

Report of the Blue and Gold Supporters Society AGM
Held at The Queens Arms, London Road, Kings Lynn, 24/02/2011 at 7.30 p.m.

1. Apologies for absence were received from R. Sherring, N. Timms, and the Chairman of KLTFC, K Chapman.
2. The acting Chair, Mr Phil Ellis gave a brief account of events surrounding the formation of the Trust and the demise of KLFC and reminded members that the Trust was the only bidder for the lease of The Walks who kept the supporters informed and up to date with information during the bidding process.

He thanked members for the input which enabled the Trust bid to be formulated in a very short time scale over Christmas 2009: a vital process given that two of the four interested parties did not ultimately proceed with their bids.

Phil re-iterated the aims of the Trust which are published on the Trust website, and which remain the same despite the unsuccessful bid.

The financial position at KLTFC remains unclear regarding Directors loan or Share purchase, although information will be forthcoming when the clubs accounts are lodged at Companies House when due. It is important that supporters are aware of the financial situation at the Club for historical reasons.

3. The audited accounts were presented to the meeting and accepted unanimously. Colin Mowles explained that we were unable to find a local auditor for less than £1600 plus Vat, but had found one via Supporters Direct who had done the necessary work for £250 plus VAT. This had however meant a delay in finalising the audit.

A questioner from the floor asked if any funds were now on deposit. Colin replied that business accounts at present pay less interest than the Co-Op current account which we use, so Trust funds will remain there.

Colin also took the opportunity to thank everyone that had assisted with fundraising activities including Amanda Hodgson for the Christmas Raffle.

4. Membership level at 31/08/2010 were as follows:

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| Adult | 232 |
| Associate | 7 |
| Corporate | 3 |
| In memoriam | 4 |
| Juniors (11 and under) | 148 |

5. It was proposed by P Ellis and seconded by Nigel Link that we appoint Osborne Accountants of Kingston Upon Thames as Auditors, to allow them to sign off these accounts. This was carried unanimously.

C. Mowles advised the meeting that we would not have to have a full audit carried out in future as this was a legal requirement in our first year only. Subsequent accounts will be checked by an accountant.

6. The secretary reported that the Trust had received 7 nominations to fill the 12 vacant positions of Director. All 7 are still valid members of the Trust and are therefore ratified as Directors. They are M. Lane, R. Sherring, N. Timms, J. Gamble, P. Ellis, J. Flanagan, and R. Last, who will all serve for 2 years before standing for re-election.
7. Our objectives for the forthcoming year are to continue to offer assistance to the club whenever possible in an effort to form a meaningful working relationship in the long term.

We also intend to meet regularly with the Council, at their invitation, to discuss the financial situation at the Club. At a recent meeting with the council we presented them with a copy of our accounts and had an informative discussion regarding future legislation which could affect the club and the Trust.

The Trust intends to raise its profile in the community, possibly by working with established organisations in the area. We already have two Trust Directors acting as committee members with Kings Lynn Football in the Community and we hope to use the experience brought to the Trust by our new Board members to raise the profile within the town.

We will also continue to raise funds to strengthen our financial base and facilitate community initiatives.

The Trust welcomes any suggestions from members as to how we can raise our profile in the community.

8. AOB.

P. Ellis thanked members for attending and there was a vote of thanks from the floor for all the work carried out by the committee on behalf of its members since the Trust's inception.

9. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

There was then an informal question and answer session as reported below:

Q. Is it possible to raise the profile of the Trust through the Club?

A. We were originally offered space in the match programme to promote Trust activities. This space has not been forthcoming despite repeated reminders to the Club of their offer.

K Rout reported on his application to become the Clubs community co-ordinator. It had been indicated on the Clubs Facebook page that, whilst unwilling to involve the Trust fully in this role, they would consider an application from an acceptable representative of the Trust. After discussion by Trust Directors it was agreed that Ken should apply and that he was asked to attend for interview. During the interview he stressed that, if appointed to the voluntary position, he would be working closely with Trust officers who have experience in community work in order to maximise the potential of the role. Ken's application was unsuccessful.

Q. Will the Trusts Liaison Officer still continue to meet a representative of the Club?
A. Certainly as the Trust is willing to assist the Club in any way it can.

Q. What is the renewal rate for membership which became due from 19th November 2010?

A. These are running at approximately 60% which is an encouraging level. We also continue to attract new members.

Q. What merchandise is available from the Trust?

A. We have Polo shirts available in white, yellow, royal blue and navy, Hoodies in royal and navy, Fleeces in royal or navy, all in sizes S/M/L/XL/XXL, with the Trust logo on the front and TRUST in the sleeve. We also have Beanie hats with TRUST on the front.

We recently held a photo shoot with items modelled by the Flux Babes and this will feature on our dedicated merchandise page shortly.

All items can be ordered through Ken Rout who posts on the forum as KJR.....just send him a PM.

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