

# Meeting of the Steering Committee of the BRIS Trust held at The Memorial Ground, on 02/03/04

## Minutes

Present; Jake, Andy, Giles, Mark, Gillian, Nigel, Debs & representing the Supporters Club Mike.

Apologies; Ian, Oly & Sue

### 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

- Minutes of the meeting held on 18/02/04 were read, approved and entered into the record.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- In the current account there is £15741.19p Donated income by means of direct debit is £590 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 556 shareholding members.

### 4. Matters Arising

- The second members newsletter is on schedule to be mailed next week following an envelope stuffing session at 'The Welly' on 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- Deb reported back on the meeting of the Club's management board recently attended by representatives of BRIST. At this meeting the club's representatives were asked directly if they could name the sum of money that BRIST would need to raise to merit a seat on the main board of the club. They club were unable to immediately name a figure, but undertook to get back to BRIST with a considered response to this question at a subsequent meeting.

### 5. Discussion Items

- It was resolved that the next BRIST open meeting will be held sometime during May of this year and would take the form of a review of the season just concluded and a look forward to the summer's events.
- The concept of a Trust 'Beer/Wine' is proving difficult to progress. It will be an expensive thing to launch without a compliant base to sell from and this we will not have. Even 'Free' houses are tied to a degree. There was a lot of resistance to developing this idea if it was going to cost any significant sums of money. There was some interest shown in the idea of certain pubs acting as ticket agents for the club, but it was agreed that it would be for the club to develop this idea further if they also saw merit in it.

### 6. Any Other Business

- Jonny Ellis, the club's new Commercial Manager, has expressed interest in partnering BRIST in mounting publicity efforts at the major civic events of the forthcoming summer i.e. The Harbour Festival, The Balloon Fiesta, etc. These will also be a good opportunity to distribute the remainder of the BRIST promotional leaflets.
- The idea of producing a special trophy, similar in style to the 'player of the month' trophies, to be presented to Ben Sturnham on the occasion of his retirement, met with general approval.

7. Time, Date and Venue of Next Meeting.

- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004, in the Executive Lounge of the Memorial Ground @ 7.30 pm.