

Meeting of the Steering Committee of the BRIS Trust held at The Memorial Ground, on 06/01/04

Minutes

Present; Nigel, Jake, Andy, Giles, Mark, Gillian, & representing the Supporters Club Sue L & Mike W

Apologies; Ian & Debs.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

- Minutes of the meeting held on 24.11.03 were read, approved and entered into the record.

2. Treasurer's Report

- In the current account there is £16,362.57p 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 545 shareholding members.

4. Matters Arising

- Leaflet distribution is currently targeting a meeting of the combination clubs due at the end of January.
- Andy reported that £3,000 of "Sportsmatch" funding has been secured to assist the club's community team in meeting the additional expenses they will incur in preparing for the 'Schools' Festival'. The provision of appropriate supervision for the children, on the day of the event, may yet cause a problem if the schools themselves cannot fulfil this requirement. It is likely to be the end of January, at the earliest, before this situation is clarified.
- It was agreed that any further development of the lottery idea ought to be discussed with the new General Manager. Jake agreed to talk to Andy P to find out what information he has been able to obtain on the operational experiences of other clubs running similar schemes. The committee remain keen to progress this idea.

5. Discussion Items

- The next issue of the newsletter is due out soon. Pieces were offered on the Schools Festival, the recent BRIST meeting and the forthcoming elections. It was agreed that there should be no shortage of positive things to report.
- Oly reported back on last night's meeting with the owners. It was generally agreed to have been a positive event. Subsequent discussion centred on the request from the owners that a common position be agreed between BRIST and the Supporters' Club as to which body should hold any 'golden share' that the club may see fit to create. Sue suggested that it should reside with BRIST and offered to sign a joint letter together with Ian to that end.

6. Any Other Business

- Jake reported on the off-field match-day activities at Newport Rugby Club and offered them as a model of what might be possible at the Mem' to improve the experience here. It was suggested that here was something else to discuss with the new General Manager
- Sue offered the committee sight of her letter inviting J. Lewsey to attend the Schools' Festival before it was sent.
- Giles reported that an auditor will soon need to be appointed to begin work on the end of year accounts.

7. Time, Date and Venue of Next Meeting.

- Monday 26th January @ 7.30pm, Executive Lounge, Memorial Ground.