



Minutes of the NFFC Supporters Club Meeting

Dransfield Stadium Boardroom

27 October 2024, 1:00 pm

Attending: Tom Rickwood (mins), Mark Leighton, David Worrell, Anthony Wood (via WhatsApp), Brian Sugarman, Steve Dale, Mike Birney, Jill Thornton, John Lawson, Julian Wild, Jason Stevens-Read, Martin Wood, Rod Chambers,

1. Welcome and Introduction to Committee Members

ML welcomed members to the meeting and each committee member introduced themselves, as follows:

- Mark Leighton - Chair
- Jason Stevens-Read (Vice Chair)
- Tom Rickwood - Secretary
- Steve Dale - Treasurer
- Rod Chambers - Committee Member
- Mike Birney - Committee Member
- James Chestney - Committee Member

2. Apologies

Apologies are listed below.

3. Last Meeting Minutes (04.08.24)

The last minutes were agreed with no matters arising

4. Membership Update

ML confirmed that the current membership stands at 251. This is a magnificent achievement and it is important to maintain momentum and attract new members. Thanks to all for the fantastic commitment and support.

4.1 Membership benefits

The meeting felt that the membership package offered excellent value for money, particularly with the calendar of events and activities available to members.

4.2 Membership cost

It was agreed that the standard membership package would remain the same. However, it was decided that from next season (2025-26), supporters will be offered the following:

- 1 Year membership - £10
- 3 Year membership - £25
- Pitch Squares - 100 squares will be offered annually at £10 each

The above will be reviewed again for 2027-28. Consideration to be given to the content and preparation of the membership package for the 2025-26 season. It is intended that a draft Pack will be produced for the AGM in April 2025.

5. Communication/Social Media

Facebook, Twitter (X) and WhatsApp channels will remain the same. The meeting fully supported the club's continued use of WhatsApp to 'push' information to members.

6. Constitution

There are no required changes to the Constitution from this meeting.

7. Bank Balance

Steve Dale updated the meeting regarding financial transactions and the current balance which at the time of the meeting was £2.2K.

8. Calendar of Events and Fund-Raising

8.1. Design a Flag Competition - the competition closes on 27 October. Honorary Club Member Gill Hare has kindly agreed to judge the entries and decide on 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

8.2 Fans Forum - This is going ahead with Chris Bolder and Paul Robson on 30 October. Nick Quantrill is hosting.

The meeting discussed the next 'Evening With' which is planned for December and due to a busy festive period, it was agreed for this to be changed to January. The meeting discussed various players to invite including the players from the Women's team. Nick Quantrill will be contacted with a request to host the event.

9. Away Coach Travel

There are eleven away coach trips this season with seven trips remaining. The meeting agreed the coach travel represents amazing value at just £10. All previous trips were sold out with limited seats remaining for future trips. The meeting thanked Les Hare for making the travel facility available to supporters club members.

10. Matchday Resources

10.1 Litter Collection - Thanks were given to those who carry out post-match litter collection. Tom Rickwood will maintain contact with those supporters involved in the work.

10.2 Raffle Ticket Sales - Thanks were also given to those who sell pre-match raffle tickets. It was agreed that further communication would be circulated to attract additional raffle ticket sellers.

11. Football Club Activities/Events

11.1 Super Draw subscription - Anthony Wood manages the Super Draw and highlighted the monthly cash prizes for Draw members, and the minimum

monthly amount is £5. Additionally, the money generated through the draw subscriptions goes directly to the ongoing development of the football club. Anthony Wood confirmed that new members can join by completing the Super Draw form available on the club's website or a paperless process can be completed to join the Super Draw via Go Card.

It was agreed that the Supporters Club would send more information to members on how to join.

11.2 Annual Christmas Draw 2024 - Tickets are available via the online shop and will be drawn in the clubhouse on 23.12.24. The Supporters Club will be donating £50 worth of prizes.

11.3 Sportsman Dinner - The event is at the Mercure Hotel in Willerby on Friday 31 January and the guest speaker is **John Beresford (ex-Newcastle United)**. More information to follow from the football club. Discussion ensued regarding the event.

11.4 FA Trophy - 10th Anniversary Reunion - This is being arranged by the football club and will take place on Sunday 30th March at the Mercure hotel in Willerby. More information to follow.

12. Any Other Business

13.1 John Rawding - ML reported the sad news of John Rawding's passing and confirmed that John's funeral will be held at the Haltemprice Crematorium on Tuesday 24 October at 10:30. John supported the Villagers for many years and was a huge advocate for the club as a season pass-holder, player sponsor and supporting club member and he will be sadly missed. Les Hare is consulting with John's brother Bob regarding a tribute at the Newton Aycliffe match on 30 November

13.2 Poppy badges - We have sold 170 out of the two hundred badges which have currently raised £186 for the British Legion. The aim is to sell all the badges before Remembrance Day on 11 November to raise additional funds.

13.3 Goals and Shutouts (GaSO) - Mike Birney reported that £300+ has been generated from the Goals and Shut Outs.

13.4 Bob Hare - The Supporters Club passed on best wishes to Bob Hare and wished him a speedy recovery. The Club looks forward to seeing both Bob and Sandra back at the Dransfield soon.

13.5 Sponsored Walk to Grimsby Borough - Tom Rickwood has arranged a sponsored walk to the Villagers away game with Grimsby in February with all proceeds to club funds. Tom Rickwood to arrange a Just Giving page for donations

13.6 Temporary Marquee for Promotions - Jill Thornton raised the possibility of acquiring a foldaway marquee to promote club activities. It was agreed to add to a future agenda for further consideration.

13.7 Showing the FA Trophy Final in the Clubhouse – Jill Thornton suggested showing the FA Trophy Final on the clubhouse TVs to coincide with the date of the final. It was agreed to add to a future agenda for further consideration.

Apologies

James Worrell

Bob Hare

Malcolm Dale

Neil Henderson-Begg

Christine Henderson-Begg

Matthew Kempson

Mark Chestney

Lindi Brown

Devon Bowes

Paul Bowes

Simon Beevers

Phil West

Peter Bacon

Dave Reynolds

Ian Buffey

Mark Lambert

Hollie Lambert

Aaron Brown

Mark Tarbotton

Elizabeth Dennett

Mike Dennet

Oliver Dennett

James Dennett

Mike Tyler

Beth Tyler

Jon Brooke

Wayne Stark

Steve Himsworth

Melvyn Marriott

Tony King

Geoff Tuplin

Mike Ripton

Lee Walker

Dave Nightingale

Emma Dodworth

James Holmes

Clive Musson

Nigel Richardson

Mike Clemson

Michael Betts

Nick Quantrill

Brian Darvell

Mike Dixon

Bob Rawding

Neil Baxter

Matthew Baxter

Jeff Gill

Simon Beevers

Scott Davy

Harry Atkin

Phil West

Dennis Wright