

A report on the Trust Member's meeting held at the Crown and Mitre 1/9/10

The meeting opened with an address to members from Len Candlish, the Trust Chairman.

He stressed to the meeting that the Trust was not set up to take over the Club from whoever happened to be the owners, nor was it set up to run the Club.

However, given the winding up of the Club one week after the Trust was officially launched it was decided that the Trust should bid for the lease from the Council to ensure that the Club was reformed if the three other interested parties at the time did not proceed with their bids (As you are aware two of those bids failed to materialise).

The Trust has had a meeting with the owners of our Club to stress that that we are not in competition with them and the following points were raised at the meeting:-

1. J. Chapman is not happy with the open nature of our forum but the Trust officials cannot accept his reasoning because the forum is well moderated to prevent any personal abuse being posted. Also football is a game of opinions which should be freely expressed and debated. Additionally members of other forums are able to interact with our members and widen our horizons, which can only be good for the Club and the game in general.
2. The Trust asked if KLFC were running away transport for the supporters but were told that they had no plans to do so. Accordingly the Trust obtained a quote for the Desborough trip of £400 for a coach. This would require 31 supporters at £13 per head to breakeven but the support for this trip was not forthcoming so the coach was cancelled. A Trust member (OZ) has agreed to organise any future trips and the Trust are grateful for his input.
3. The Trust has asked KLFC, on three occasions, if it is possible for the Trust to use the clubroom at the Walks and at what cost. We are waiting for a reply.

4. The Trust has asked if it is possible for us to publish a regular article in the matchday programme. We are awaiting a reply.
5. Our Chairman asked for a copy of the letter allegedly sent to the Club by the United Counties League following comments on our forum. We have not, as yet, received a copy.

In an effort to promote dialogue with the Club the Trust has appointed Nigel Link as Club Liaison Officer and all communication will be channelled through him. Nigel is currently trying to set up a meeting with KLTFC. The Trust is still trying to get strategic involvement with the Club but see this as a long term project.

The Chairman then asked for comments and questions from members and these are summarised below.

Q. Have we asked the UCL for a copy of the alleged letter?

A. No. We prefer to wait for the outcome of our next meeting with the Club.

Q. Why don't Trust Officials travel on the coach organised by OZ?

A. Because everyone has their own circumstances which may prevent them from doing so.

Q. What can Trust funds be spent on? For example could the Trust sponsor a player?

A. No. The matter is clearly defined in the Constitution, the rules of which are shown on the website.

The Trust is hoping, with the agreement of its members, to use some funds in promoting links between KLTFC and the wider community. This will obviously be difficult if the Club doesn't welcome this input.

We are also required by our Constitution to hold 'adequate reserves'

On a different note a member commented on the improvements to the ground which have been carried out during the past few months. Len Candlish agreed that the work was long overdue, and although individuals might have differing opinions on some of the work, the ground was looking much better.

Phil Ellis reminded the meeting that this work was partly funded by the Council, with the balance coming from Directors Loans to the Club rather than through direct investment. This means that there is a liability against the Club.

There were no further questions so the Chairman showed a sample of a polo shirt embroidered with the Trust logo. This is the first in a line of merchandising, and can be ordered through any Trust official or, shortly, on-line with payment via paypal.

The meeting closed with Draw 5 of the Lotto which was carried out by one of the members present.