

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

Board Meeting Minutes

9 February, 2015, 7.00 pm

Venue – 1A Anderton Close, Champion Hill, London SE5

In attendance: Jack Bagnall (JB); Andy Greig (AG); Duncan Hart (DH); Jonathan Hunt (Chair); James Masini (JM); Darren McCreery (DM); Mark Panton (MP) Secretary; Isaac Parnell (IP); Fiona Scurlock (FS); Jack Spearman (JS).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Robert Molloy-Vaughan (RMV), Eddie Muraszko (EM).
2. **Last meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from 12 January 2015 meeting. These have been previously been uploaded to the website and were agreed.

MAIN ITEMS BY OBJECTIVE

3. DHFC has a secure long-term home in East Dulwich:

- 3.1 **Introduction of Matt Purser** (Matt) – invited to the meeting to discuss his ideas for involvement with the Trust. Matt outlined his business experience and vision for involvement in a supporter-owned non-league football club. Matt has extensive commercial and financial experience together with a number of sports media contacts. Matt's father supported DHFC. Matt was thanked by all board members for taking the time to attend the meeting.

The Board were appreciative of the skills offered by Matt and agreed it would be great if he could be involved in an advisory basis in relation to some of the specific issues on the horizon and perhaps stand for election at the next AGM. DH to communicate with Matt.

DH

- 3.2 **Further detailed plans based on previous consultation are awaited from HPG.** A detailed email covering a number of issues had been received from HPG shortly before the meeting. It was agreed to respond in writing to the email to request further details and clarifications on a number of issues. JM, DH, FS and JH to draft response.

JM, DH, FS, JH

- 3.3 Proposal to obtain report from FWP or AFL Architects on HPG's latest plans for the new ground.** When the plans are made available and the Trust's brief is agreed, to be sent to the architects.
JM,DM, MP
- 3.4 Camberwell Community Council meeting on 18 March.** It was agreed that some board members would attend to champion the club's community work and explain the long term vision for fan ownership of the football club. JH to arrange to list issue on the agenda of the meeting.
JH
- 3.5 Letter to Hadley on outstanding issues that include accounts, contracts and lease(s).** See Item 3.2
- 4. DHFC has an ownership model that involves supporters/community either fully or partly:**
- 4.1 Update from FS on sub-group meetings on ownership and governance issues, including recent meetings.** Board members had been updated via email on recent meeting with Enfield Town Supporters Trust members.
- 4.2 Club development proposals from Supporters Direct.** It was agreed that further details of the SD 'health check' are required.
IP, MP
- 5. DHFC as a transparent and well run football club:**
- 5.1 Joint meeting between Trust and Football Committee is currently scheduled to take place on 26 February.** Chairman Jack Payne will confirm the date after the Football Committee meeting on 12 February. Agenda to be agreed in advance.
JH
- 5.2 Latest DHST public communication points.** Main points are as agreed and appear on the website.
- 5.3 Request for detailed financial information on the running costs of the club to the owners.** See Item 3.2.
- 5.4 Football club programme advertisement (for sponsorship raffle).** The board agreed to pay for one advertisement. EM to send cheque to Claudia at the football club for £300.00
EM
- 6. DHFC has a growing Supporters Trust that communicates regularly with its members:**

6.1 Trust Mega Shed

6.1.1 Changes to area around the Mega Shed and possible change/movement of Mega Shed or using a converted container. It was agreed to monitor the progress of these changes.

AG

6.1.2 New merchandise ideas / orders. Not discussed at this meeting.

6.2 Planning for AGM in late June / early July. 30 June has been agreed as date for the AGM.

MP

7 DHFC has strong links with its surrounding community:

7.1 Southwark Council Neighbourhoods Fund 2015. Any proposals for application(s) must be submitted by 16 February. MP to submit application related to 7.3.

MP

7.2 On-going communications with local councillors and planning officers. JH will follow up on initial communication with DH and JB, and try to set up meeting with local councillors Barry Hargreaves and Mark Williams.

JH

7.3 Organisation for Lambeth County Show and other Spring/Summer events. DM confirmed the administration needed for Lambeth, Dulwich Park and Goose Green shows. The events were a big success last year and DM, JS and IP will take this forward.

DM, IP, JS

7.4 Operation Black Vote. Opportunities to work together with this organisation are to be explored.

JH

7.5 Altona FC visit / Community meeting. Quiz Night scheduled for 4 March. Fundraising night at Ivy house on 10 July. A Race Night will be organised later in the year. Next meeting on these issues will be on 16 February.

DH, JB, AG

7.6 Mental Health Awareness Week, 12 – 18 May. JB working with Mishi Morath and the Football Committee. Considering how we are able to develop links to local charities surrounding the event, including cool tan arts.

JB

7.7 Pecan Foodbank. The original event went extremely well and more permanent arrangements, such as first game of each month are being considered.

7.8 International Women's Day, 8 March. Free tickets being organised for all teams women's teams in south London for the home game v VCD Athletic on 7 March.

7.9 LGBT history month in February. DHFC v Stonewall game on Wednesday. Board members are promoting game in Soho, etc. on Tuesday evening. Events being organised involving the Trust and the football club. DH selling programmes that have been produced for free. JB and FS will work on the shop and selling raffle tickets.

DH, JB, JS, FS, JH

7.10 Football v Homophobia conference on 15 February in Manchester. JS will provide information to the conference on what has been happening at DHFC

JS

7.11 Fixtures notice board outside of ground. AG needs to speak to BTP and if planning application is approved it is likely to be up in 8 – 10 weeks. AG will speak with HPG to request that the name of the Supporters Trust appear on the new board.

AG

8 AOB

8.1 JS will consider revising the current monthly fixture list and take on responsibility for producing and having at the ground for last home game of preceding month.

JS

8.2 FAN. DH and JB attended an early meeting of the Fan Action Network meeting. A manifesto will be produced and we can concentrate on the fan ownership elements. DH to circulate manifesto.

DH

Next meeting: 9 March. Venue TBCF.