

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

Board Meeting Minutes

20 April, 2015, 7.00 pm

Venue – Football club boardroom, Champion Hill, London SE22.

In attendance: Jack Bagnall (JB), Andy Greig (AG), Duncan Hart (DH), James Masini (JM) Chair, Darren McCreery, Eddie Muraszko (EM), Mark Panton (MP) Secretary; Fiona Scurlock (FS).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jonathan Hunt (JH), Robert Molloy-Vaughan (RMV), Isaac Parnell (IP), Jack Spearman (JS).
2. **Last meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from 9 March 2015 meeting. These have been previously been uploaded to the website and therefore have been agreed.

MAIN ITEMS BY OBJECTIVE

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

- 3.1 **Update on latest ground development plans from Hadley Property Group (HPG).** Detailed report received from AFL Architects, via Supporters Direct, reviewing proposals for a new ground. This has been passed on to Hadley Property Group (HPG) / Farrells (architects) and awaiting response on those comments. JM and DM met with Marcus Maine, consultant to Southwark Council concerning a freehold / long-term lease on the area owned by Southwark. Discussions are on-going and the Trust will seek a meeting with councillors after the election.

DM/JM

- 3.2 **Update on outstanding issues linked to HPG and the ground development, including detailed financial information, contracts and lease(s).** Still awaiting further details from HPG. DH and JM will progress.

DH / JM

4. DHFC has an ownership model that involves supporters/community either fully or partly:

- 4.1 **Update from MP on attendance at Supporters Direct (SD) Supporter Ownership in Non-League event on 12 April.** The meeting largely related to issuing of 'Community Shares' and common matters related to supporter ownership, including governance, roles on the board, volunteers, etc. The meeting was attended by

representatives of Banbury United, Bradford Park Avenue, Chelmsford City, Enfield Town and Supporters Direct.

- 4.2 DH update on governance model for supporter owned club.** DH has put considerable effort into this document and he introduced the draft version. All further comments from board members to be sent to back to DH by 27 April. A copy will then be provided to SD for any further comments with a view to involving the wider membership before/at the AGM.

DH/All

- 4.3 Business plan for a supporter owned club.** Still awaiting financial information from HPG, including facilities planning, before this can be started. DH to progress as with item 3.2. Once information has been received there will be wider involvement from other board members and Matt Purser.

DH

- 4.4 Amendments to Dulwich Hamlet Supporters Trust constitution to, amongst other things, allow issue of ‘community shares’.** After a number of conversations with James Mathie of Supporters Direct and amongst board members it was decided that it was not appropriate to put any changes to the members at this stage. There are a number of reasons for this, the main ones being that the existing rules could still be used for any handover from HPG and the timing and basis for that handover are still to be clarified.

MP and FS to discuss with James Mathie of SD further work related to governance, finance and legal planning.

FS/MP

5. DHFC as a transparent and well run football club:

- 5.1 Update on joint issues with the Football Committee.** Discussions on-going re shadowing members of the football committee. The Trust is enthusiastic about promoting new volunteers for both the Football Committee and the Trust. The Trust looks forward to the article from the Committee for posting on the Trust’s social media.

AG

- 5.2 Latest DHST public communication points.** Southwark News has offered to do a further article on the Trust. DH and JM to liaise over further article(s).

DH/JM

- 5.3 Request for detailed financial information on the running costs of the club to HPG.** See item 3.2.

5.4 Football club sponsorship – draw is on 8 May. DHST board members to attend.

6. DHFC has a growing Supporters Trust that communicates regularly with its members:

6.1 Trust Mega Shed

6.1.1 The Shed and merchandise have been a huge success this year, so well done to all members who have worked hard throughout the season to greatly increase the turnover, especially Guy and Eddie who have also dealt with all the online enquiries.

6.1.2 Converted container. Discussions centred on location and payment for a container.

6.1.3 New merchandise ideas and involvement of football club. Suggestion of foam beer can coolers received some interest. DH to liaise with a contact at Four Pure. A school bag prototype shown by AG was favourably received.

Further discussions on all these issues need to be linked to the overall strategy for merchandise and discussed with HPG and Gavin Rose.

AG/DH/EM

6.2 Planning for AGM on 30 June 2015, including potential amendments to constitution. The rules will not be revised at this stage, see item 4.4. The timetable towards the AGM will start on 19 May with an invitation for any new candidates for the board to be sent out to all members. AGM will involve reports from the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Governance group.

All

It was agreed that we should invite questions in advance via social media – details to follow.

DH/JB

It was also agreed to approach Forward The Hamlet with a view to the Chair doing an interview in advance of the AGM

DH/JM

6.3 DHST annual review of Objectives. DH presented a draft of this document, full responses due from all those involved.

DM/JM/FS/MP/EM

6.4 DHST draft accounts. Will be available for the AGM.

EM

6.5 100 Club objectives and use of funds. FS to clarify position on relevant legislation.

FS

7 DHFC has strong links with its surrounding community:

7.1 On-going communications with local councillors, including invites to attend future home games. Meeting with councillors likely to occur post-election.

7.2 Mental Health Awareness Week, 12-18 May. Friendly to be organised vs Peckham Town on Sunday 10 May.

JB/DH

7.3 Organisation for Dulwich Festival at Goose Green on 10 May. Fitzroy Lewis, Community Council Development Officer has been invited. AG, FS, DM, DH, JB, JM, MP all volunteered to attend and work on that date. Timings / rota to be finalised.

IP

Lambeth County Show on 18/19 July – planning nearer the date of the event.

IP

7.4 Fixtures notice board outside of ground. Planning decision is due within next two weeks.

AG

7.5 F v H IDAHOT small grants 2015. Application for funding for T-Shirts to be put in by DH. JS to lead if available, otherwise JB to lead on this.

DH/JB/JS

7.6 SE 22 Magazine advertising. Further negotiations to be carried out with the magazine by JB.

JB

8 AOB

8.1 Unofficial Dulwich Hamlet FC Fans Forum – AG will update with links and information.

AG

8.2 Latest newsletter for members – JB and JM will put together and it will be sent out with notification of the AGM before 19 May.

JB/JM/MP

8.3 Football Committee have offered opportunity of free tickets for game next season for the fairs. DH to liaise.

DH

8.4 Next meeting: 18 May - TBC