



Minutes for Committee Meeting 17 September 2007

In attendance:

John Cawdell
Jon Finegold
Rob Purle
James Wood
Andy Walters
Emma Clement
Andy Seymour

Apologies:

Stacey Murphy
Mark Jarvis
Eddie Strengiel

1. Action points from previous committee meeting

- a. Discussion as to the date for the next meeting. It was decided that we would decide a date at the meeting each month and that date would be stuck to unless there were a significant amount of people that could not attend. It was discussed that it would be extremely difficult to change the meeting dates as the committee is growing and each of us have other commitments. The next meeting date was set for Wednesday 10th October 2007.
- b. JC confirmed that the Christmas lunch had been booked.
- c. Andy Walters said that he had a new bank mandate should it be required.
- d. AS said that he had collected the money from late entrants to the club meeting.
- e. It was noted that the link on the Echo website to the Business Club is still not working correctly. JF to follow this up with SM.
- f. EC to send it to MJ who has decided that the committee would work to the constitution in the meantime until it is properly ratified at the AGM.

2. Finance

AW confirmed that both the charity cheques have been cleared. AW confirmed that there is in the region of £328.00 in credit in the club bank account. AW confirmed that on a monthly basis the Echo insert is paid for (£29). JF confirmed that the Club sponsors a charitable organisation for three months to include a advertisement on the business page in the Echo. JF controls this and tracks and updates the business insert in the Echo. It was noted that IMEA do not charge for the use of the room for committee meetings.

AW confirmed that if required he is able to print out finances of the Club at a push of a button. The bank mandates were discussed and currently on the mandate is ES, JF and AW. Any two of the people on the mandate can sign. It was decided that AS would be added to the mandate.

3. Website

RP reported on behalf of MJ in respect of the website. It is understood that there are a number of people who have been contacted to check whether or not the business is still in existence. Where such individuals or business have not returned calls or stated that they are not trading, it was decided that they would be removed from the membership. It was noted that even though Rob Bradley had not returned calls, given that we know he is a prominent businessman in the city, he would remain on the membership.

MJ also had asked RP to raise for consideration with the committee members, the thought of using the site more interactively e.g. for comments on the constitution.

4. Preparation with Newark Business Club

JF reported to the meeting that he had received some documentation relating to Newark Business Club which details how the East Coast Mainline travel links are being revamped. JF produced to the meeting a document which has been prepared by Newark Business Club in relation to its thoughts in respect of the train links between Lincoln and Nottingham. It is understood that this draft document is subject to approval by Patrick Mercer the MP for the Newark area. The meeting considered the document and felt that it was not appropriate for the document to be drafted in the same terms to be sent from the Lincoln Business Club to our own MP. It was agreed that JF would redraft the document on the basis that we agreed that it was important that the train links be improved, nevertheless we did not feel that we ought to be political in any way. JF is to redraft and present to the committee at a later date. It was decided that there would then be an email sent to the members telling them that the document was on the website to review in order that the committee can gauge the view of the club members before it reports to the local MP.

5. Speakers/Sponsors

It was discussed that Nicola Stocks from Elexus Consultants will be sponsoring the September meeting, Professor Muriel Robinson will be the first speaker, however we still had a gap for the second speaker. It was decided that we needed to find a more business related speaker and therefore EC offered to have a legal slot. She offered to either have a talk in relation to trading terms and conditions or debt recovery. EC to confirm to JF in the coming week if that is possible. It was noted that SM is the contact for Professor Muriel Robinson and therefore in her absence, JF agreed to pick this up with SM directly to ensure that Professor

Muriel Robinson is properly informed as to what is expected of her at the meeting in September.

The meeting then considered October, November and December's meetings it was discussed that a patents and trademarks expert (Keith Loven) had mentioned to RP in the past that he would be prepared to do a 10 minute slot. RP said he would put up with Keith for the December meeting. JW also mentioned that he had a contact with Grapevine Celebration (conference/speakers based in Lincoln) who would also be prepared to do a 10 minute slot in December.

Generally the committee was asked to consider suggestions for the December and January meetings in order that we have something in place.

JF agreed to email ES to let him know that we had found a speaker for the September meeting.

6. Miscellaneous/Any other business

It was also decided by the committee that the title of "entertainment manager" be dropped in respect of James Wood, both in the Echo and on the website.

The meeting closed.