



LIVIFORLIFE SUPPORTERS TRUST

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2009

Don Paul opened the meeting at 1.00pm and reminded everyone that the AGM was for Trust members only.

PRESENT

See signing in sheet

APOLOGIES

Colin Brown, Gary Carder, Susan Clarkson, Neil Dunsmore, Anne Glasgow, Izzy Melrose, Derek Stark, Hazel Williamson, Gillian Wilson

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman circulated a written report outlining events since the last AGM and the hopes the Trust have for progress in the coming year.

ACCOUNTS

Neil Dunsmore, the current Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting for health reasons so the circulated accounts were presented by Don Paul. He informed that a motion confirming that the accounts would be examined by a suitably qualified independent examiner, rather than a registered auditor, as allowed for in Trust rules, had been passed at the previous year's AGM. [This was due to the cost of the full audit in 2008 being almost £900.] The accounts are awaiting such examination and were presented on that basis. There were no questions and the accounts were approved on a unanimous vote.

TRUST BOARD FOR THE COMING YEAR

Three members of the Board, Don Paul, David Wilson and Ian McCulloch were required to stand down but were available for re-election. Nominations to the Board for the coming year then followed.

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
Don Paul	Dave Stoker	Peter Glasgow
David Wilson	Jane Paul	Dave Stoker
Ian McCulloch	Jack McAulay	David Charles
Jackie Stark	David Charles	Jane Paul
Ged Nixon	Jane Paul	Rose Conway

Further nominations were made for two co-opted members to the Board

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
Peter Glasgow jnr	Peter Glasgow snr	Ged Nixon
Dave Stoker	Don Paul	Rose McAulay

Don thanked retiring members Alan Melrose and Andrew Miller for their years of service on the Trust Board.

PRESENTATION

David Wilson asked members to pay close attention because they would be asked to vote on acceptance of the plan at the close of the AGM.

David then proceeded with the presentation with some further input from Don Paul and Ged Nixon.

Q&A FROM AUDIENCE / FEEDBACK

Question

With reference to recent problems between Clyde FC and North Lanarkshire Council what is the current situation here?

Answer

Because West Lothian Council are currently in negotiation with the present owners it has not been possible for the Trust to have formal talks with them. Informal chats between Trust members and individual councillors indicate that they wish the football club to continue. They would also be willing to listen to any alternative way forward if, for whatever reason, the current owners of Livingston FC were unable to continue.

Question

How much is Livingston FC paying in rent?

Answer

This is not something we have an answer to. It is believed that the rent was £140000 per annum at some time in the past.

Question

Could you envisage a change in the name of the club to incorporate West Lothian as a whole.

Answer

This has not been ruled out. It was further commented that the badge has been tarnished by the image projected by the club in recent years.

Question

Would the field turf be something that could raise revenue?

Answer

The field turf is Council owned. The Trust feels that if negotiations with the council were favourable then it could be used as a revenue raiser in order to maximise income.

Question

How would the Trust see the current debt being paid if the club avoids administration.

Answer

If there is no administration then the current owners would be liable for payment of the debt. It is also possible, however, that a CVA could be put in place in the event of the club being transferred to the Trust.

MEMBERS VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF PLAN AS LFL TRUST BUSINESS MODEL

The question was then put to the members

"Do you support in principle the LFL Trust Community Club business model presented here as a viable way forward should the Trust be required to intervene with a rescue package for the Club."

There was a unanimous vote in favour of the Trust plan.

AOCB

A member expressed the hope that the Trust will make contact with Mr Massone and will work with the club in an effort to avoid administration. The Chairman agreed that this would be desirable.

The Chairman then thanked all members for their attendance at the AGM.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.00PM.