



Board Meeting Minutes

7.00 pm, 15 February 2018

The Sun, Coldharbour Lane

In attendance: Alex Crane (AC) (chair), Alex Atack (AA) (vice chair), Duncan Chapman (DC), Dominic Smith (DS), Alex de Jongh (ADJ), Mel Hughes (MH), Mark Scoltock (MS), Peter Wright (PW).

1. Apologies for absence

Isaac Parnell (IP), Nick Pittaway (NP), Peter Campbell (PC), Darren McCreery (DM).

2. Agree January board meeting minutes

The board minutes for January 2018 were agreed.

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

3.1 *Update on recent developments with Meadow Residential*

DHST has had no direct communication with Meadow in the period since the January board meeting.

DHST maintains close contact with members of the Football Committee; as at the date of the board meeting, the Football Committee was awaiting confirmation from Meadow as to whether the Club will receive any profits from the bar for the period since 1 November 2017.

Whilst it is primarily an issue for the Football Committee, the non-availability of Chris Taylor (Meadow's General Manager at Champion Hill) resulting in the postponement of the London Senior Cup quarter final (v Hendon) was noted with concern. The postponement is unsatisfactory for players and management, supporters and volunteers alike, and the fact that it appears that matches cannot go ahead if Chris is unavailable for any reason is a systemic weakness which makes the Club vulnerable to future postponements.

3.2 *Update on recent developments with London Borough of Southwark*

DHST remains actively involved in dialogue with Southwark with the aim of ensuring that the Council is kept fully informed of the issues facing the Club, and that Southwark maintains its efforts to find a resolution to the current impasse. To this end, AC and DC had attended a meeting with representatives of the Council earlier in February.



3.3 *Update on new Southwark plan consultation*

AC reported that he had discussed the New Southwark Plan with DM and James Masini (adviser to the board on planning issues). AC, DM and JM are satisfied that the New Southwark Plan makes suitable provision for DHFC at Champion Hill. AC will either write a letter or complete the Council's online response form in support of the Plan (by the closing date of 27 February 2018).

ACTION: AC to confirm DHST's support of the draft New Southwark Plan insofar as it affects DHFC/Champion Hill.

The board agreed to carry forward one action:

ACTION (from December): AC to draft an article highlighting what DHST and those who have written in support of DHST's concerns, have achieved to date in ensuring that the new Southwark Plan makes suitable provision for DHFC.

4. DHFC is fully owned by its supporters

4.1 *Update on fan ownership*

DHST has renewed its membership of Supporters Direct (£100). Supporters Direct asks supporters trusts to make a donation in addition to the annual membership fee and in view of the pro bono assistance received from SD in the past year, and the importance of the organisation more generally, it was agreed to make a donation of a further £100.

4.2 *Other relevant news from other Supporters' Trusts*

Nothing reported.

5. DHFC is a transparent and well run football club

5.1 *Update on match day operations at the football club (including joint working)*

AC reported that in the past week he had chased Chris Taylor for an update on whether he has signed the Southwark Women's Safety Charter on behalf of DHFC without response.

ACTION: AC to continue to chase Chris Taylor as necessary for an update on whether he has signed the Southwark Women's Safety Charter on behalf of DHFC.



The board agreed to carry forward one action:

ACTION: NP to discuss issues with the Football Committee with a view to passing feedback to Chris Taylor, Meadow's General Manager at Champion Hill. NP to update proposed article when in a position to do so.

5.2 *Review of latest financial accounts for DHFC Limited*

The board agreed to carry forward one action:

ACTION: AC/IP to publish article based on IP's review of the latest accounts filed by Dulwich Hamlet Football Club Limited and Healey Development Solutions (Dulwich) Limited.

5.3 *Update on merchandise incl. IWD / Suffragette scarf*

The limited edition of 100 LGBT History Month scarves sold out before kick off on 3 February.

MS discussed plans for a scarf to mark International Women's Day. It was agreed that this will be limited and will go on sale at the game on 3 March. MS will promote via social media. MS suggested that proceeds should be donated to FBB Warriors (the women's football initiative run by the Club's 2016-17 charity partner, Football Beyond Borders). The Board agreed to this.

The Board discussed a new t-shirt commemorating Nyren Clunis' 100 goals for DHFC. Designs have been drawn up by our volunteer graphic designer and the Board agreed which design to progress.

ACTION: MH/DS/MS to research costs and possible suppliers.

MH is waiting to receive artwork from the Club for the proposed new Club crest. There were concerns raised amongst Board members that, in light of recent events and the ongoing threat to DHFC as a going concern, the associated costs of the Club having to effectively re-brand with the new crest should be considered further.

ACTION: MH to discuss the suitability of the new crest for merchandise.

ACTION: MH to hold discussions with the Football Committee with a view to ensuring that the new crest has appropriate trade mark protection.

AC has amended the DHST ad in match day programme to include reference to DHST online store

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



6.1 *Membership update*

DHST currently has approximately 570 members. A new membership form has been designed and will be printed soon.

ACTION: AC to order new membership forms.

PW reported that we were running low on membership cards. MH thought we still had a number remaining in the container.

ACTION: MH/PW to check before re-ordering.

6.2 *DHST comms*

MS has continued to write articles on behalf of DHST for the SE22 magazine.

ACTION (ongoing): AC to draft further articles for forthcoming match day programmes.

6.3 *Promotion of 100 Club / future 100 Club plans*

The board agreed to carry forward one action:

ACTION (from August): IP/AC to discuss further with 100 Club promoters.

6.4 *Membership consultation*

Following recent discussions with the Football Committee regarding the financial position of the Club, DHST anticipates that it may be asked to increase the financial support it provides to the Club, in the form of loans or other payments. DHST will consult its members to seek their views as to whether the use of DHST funds in the present circumstances would be consistent with DHST's objects and the obligations of the board to act prudently in the best interests of DHST. AC reported that he had drafted the text of the consultation documents which he would circulate to the board with a view to launching the consultation at the end of February.

ACTION: AC to circulate draft consultation document; ALL to comment.

7. DHFC has strong links with all fans and the surrounding community

7.1 *Update on plans for community engagement and supporting other causes*

PC had run a DHST stall at the Copleston Mix event organised by the Copleston Centre (one of the Club's current charity partners) on 10 February. The board placed on record its thanks to Mary Burguieres and Tom Adams who had volunteered to assist PC.



The Club has designated the match on 17 February (v Enfield) as King's/Maudsley day. DHST is not aware of any specific plans.

DHST has been contacted by the Goose Green Primary School PTA with a view to running a stall at its summer fair on Goose Green. This enquiry will be passed to the ASPIRE pre-academy coaches to see if they are able to run a 'Beat the Goalie' activity alongside a DHST stall.

ACTION: PC to make contact with ASPIRE pre-academy coaches.

The Dulwich Festival Fair, also on Goose Green, takes place on 13 May at which DHST plan to have a stall promoting the Club.

IP is working on DHST's application for a pitch at the Lambeth Country Show (21/22 July).

7.2 *Kids competition - monthly fixture posters*

MS plans to launch a competition at the 3 March game for young supporters to produce a design to be used for the April 2018 fixture poster.

Post meeting note: The match was postponed. MS to re-consider alternative date for competition.

7.3 *Intercity 125*

MS has joined the Intercity 125 Committee.

DHST has been asked to sponsor (in effect, purchase) the kit for the tour matches in Hamburg. The board discussed the request with concerns raised over the need for a new kit given that we could just use the current one and the fact that fundraising efforts generally are geared towards the 12th man fund; no decision has yet been taken.

ACTION: MS to update at the next Board meeting.

7.4 *Saturday 14th April - fundraiser*

Following the game on 14 April there will be a joint DHST/12th Man fundraiser party. The East Dulwich Tavern has offered the use of its upstairs room.

ACTION: MS to update on progress at next Board meeting.

ACTION (ongoing): PC to update on any relevant upcoming community events at next meeting.

7.5 *Fixture poster partners scheme*



NP had prepared a revised version of the February fixture poster to reflect the postponement of the Harrow Borough cup fixture.

ACTION (ongoing): NP to provide update on poster partners scheme at next meeting.

7.6 *Volunteering*

NP reported continuing strong support from volunteers, including at the Copleston Mix (above) and at the game to mark LGBT+ History Month.

7.7 *Trust governance and miscellaneous items*

The board agreed to carry forward one item:

ACTION (from July): DM and ADJ to progress review of the DHST's policies and constitution and report back prior to the next board meeting.

8. DHST finances and expenditure

8.1 In advance of the meeting IP provided an update as to DHST's financial position as at the date of the meeting. As at 15 February 2018, DHST funds stand at £72,302.18 (17 January 2018: £76,506) (cash at bank £37,262.94; Paypal £485.24; 100 Club funds £34,554).

8.2 Outgoings since the 17 January 2018 meeting include merchandise supplier invoices totalling £5,300, the donation of £1,430 raised at the Christmas party to the 12th Man Fund (an additional £570 was given directly to the 12th Man on the night), the merchandise profit share for January & February 2018 of £768, and the renewal of DHST's membership of Supporters' Direct (£100 fee plus a £100 donation).

8.3 IP also reported that he has begun work on DHST's accounts to 31 December 2017

ACTION: IP to update at next meeting on progress.

9. AOB

ACTION: MH to explore alternative venue for DHST board meetings.

9.1 *Date of next board meeting*

15 March 2018 - venue tbc.

Meeting ended 9.20.