

Ravens Supporters Board Meeting - Monday 18th December 2023

In Attendance

Christina Andrews, Nigel Beer, Mike Buckingham, Adrian Elms, Greg Jones, Ian Micklewright, Andrew Miller, Roy Oliver, Ian Pettyfer, Richard Simpson, Sue Spencer, and Georgie Weaver.

Apologies

Paul Messenger.

Guests

Mark Hammond and Jeff Hutton.

Meeting started with a presentation from Mark Hammond regarding the clubs aims going forward -

3 Pillars

- 3000 average home gate.
- Financial Sustainability.
- Promotion to the EFL

More details to follow at next meeting.

- Whos who? Website to be updated

Mark Hammond left the meeting.

- Minutes from previous meeting approved.
- The board welcomed new board member Andrew Miller.

The board asked Jeff Hutton to pass on our congratulations to the Ladies team for the amazing achievement of reaching the 2nd round of the FA Cup.

Also the board acknowledges the improved entrance to Broomfields.

Issues raised by supporters and board members that required club responses.

Supporters Portacabin Toilets – Not cleaned, poorly maintained, broken locks etc.

JH – will report this to our new maintenance person and ensure that there is an improvement and repairs are completed.

Update on Broken Seats

JH – No further update at present.

Potholes on entrance road.

JH – The road has joint responsibility – us and Nuffields, these holes are being caused due to Badger setts which is resulting in problems legally as to how they can actually be repaired.

Post Match – Can the entrance road be closed to vehicles from Hayes lane for 10-15 minutes to allow crowds to disperse?

JH- Will look into the feasibility of this and get back to us.

Personalised paving stones/bricks

JH – The club is looking into the option of incorporating these into the wellbeing garden.

JH- Provide Wellbeing Garden update – C Jacobs has obtained a quote for the work – around £40k, The club are researching other quotes – Hopefully have updates at the next meeting.

Update on the broken equipment in the external food outlets.

Mike Buckingham with pick this up with Will Grint and update at next meeting

Transfer of outstanding 100 club Monies –

JH – There is an outstanding balance of £10,040.00 which the club are holding in trust for the protection of club, support and 100 club members.

Money from any future draws will be transferred over to the new bank account.

Sue Spencer will put together a Memorandum of Understanding regarding these monies so that we are all in agreement as to how the monies is used, who are signatories, decision making etc.

Issued that have already been concluded in previous meeting – see previous minutes on website for responses

Nets behind goal.

Supporters' coaches.

Jeff Hutton left the meeting.

Outstanding Board Issues.

Length of service of board members –

Discussed that board members should if they wish serve 3 years, after this period they would be able to put themselves up for re-election for a further 3 years.

Length of service – for positions on the board (chairman, Vice etc) – All the positions on the board should be reviewed annually, at this time if another board member wishes to put themselves up for a position they should do so, for board members to vote on.

Support for Match day programme notes – Ian Pettyfyr has asked for help from board members in regards to the Supporters Board page in the programme to keep this up to date and relevant, all working groups have agreed to assist with updates where possible.

Supporters board page on club website – Georgie Weaver has agreed to help keep this page up to date and relevant and to liaise Josh.

AOB

100 Club+ - Ideas for new vote on what next to spend the monies on.

Sue will email all board members for idea and then forward on to Greg and Alex to put out to 100 club+ members to vote on.

Age diversity – After it had been raised that there was a lack of age diversity, the board would like it noted that across the board all age brackets from 20yrs-70yrs are represented.

Next meeting 5th Feb 2024.