

# **Supporters Meeting**

## **7pm Monday 6 March 2017**

### **Palmerston Park**

**Attendance – Mark Blount, Christine Findlater, Gary Naysmith, Dougie Anderson, Andy Cowan, Sandra Brown, Betty Brown, Kevin Hunter, Ewan Lithgow, Ali Cronie, Gordon Harper, Gordon Harper (senior), Tom Harper, Nathan Maxwell, Robbie Purdie, John Nelson, Eric Slaven, Ian Mcartney, Don Cruikshank, Paul Scase, Jim Stuart, Mark McCreadie, Ross Corbett, Iain Wright, Alistair Miller, Andrew Pattie, Ted Davidson, V Haining, Grant Hamilton, Malcolm Johnstone**

**Apologies – Krista Miller, John Jarvie, Rab McKinnel, Jayne Pringle, Dan Armstrong, John Johnstone**

**Mark Blount opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and going through the minutes of the previous meeting on 24 April 2017**

**Gary Naysmith and Dougie Anderson then gave a comprehensive talk on pre-season and thoughts for the season ahead.**

**Players started back training last week. Training has now changed venue to Hamilton Palace. Manager feels training facilities are better. Some of the players will stay in hotel during the week to avoid them having to travel as much. Gary stated that he would like to add 2 or 3 more players to the squad but he also stated that they would be running with a small squad.**

**There are three friendlies arranged which Gary felt was enough since we have four cup games to play before the start of the league.**

**Colt teams were discussed and views heard from various fans and Gary. The consensus was that it wouldn't be a good thing for the league. It was thought the old reserve system would be more beneficial. However, people realised that something was wrong with the system the way it is due to the lack of real class coming through at international level, so something had to be changed.**

**Derek Lyle Testimonial – Derek Lyle's testimonial game will take place this weekend, Sunday 25 June. Approximately 700 tickets have been sold at present with hospitality being sold out and 25 mascots. List of players/teams is now available on website.**

**Shirt Draw – Shirt draw figures were down on last year but still the 4<sup>th</sup> highest since we started . Mark stated 1,000 leaflets had been sent out. Shirt Draw is good revenue for the club and it is felt that this is still the way to go.**

**Guid Nychburris Parade Entry** – Unfortunately Dan Armstrong had to cancel this due to lack of support and help.

**Fun Day** – Fun Day/morning will be run on the morning of Derek Lyle's testimonial. A training session for primary school children from 10 o'clock -12 o'clock. Shop will be open for the purchase of new strips etc.

**Half Time Entertainment** - Christine stated that she was looking for help with organising half time entertainment.

**Posters/Advertising for future games** – The Trust have made Posters for most of the games last season and Christine asked Jim Stuart if the Trust would be able to do this again this season. Jim Stuart said he would find out.

**Lights Terracing** - The lights are not working on the terracing. Kevin to look into this. It was also stated lights in car park were not working at times.

**A.O.B.** - Mark stated Belfred home games have been set at prices of £10 (Adults) £5 (Concession) and free for kids under 16. Still awaiting to hear from other clubs.

**Loreburne Centre-** Mark had been in touch with Jim Ireland at the Loreburne Centre and he had said he would help if he could with a stall or banner.

The club will be running summer camps for primary school children and secondary school children. It is hoped that we might encourage some of the secondary children to attend matches as we are lacking in this age group. Kids on the week summer camps will receive free Junior Blue season tickets. We were running a camp for secondary school children this year, it was thought that maybe some of these lads who were getting JB tickets could be approached to see if they were interested into coming to games and making Palmerston noisy again with the help of their friends. Dan and Eddie to look into this. St.Johnstone had done a similar thing and given the youngsters a separate section to try and create an atmosphere.

**Centenary Book** will hopefully be on sale Christmas 2018. A5 size with 400 pages which will include stats etc. It will also come out in a signed hardback limited edition.

Still awaiting to hear from Leeds regarding game.

Mark stated that the documentation has been done for the World of Sport and is ongoing and it will go to a meeting in London to hopefully encourage investors

Ross Corbett stated that he felt that a lot of clubs has their season tickets on sale much earlier than Queens. Ewan stated one of the reason's for this was manpower. It was also felt that having them on sale for at least 8 weeks before the season gave people enough time. The clubs that were advertising on their websites did have a bigger fanbase than ourselves and maybe their numbers were worth shouting about.

