#### **Blue & Gold Supporters' Trust**

# Directors' Meeting Crown & Mitre Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009

#### Minutes

Attendees: Neil Timms Amanda Hodgson Julian Gamble

Ray Sherring Colin Mowles Len Candlish (notes)

Apologies: Matt Lane

In attendance at the request of the directors:

Nigel Barrett Phil Ellis Ken Rout Jamie Heaphey

- 1. This meeting was convened in response to the receipt of the selection criteria for the new tenants of the Walks Football ground. A copy of the in-depth requirements was handed to all in order that they could be read and discussed. The Chairman stressed the importance of the task ahead, as well as the requirements, skills and dedication required to run a football club. After lengthy discussion all directors were asked to comment on the task ahead, and to confirm their agreement to go ahead with the bid for the lease of the football ground. Through a vote, all 6 directors present confirmed that the Trust should press ahead with it's bid for the lease, and should the Trust succeed, they were all confident that the Trust could successfully meet all the necessary requirement to run a new community based football club in King's Lynn.
- 2. One of the requirements in the criteria, was to detail the structure of the new organisation. After discussion it was agreed that the Trust board and committee would remain in place under it's current structure. The football club would be run by a separate board of Directors, supported by the Trust. Neil Timms stated that although he was more than willing to remain as the Chairman of the Trust, he would be unable to dedicate the time to running a football club. The personnel who were going to fill strategic managerial roles in the new club had to be named in the bidding process. It was agreed by all present that the following Trust members would fill these roles:-

A. Chairperson - Len Candlish
B. Vice-Chairperson - Amanda Hodgson

B. Company Secretary - Phil Ellis

C. Financial Director - Nigel Barrett

All four of these personnel have to supply a cv to accompany the bid.

**3.** The following members agreed to complete the following elements of the requirement:-

A. Business Plan - Julian Gamble

B. Cash Flow/Financial Forecast - Phil Ellis & Nigel Barrett

C. Marketing Plan - Neil Timms
 D. Health & Safety Policy - Len Candlish
 E. Equal Opportunities Policy - Len Candlish

**4.** As part of the bidding process, a 10 minute presentation would have to be given to the Selection Panel on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 2:50 pm. It was decided that the following members would attend the selection process:-

Julian Gamble, Phil Ellis, Nigel Barrett and Len Candlish

All 4 have agreed to co-ordinate and prepare the presentation.

**5.** There are a number of ambiguous/unclear statements and requests within the criteria. Julian Gamble has undertaken to have these issues clarified at the earliest opportunity.

### **Action:** Julian Gamble

- 6. The Chairman stated that he had been in contact with David Handley with a view to having a meeting to determine if there was any common ground in the bids for the lease. Likewise, Phil Ellis had been in contact with Buster Chapman in an attempt to arrange a meeting for the same purpose. Although both parties have agreed to meet with the Trust, no dates or times have been set.
- 7. Some discussion took place with regards to Trust communication with it's Members. Apparently there have been some disquiet regarding a lack of communication, albeit most of this has been aired on the KLFC forum, and by posters who are not Trust members. It was agreed that statements would only be made in proactive manner, and only when there was substantive news to be relayed. The Trust will not be drawn into reacting to unsubstantiated or unfounded postings on the KLFC forum. It was also agreed that all statements will be published on the Blue and Gold website. A link from the forum to the website may be published. Since launching on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009, the Trust stated it's aims at the launch event, has held an open meeting for all KLFC fans, has produced 3 major press releases and has used the forum and the Trust website to relay relevant and meaningful information.

8. In preparation for moving forward, it has been decided to make contact with as many people who were actively involved in the running of the previous club. The purpose is gauge their interest in becoming involved in the new club, and to tap into their vast experience. It was also agreed that it would be essential to resurrect the management committee to organise and oversee match-day activities. Ken Rout has agreed to undertake this role.

## Action: Ken Rout

**9.** Julian Gamble informed the Directors, that he planned to go ahead with the quiz night in January 2010. He has secured the Masonic Centre on the North Lynn Industrial Estate as the venue. The date is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 at 7pm for a 7:30pm Start.

### Action: Julian Gamble

**10.** The Chairman thanked everyone for attending at such short notice. The next steering group meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7:15 pm in the Crown & Mitre.