



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 1 December 2011
New Windmill Ground, Leamington Spa.**

Attendees

Peter Davis(Chair)
Nick Rogers
Pauline Fletcher
Nick Rogers
Paul Sandison
Roy Sandison
Jim Miller
Nick Hallworth (Minutes)
Steve Wharton
Doug Lowe
Paul McDonnell
Kevin Watson

Apologies:

Chris Baker
Ron Ward
Simon Saunders
JJ Saunders
Peter Bowen

1. Welcome and introductions

Peter Davis welcomed the attendees to the AGM and read the list of apologies.

A short video presentation was shown which reviewed the Trust's activities over the last year.

2. Chairman's Report

Peter Davis gave thanks to NR and NH for setting the AGM up.

PD gave thanks to Paul Sandison and Chris Baker who would both be standing down from the Trust board as of this AGM.

PD gave thanks to the whole Trust board who have worked hard since starting the Trust. They have made a good start and need to continue it.

PD felt that, at our second AGM, the Trust has had a good first full year. Community projects are getting the Trust noticed, and Citizen of the Year can grow and grow. This is positive exposure not just for the Trust but for the club as a whole. There's a lot to do though, and we are still proving ourselves. There has been a lot of unfair criticism, sometimes misjudged, but it has made us better. The relationship with the club is growing.

Over the next 6-8 months there are a lot of events coming up – Coty 2012 and the football day on 12 May at the football club. Plus other projects. There's a lot to look forward to – we've made a good start and it's getting better.

3. Treasurer's Report

Paul Sandison presented the accounts from the 2010-2011 period (year ending 31 May 2011) which have been audited by Murphy Salisbury. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Votes of thanks were given to PS and NR for preparing these accounts.

The Trust will send a letter of thanks to Murphy Salisbury for their work.

The meeting voted unanimously to appoint Murphy Salisbury for the 2011-12 accounts.



4. Membership Report

Nick Rogers presented a report on Trust membership:

The membership figures for 2010-11 totalled 128 Adults and 6 Juniors. The Launch Day at the club in June 2010 saw 48 people join on day one and our 100th member joined on 27th August 2010 - this was a fabulous start for the Trust - thanks to everyone involved.

Renewals for 2011-12 started in the summer, with the annual subscription unchanged at £5 for adults and £2 for juniors. Initial notification was given in August and the Trust Board defined its membership renewal policy to be in-line with the football season with a final deadline in October, which was later extended to November.

Members were contacted by email, post and text messages and were reminded that, in accordance with our published rules, their individual shares in the Trust depended on renewal.

The membership totals as of 28th November 2011 are 100 Adults and 7 Juniors, which represents a healthy proportion of the average home crowd.

While this falls short of the first year's totals, that was probably to be expected, given that some who joined at the initial launch have not been seen since, and some have moved away to other clubs. Also, since the Trust has got up and running and started operating according to its objectives, the Trust has been seen to be not just a continuation of previous supporters organisations, and for some this has been perceived as a step too far.

However it is gratifying that the vast majority of our membership have given their nod of approval by sticking with us, hopefully for the long term.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single member, past and present, for your contribution - everything that we do is only possible because of your support.

5. Board Elections

Nick Hallworth, Secretary for the Trust, gave an overview of the election process as follows:

The protocols for the Society Board election process are laid out in the Rules of the Brakes Trust. These rules were agreed at the time of the Trusts formation and are available to read on the Trust website www.brakestrust.com

The rules state that at our second AGM, 3 members must stand down for re-election by rotation. Since Paul Sandison was already standing down, 2 further members needed to stand down. These were drawn by lots, and Roy Sandison and Nick Rogers stood down and offered themselves for re-election.

Co-opted board member Adrian Barton applied for election to a full board member position. There were no other applications for election.

Therefore the election was uncontested and Nick Rogers, Roy Sandison and Adrian Barton are elected to the Trust board.

There is currently a vacancy for at least one person (maximum three) to be co-opted to the Trust board.



6. Business Plan

NH explained that it had been an aim to publish the Trust's newly authored business plan at this AGM, however it is not quite finished and the Trust board expects to publish it to members in the new year.

7. Resolutions and Constitutional matters

None.

Any other business

Roy Sandison spoke about the positive Community actions which the Trust has achieved over the last year:

The Citizen of the Year event in the town was absolutely brilliant, and gave the Trust lots of publicity. We got the word out to the community groups.

The Trust are members of Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) which gives us access to local groups, plus we've had articles on their website and in their emailed newsletters.

We have had the Painting for Pleasure group at the NWG – part of our strategy to get local groups up to the ground. We also need to get the Discounters up.

As a Co-operative Society we have access to funds that the club cannot. We need to look at starting a serious project, but start small. As members of WCAVA we can get support from them.

We have done some great work over the last year and we need to continue with that.

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PS explained that he would be running the Discount Scheme project from here onwards and that it would be reinvigorated for 2012. It will be done more professionally and pushed a lot more.

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Doug Lowe asked about the relationship between the Trust and the recently mooted new Supporters Club.

PD explained that there were a small group of people who were not interested in being part of the Trust but who wished to fundraise for the club in the style of the former Supporters Club.

NR explained that the former supporters club had been formally wound up at their last AGM, and that it no longer existed. As a board member of the former supporters club, he explained that they felt that the next step for their group was to move to forming a society which was more formal, regulated, and capable of doing bigger things. Hence the beginnings of forming the Trust. It was logical to wind up the SC as there was no point in 2 societies doing the same things.

Paul McDonnell explained that there was recently a meeting for a new supporters club, organised by people who may have the idea that the aim behind the Trust is to take the club over. Steve Wharton agreed, commenting that there are still people who don't understand what the Trust is doing.

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PS asked if there will be a transcript from the recent Question Time event. PD advised that yes, it is in progress.

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The group discussed some other aspects of the Trust setup, including that there is an open policy on the first hour of Trust board meetings, and that it is part of a national movement and an Industrial and



Provident Society.

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Doug Lowe asked if the group have any opinions on why we have lost 100 from the average attendances. The group agreed that there were a lot of potential answers, including lack of local players, the financial climate, the Cadzy effect, lack of a cup run etc. NR commented that the club is doing a great job of going after more people and getting them to the ground.

It was noted that in the summer PD had had lots of ideas on making the club more family friendly etc and a lot has been adopted already this season.

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Meeting Ended 9:00 pm