

Details of the open meeting held at the Blue and Gold clubroom on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009

1. Neil Timms, as acting Chair, explained that those attending needed to appoint Officers to head up the sub-groups to take the Trust towards legal formation , official launch, and first AGM. Also to vote on a name for the trust from a short list of 4 which had been narrowed down by the Working Party.

Suggested names were:-

Linnet to win it	( 2 votes )
King's Lynn FC Trust	( 12 votes )
The Walks Supp. Trust	( 0 votes )
Blue and Gold Trust	( 18 votes )

Trust is hereby known as the BLUE AND GOLD TRUST.

2. Election of the steering group.

CHAIR	Neil Timms	Prop. Matt Manning	Sec. Tony Mowles
SECRETARY	Phil Ellis	Prop. Lynsey Rout	Sec. Julian Gamble
TREASURER	Tony Mowles	Prop Ray Sheering	Sec. Phil Ellis
MEMBERSHIP			
OFFICER/S	Ken Rout/Jamie Heaphy	Prop. Len Candlish	Sec. Robert White
MEDIA OFFICERS	Rob Bunting/Julian Gamble	Prop. Ken Rout	Sec. Danny Suckling
CLUB LIAISON OFFICER	Lee Calton	Prop. ?	?
SUPPORTERS DIRECT			
LIAISON OFFICER	Lynsey Rout	Prop. Ray Sheering	Sec. Tony Mowles
FUNDRAISING	Ray Sheering	Prop. Rob Bunting	Sec. Jamie Heaphy
COMMUNITY			
REPS.	Julian Gamble/Matt Mannion	Prop. Bob Britton	Sec. Lee Calton

The Officers listed above were duly elected by the meeting.

3. The meeting then divided into sub-groups to discuss their particular areas of interest, reforming later to report back to the meeting as a whole. The deliberations of each group are reported below, in no particular order.

CONSTITUTION ( Phil Ellis, Bob Britton, Len Candlish, Steve Grainger, Lynsey Rout)

This is vital as it enables the Trust to benefit from the expertise at Supporters Direct. It also protects the interests of the Trust membership ( The Secretary acts as the conscience of the Trust, just as the Trust acts as the conscience of the Football Club.)

The Trust will register with the FSA as an INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

The cost of this could be as high as £750 which will be funded by Supporters Direct ( although we have to find the money first).

The model rules ( Constitution) can be tweaked but not radically altered.

Before the first AGM the Board of the Trust will need to practise due diligence in that the accounts will need auditing and appropriate returns made to the FSA.

Bonds could be given to members on a yearly basis

Directors Liability insurance could be claimed back from SD

A statement needs to be made in the Constitution regarding VAT

The Constitution can be amended at an AGM or EGM if necessary.

Normally takes 3 months to process the registration but could be fast-tracked in exceptional circumstances.

MEMBERSHIP( Jamie Heaphy, Ken Rout, Tony Mowles, Adam Parsons, Mark Hollis, Jim Heaphy )

No membership forms can be issued until the IPS is formed because the Registration Number and other details have to be shown on the forms.

We will use the membership form template as shown on the SD WIKI site for adult/ concession ( ie voting) members.

We will use a simpler form ( designed by Joshua Yates) for Blue and Gold Juniors and Blue and Gold Army members.

Membership form will have sections for:- personal details / standing order details ( the preferred method of payment ) / loans to the Trust / donations to the Trust plus a section to allow football club shareholders to either donate their shares to the Trust or to give the Trust a proxy vote at the club's AGM.

Members will receive a share certificate which entitles them to vote.

Annual Membership fees will be :- £10 for an adult, £5 for 60's and over, with the junior fee under discussion by the Community sub-group.

The initial fee gives a life time membership plus the right to vote at the first AGM. Subsequent annual fees renew the voting rights.

Voting is strictly on a one person one vote basis, however much a person may have given to the Trust via loans/ donations etc. ( In other words it is your annual membership fee that secures your vote.)

Under 16's cannot vote. However, 13 to 15 year olds will be encouraged to form their own committee and elect a chairman to sit in on Trust Board meetings and report back.

Under 18's cannot become a Trust Board Member

At an AGM / EGM those eligible to vote will be given a voting card on the night.

Membership will be on an annual rolling basis, ie if you join in June you renew in June, if you join in December you renew in December.

Membership details will be held on a data base which is available from SD, free the first year then at a cost of £25 a year to the Trust. This can be used to send out newsletters etc.

Initial membership will be available at the launch meeting with possibly a stall at home games with the Club's permission.

COMMUNITY ( Julian Gamble, Joshua Yates, Matthew Lane, Tim Morton, Leon Ashton-Leatherland, Rob Bunting, Lee Calton )

A desire to return youth to the club by creating a community of kids at the Club.

B and G Juniors    New born to 12 years old

B and G Army      13 to 15 years old

Membership will be FREE with the Trust looking for sponsorship to cover the £1 to £1.50 annual cost to the Trust for each Junior. ( This figure is based on Cambridge United Trust's experience )

The annual cost of the B and G Army membership to be met by the Trust.

Section for Juniors on the Trust web-site

Birthday cards

Christmas party

Tour of ground and meet the players on a match day ( this happened at the ground last season, run by Heather Bobbins, who is keen to meet with the Trust to develop the idea ).

Also talking to the club re a dedicated family area in the Stand.

Trust is negotiating with the Club to get match day admission for B and G Trust under 16's for £1

FUNDRAISING ( Ray Sheering, Colin Mowles, Andy Wilson, Herbert Pursell, Danny Suckling, Ben Gray, Neil Holland, Julian Featherby. )

We need to find new sources of revenue which don't cut across Club commercial or match day activities. ( Question was raised in the open meeting re the possible conflict between the Trust and the Supporters Club. This should not be an issue as they are completely different entities. Discussions have taken place, and will continue to take place with Gordon Chilvers to ensure that there is no problem in the future. Incidentally, we are buying T shirts through GC printed with 'Heggisms'. )

Fund raising will start immediately in a small way, building up to something more ambitious as we become established. ( All ideas are welcome )

There will be a quiz night at the B and G on 7<sup>th</sup> August, organised by Dickie Watson ( If you've been to one of his before you will know that he sets a good quiz. )

WEBSITE ( Neil Timms, Amanda Hodgson, Tim Smith )

We have had an offer to design and host [blueandgoldtrust.org.uk](http://blueandgoldtrust.org.uk) ?????(Has this got supporter in it?)

Competition to design a logo - contact schools etc.

Basic content - home page / contact us / forthcoming events / B and G Juniors and Army / who's who page / aims page / link to membership application PDF format / FAQ / NO forum page.

Each sub-group will have an e-mail address for ease of contact

Club has asked Trust to take over the Linnets forum but we have said NO.

No Club shop on line at the moment as this would compete with the Supporters club but a possibility for the future through discussion. ( would need funds / loan to buy stock )

Advertising links to raise funds ( club forum has a link to Amazon which in theory should bring money into the club but it is poorly promoted and little used ) Also possible link to quidco.com which pays a small percentage

## NEXT MEETING

Each sub-group will set their own time table but will liaise with other groups.

Priority is to register the rules ( Constitution ) as everything else is dependent on this.

For example, we cannot produce membership application forms till we have the IPS registration number to include on the form, nor can we open a bank account with the CO-OP. ( The Trust has opened a temporary, no cost, bank account with Lloyds TSB...signatorys on that account are Julian Gamble, Lynsey Rout, and Richard Watson. )

We also need the legitimacy that registration infers on us.