

Supporters Meeting

7pm Monday 24 April 2017

Palmerston Park

Attendance – Mark Blount, Christine Findlater, Daniel Armstrong, Andy Cowan, Sandra Brown, Betty Brown, Kevin Hunter, Gordon Harper, Gordon Harper (senior), Nathan Maxwell, Robbie Purdie, John Nelson, Louise Currie, Jayne Pringle, Eric Slaven, Ian Mcartney, Don Cruikshank, Terry Cullen, Iain Wright, Rab McKinnel, Alistair Miller, Jim Stuart

Apologies – John Jarvie, Craig Bryson, Ali Cronie, John Johnstone and Krista Clark

Mark Blount opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and going through the minutes of the previous meeting from 6 March 2017

Eric Slaven pointed out that the Disabled Association had raised £410 with their bucket collection and thanked Jayne Pringle and Queens Trust for helping out with this.

Eric has also had a look at the possibility of a ramp in the new stand. It would need to be 30 feet long because of the height of steps. Looking at a cost of £2,500-£3,000 for a metal ramp. Will speak to the chairman about this.

It was also suggested we contact Jim Ireland at the Loreburn Centre who might be able to assist us with advertising our games etc.

Dan Armstrong then gave a talk on his work in the community. Easter camps were a great success. Wednesday club has increased in numbers especially after the visit of the first Team. Dan is presently working alongside Cash for Kids and Greggs Bakers on a breakfast club at Lochside Primary with 15 kids attending. The trophy tour visited Palmerston this evening with 32 kids attending the £1 to play football for two hours and the chance to have their photo taken with the two trophies.

SLO Meeting at Perth – Mark then gave a brief talk on the meeting that himself and Christine had attended at St Johnstone FC. They both felt this very beneficial and the speakers were excellent.

Guid Nychburris Parade Entry – It is intended that the club will have an entry into the Guid Nychburris Parade this year. Dan organised this last year and involved many schools in this. The plan is to do the same this year and get many more kids involved.

Fun Day – Christine suggested a fun day (morning) on the day of Derek Lyles testimonial. A training session for kids, raffle, programme signing etc. An ideal

opportunity to hopefully have some club legends involved and sell the new strips. Christine will speak to club regarding this.

End of Season Awards – End of season awards will be held on the pitch at the final whistle at the last game of the Season. The players will then visit the Globe Inn (Market Square) New Bazaar and then the Travel Club Dance at the rugby club. Christine also stated that tickets were on sale for the Travel Club dance and were available from committee members.

Tannoy Announcements – Will promote Travel Club times for away games and anything else that Supporter clubs request.

A.O.B. - Jim Stuart raised the question of why the gate was always locked between car parks. It was stated that residents had asked for this to be done. Would it be possible for this gate to be opened at 20's games to save people having to walk round the long way.

Christine informed everyone that Derek Lyle would be having a testimonial game on Sunday 25 June 2017.

Christine also suggested that future Agenda's be put on the club official site for people to view before attending meetings.

It was proposed that we ask the South of Scotland league about changing their kick of times to allow people to attend Queens games aswell.

It was also suggested that we invite visiting teams to bring along youth teams to play at half time. This is something that we hope to incorporate for next season.

Shirt Draw will take place this Thursday at 7.30 pm in the Hospitality Lounge. Mark thanked everyone who had already entered for this.

Eric Slaven asked where the home fans with wheelchairs would be situated for Derek Lyle's game since Rangers Legends have the whole new stand. Christine to look into this.

It was suggested we approach a sponsor and have t-shirts printed to promote Queen of the South for the younger generation.

A question was raised regarding the World of Sport Stadium. Mark replied by saying this was still ongoing.

