



## **1895 Trust, 2014 Annual General Meeting**

*29<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. The Small Bar, Tolka Park.*

### **1) Chairs Report**

Quorum is lower than the previously inquorate AGM due to the Committee of management taking the view that renewals are now past due, so more than one 5<sup>th</sup> of the current paid up membership were present (19 people)

Going through the business plan, it's important to note that our strategy and strengths the same, still a democratic Non-Profit Organisation.

Weaknesses have developed over time. Some fans are under the impression think The Trust's aim is to set up a "new club". This isn't true but is communications challenge to be overcome.

Doubts over our membership structure. There are people who would like to donate regularly, however we don't have a direction as to where the money should be going, so collecting a large pot of money might be detrimental to the cause.

Question from floor: Can we reduce Quorum?

Chair: We can discuss it under AOB.

Question,: Can we not set up a direct debit for renewals (ie, €15 a year?)

Chair: Yes, we can look into that.

### **2) Treasurer's Report**

We are signed off as of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from the Auditors.

Good first financial period. We were set up correctly and enjoyed a healthy financial health.

We had a surplus of €3061 at the end of 2013.

Income in 2014 so far has been low. There still are 2 months left so membership can still pick up. Trust also have plans for merch for next season.

Trust has a small deficit, but that should be overcome by the end of the financial year.

Since the previous AGM a lot of work has gone into making sure the structures and finances of the Trust are secure. That has been a success and now the Trust can move forward with a solid foundation.

Expenses in 2014 were mainly player sponsorship. ICOS registration will not have to be paid again.

Chair explained about Jon not renewing his license of the bar. Explained how The Trust proposed to take over the bar; and how the Board of Management of the club and the Trust couldn't reach agreement and the club's board went ahead with their plans. Went on to reiterate that the bar will need to be supported to be viable, regardless of who the management are.

Comment from floor: Possibly blessing in disguise, the bar could've taken up almost all of the CoM's time.

Chair: Fair point, although the Trust has yet to find a project to which the Trust could become involved to demonstrate how co-operative values would work in action.

### **3) Membership Officer Report**

Memberships coming in from the last two days. Membership this year is about 30-40. There is perception that the trust has lost his momentum. There would be a growth in membership if we were able to create something a little bit more tangible.

Comment from floor: Could it be possible to put the minutes or a summary of the committee meetings in the programme? Would increase the visibility of the Trust.

Chair: Absolutely, it's a great idea. Niall Farrell (Our Communications Officer) is looking into what the Trust can do around the programme.

Lee Daly and Barry Worthington went to the Supporters' Direct Conference, partially funded by Supporters Direct Europe, UEFA and out of their own pockets (ie they weren't funded off the Trust's accounts)

### **4) Constitutional Amendments**

Motions: i) Amend section A from "To encourage Shelbourne Football Club to create a meaningful position within the management steering committee of the Club, to which a representative of the Society can be appointed."

to

“To advocate the transition of Shelbourne Football Club into mutual and collective supporter ownership, consistent with the principles and best practices of the domestic and international fan ownership movement”.

ii) Deletion of section B “To attain a shareholding in the company trading as Shelbourne Football Club through development of a positive relationship with Club management in the interest of protecting the future of the Club”.

iii) Amend section C from “To attain a shareholding in the company trading as Shelbourne Football Club by development of a positive relationship with Club management in the interest of protecting the future of the Club, by proving the 1895 Trust to be a credible supporters’ organisation with the best interests of Shelbourne Football Club at heart”.

to

“To develop a positive relationship with Club management in the interest of protecting the future of the Club, by demonstrating that the 1895 Trust is a credible supporters’ organisation with the best interests of Shelbourne Football Club at heart”.

Attendance is 19 people. Results:

i)	Yes:	18	
	No:	0	
	Abstain:	1	
	ii)	Yes:	18
		No:	0
		Abstain:	1
	iii)	Yes:	17
		No:	1
		Abstain:	1

Appointment of Auditors (CG & Associates):	Yes:	18
	No:	0
	Abstain:	1

## 5) Future stadium plans.

Recent developments mean we should probably park the motions proposed. The City Council and the FAI have been looking at some sort of municipal stadium, of which Tolka Park is an option. However it does look like Dalymount is what’s being proposed, given reports in the media.

Chair moved to scrap the motions, so we can consult the wider fanbase more properly, to create a response to the stadium question that truly represents the fans wishes.

There is also a need to start a campaign around the future home of Shels in the future. There will be a question to DCC in their November meeting, we will update the membership once we have an answer.

## **6) Elections**

All co-options have been ratified. Gavin White, Shane Folan, Niall Farrell, Barry Worthington are now fully ratified members of the committee. The committee now consists of Ken Buckmaster, Lee Daly, Niall Farrell, Shane Folan, Martin Grehan, Gavin White, and Barry Worthington.

## **7) Any Other Business**

i) *Can we lower the quorum? Lower the quorum to 10 people?*

Agreed to retain as is for now, and make it incumbent on Committee of Management to keep members engaged and attending.

ii) *FARE Membership*

Martin Grehan proposed that we join FARE, a Europe wide organization that combats racism in Europe. Membership is €50.

Vote: Yes: 19

No: 0

iii) *Fundraising gig, 10<sup>th</sup> of October, €10 entry. Please attend!*

iv) *Irish Supporters Network meeting.* Should be taking place before the cup final. It's a meeting of all the Irish supporters trusts and we can learn from others' experiences and develop as an organisation. The Trust had been invited to speak at the event.

The Meeting is adjourned.