

Meeting of the Steering Committee of the BRIS Trust held at The Memorial Ground, on 24.11.03

Minutes

Present; Nigel, Debs, Jake, Andy H, Giles, Mark, Andy P & representing the Supporters Club Sue L.

Apologies; Gillian, Ian, Oly.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

- Minutes of the meeting held on 10.11.03 were read, approved and entered into the record.

2. Treasurer's Report

- In the current account there is £15,506.73p Donated income by means of direct debit is £687 monthly, with an additional £80 being received quarterly. Income from direct debit being received annually stands at £250.

3 Secretary's Report

- We currently have 544 shareholding members.

4. Matters Arising

- Leaflet distribution proceeding well.
- 18th April is the date for the schools rugby tournament. There is provision to move this forward by one week should club commitments make this necessary. The age of those participating will be 10/11 years. There will be 16 teams in four pools of four. The favoured title is 'The Bristol Shoguns tournament sponsored by the Evening Post and competing for the BRIST Cup'. Soundings will be made to see if a member of England's World Cup squad might be available to present the medals on the day and also if it might be possible to have the World Cup present at the Mem' on the day.
- A collection in aid of the Tom Woolrich fund was confirmed for the Manchester Game on 21st December.
- The 'Oxford Letter' will soon be on its way.
- Arrangements for the BRIST meeting on the 3rd December are complete, all the speakers have confirmed availability and all necessary equipment has been booked.

5. Discussion Items

- Andy reported the results of his preliminary investigations into the idea of a 'BRIST/Club' lottery. Set up costs can be very modest; for example, registration with a regulating authority would require less than £40 for a lottery of below £250k per annum. Operating costs vary according to whether we set up our own lottery or opt into an existing one. If successful the income a lottery generates is substantial. Andy to follow up with a couple of football lotteries to explore the practicalities further.

6. Any Other Business

- None

7. Time, Date and Venue of Next Meeting.

- Tuesday 6th January @ 7.30pm, Executive Lounge, Memorial Ground.