

BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED
(trading as Bees United "BU")

Minutes of Society Board Meeting No.80
held in the Learning Zone, Griffin Park, Braemar Road, Brentford TW8 ONT
at 7.15pm on 26th July 2007.

Present:

Brian Burgess	(BB)	Chairman	Matt Dolman	(MD)
Mark Chapman	(MC)		Trevor Inns	(TI)
Stephen Callen	(SC)		David Hawes	(DH)
Chris Gammon	(CG)	Secretary	Bruce Powell	(BP)
David Merritt	(DM)			

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Natasha Judge, Joe Bourke, Paul Stedman, Brian Sawyer and Jon Gosling.

2. **Quorum**

The chairman declared that the board was quorate.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of Meeting 79 were approved.

4. **Subsidiaries' Operations**

A report from BU nominees on BFC board.

4.1 **BFC Performance Report**

4.1.2 **Budget for 2007/2008**

A proposal was put that following consultation on the budget figures over the previous months that the board resolve to ratify the BFC budget. The board noted the cashflow requirement contained within, and that funds would need to be introduced to the club during the financial year to ensure that the budget could be funded.

The proposal was approved by a majority.

4.1.7 **Griffin Park Improvements**

No report given.

4.1.8 **Major Operational Issues (non confidential)**

No such issues were reported.

4.2 **GPSL Issues**

No new issues were reported.

4.2 **BHL Issues**

No new issues were reported.

5. **BU Finance Report**

TI to give monthly accounts at next meeting. TI to input NJ's fundraising projections in producing BU budget.

ACTION: 79/5 TI

6. Action Plans

6.1 Governance

CG presented a paper for a decision on potential Rule changes, discussed at the last meeting. Proposed rule changes to put forward to members at the AGM were agreed to Rules 20e, 68, 72e, and 116. Amendments to Rule 53, governing the size and composition of the board, were debated in more detail.

There was general agreement that it would be advantageous for the board to have the option of operating at a smaller size than the present minimum of 12; and that a reduction in this number would also raise fewer problems with the resignations of board members between AGMs, noting that last year elections had to be held early to satisfy the minimum board size, and that on other occasions co-options were required to satisfy the same requirement.

The board also felt that the allocation of three board places to loan-note holders' representatives was anomalous, and that the number of co-opted Loan Note holders should be reduced to 2 next year and 1 the year after.

A proposal was put to propose the following to members at the next AGM: the minimum number of board members reduced to six; a new Rule to hold elections annually to bring the number of elected members up to a minimum of nine; and the rule to have a minimum number of co-opted members removed. This was agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that these changes would be dealt with by packaging items clarifying wording, reflecting legislative changes etc. into a single proposal to go to the AGM, and taking substantive changes one by one as separate motions. A proposed amended constitution would be published on the web, and hard copies made available by post to members who requested them, in order that the proposals could be studied by members in advance of the AGM.

ACTION: 80/6.1 CG

6.2 Membership

BP had prepared job descriptions for the Membership Secretary and a potential Administrative Support role. CG is obtaining quote for providing membership, database and mailing services.

6.3 Fundraising

No report given.

6.4 Communications

MC will distribute questions from the Q&A facility for board members to answer, for publication on August 2nd.

ACTION: 80/6.4.1 All

Board members' profiles to be completed for incorporation on website.

ACTION: 80/6.4.2 All

MC will liaise with BP and CG regarding the forthcoming newsletter and mailout.

ACTION: 80/6.4.3 MC/CG/BP

6.5 Community

Board members who had attended reported on the opening of an exhibition of the work of the Community Sports Trust and the Lionel Road plans at the House of Commons. All felt the event had been a success and that the exhibition could prove useful in drawing attention the work of the CST, and the club's development plans.

7. **Any Other Business**

7.1 CG asked for a volunteer to take on the annual membership survey, and liaise with Edmund Paton-Walsh, who had offered assistance with it. MD volunteered.

ACTION: 80/7.1 MD

7.2 DM asked if any progress had been made with the idea of a telephone fund-raising drive – suggesting that it might be tied-in in some way with the Lionel Road project.

ACTION: 80/7.2 NJ

7.3 SC informed the board that he would not be able to attend the next meeting.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 30th August at 7.15pm in the Learning Zone, Griffin Park.

Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.20 pm.

Chairman