial” travel has been popular and well organised, with no issues that might impact on the TSC. This will be continually reviewed – suggested that the committee reconvene during the season after more away travel to review.
- d. Hemel FC Chairman Dave Boggins suggests that a potential sponsorship deal with a local bus company may result in subsidised travel being laid on to Hemel fans with TSC members being given priority booking. Again, the TSC committee will review this if a scheme is offered to us.

5. Supporters Club Rules and Travel Rules

- a. No feedback about the TSC Constitution as set at the 2017 AGM
- b. No proposed changes/amendment to existing Constitution

6. Competitions and Fundraising

- a. It was regrettable that the TSC didn't build on the success of last seasons Quiz Night; a Race Night was planned at last years AGM but Hemel FC ran their own one during the season.
- b. The committee will liaise with Hemel for a free date in the Hemel FC function room and see if we can plan an event once the season is underway.
- c. A matchday event was suggested, such as a pre-match disco (reggae was specifically suggested) commencing at midday on a Saturday home game, to bring Hemel fans together ahead of a match. This would be mutually beneficial to Hemel FC and TSC. The committee will liaise with Hemel FC about this.
- d. It was suggested that TSC could link in with the unofficial “Swoop” merchandise that many Hemel fans wear. This was received with a mixed response; the TSC are keen to distance themselves from the issues Hemel FC had with fans wearing the “terrorising since 1885” hoodies and the “FLA” logo featured on a Tudor Army flag. Concerns were expressed that blurring the lines between official and unofficial Hemel fans leisurewear and flags etc could end up impacting the TSC's close partnership with Hemel FC. However, it wasn't ruled out

that we could work with Swoop on merchandise as it was pointed out that it is good quality and popular amongst fans.

- e. The TSC's EasyFundraising scheme, raising funds through fans online shopping, has raised significant funds for our club despite only a handful of fans participating. Options discussed about promoting this further – suggestions to use the Hemel FC match day programme, Hemel FC email newsletter and using the backs of the TSC membership cards.
  - f. The return of the Last Man Standing competition was relatively successful and we will run this again in 2018/19.
7. Social Activities
- a. Last season the TSC organised a curry night, going out for a meal after a Saturday home game, which was cancelled when game on the scheduled date was postponed due to an FA Trophy away tie. Further attempts will be made in 2018/19 to do something similar.
8. Tudors Supporters Club affiliation to Hemel Hempstead Town Football Club
- a. General feedback was received about TSC and Hemel FC working together; the on-going bar discount scheme and the priority ticket booking for all-ticket games were well received.
  - b. It was suggested that Hemel FC uses the tannoy on match days to remind fans at half time and full time that TSC fans can get a discount at the bar by producing their membership cards.
  - c. The TSC will continue to run the Player of the Month in 2018/19, with awards presented to Players who fans vote for each month.
  - d. "Beard Tax" fund raising for player sponsorship
    - I. This scheme has now raised nearly £4000 for Hemel FC since 2016.
    - II. We started 2017/18 with 23 contributors, 5 dropped out during the season and only 11 were up to date with payments by the end of the season.
    - III. Accounts: *Raised £1,695, paid £2,000 to HHTFC – a loss of £305*
    - IV. *(update, following this AGM most contributors paid their outstanding fees, the loss over the season reduced to approx. £180 which is accounted for by people who withdrew mid-season)*
    - V. Some fans continue to contribute over the summer, these funds will remain in the "Beard Tax" pot towards next seasons scheme
    - VI. The TSC are keen to run this scheme again in 2018/19; it was proposed that we reduced the financial commitment to Hemel FC though as it is clearly becoming harder to retain people contributing to the scheme.
9. Officers
- a. Supporters Club committee positions and roles clarified, to remain the same.
  - b. No new additional positions proposed for the committee
10. Any other business
- a. TSC membership forms and our policy on retaining members data will be General Data Protection Regulation compliant for 2018/19, with policies detailed on the TSC website
  - b. It was suggested that TSC works with Hemel FC to identify a permanent place for TSC on match days, such as a portacabin office for TSC to use for membership and travel enquiries.