

**Whitehaven Independent Supports Trust**

**Steering Group Meeting**

**Thursday 14th October 2010**

**JJ McKeown Bar, Whitehaven**

1. Rules - Jonathan Chappell confirmed rules for the trust will be same as other clubs trusts. Main points: Elected person - max 2 years (can come off before if want or need to) - then election again. Shares proxy votes - if required. Official name - Whitehaven Supporters Cooperative Ltd. Register with FSA as soon as possible- Registration hopefully 1st November 2010. Need solicitors or bank to hold FSA papers. Jonathan to arrange return on paperwork on 15th October 2010. Copy of rules to be taken when returned to be added on website.

Roles - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (finance officer), Club Contact, Media

Introductions

Karl Connor happy to carry on doing whatever needed.

Jonathan Chappell - Chair of WRLFC Support Group - got 'in touch' for free = for 12 months

Ian Stephenson - Runs landscape design business. Was MD of engineering company, chair of Westlakes academy *hakes College West Cumbria*

Jill Hurst - Fan - help when ever

John Hurst - Sellafield, ex-secretary of Federation for Small Businesses.

Vikki Chappell - Treasurer of Whitehaven RLFC support group

Des Byrne - Vice President, ex-Chair of Whitehaven RLFC

Lee Scott - Sellafield, Fan

Andrew Ross - Fan

Frank Scott - Fan

Paul Blacklock - Sellafield, commercial background, purchaser

Dave Farrell - Previous Board Member of WRLFC

Posts confirmed:

Chair - John Hurst - nominated Dave Farrell as chair, this was agreed

Vice-Chair John Hurst volunteered

Treasurer - Vikki Chappell

Secretary - Anna Byrne

Media - Karl Connor

Club contact - Jonathan Chappell

4 members to sign FSA documents and rules.

## 2. Huddersfield – Trust meeting

Karl Connor gave rundown of experience there

Swansea - veto on big decisions 25% share in club. Going to employ a full time member of staff through trust.

Widnes good example - raised a lot of money through the Trust

All other trusts happy to help if we need anything

Quarterly meeting at Rochdale for Trusts to meet and discuss ideas

Ralph Rimmer was present, originally of Barrow in Furness – new Chief Executive of Rugby League discussed how important the Supporters trusts were and that it is likely that this would form part of the entry into Super League, he also discussed how they hope to bring in a tier structure for all Championship Clubs and scoring.

## 3. Finance

£1000 grant from Supports direct

£120 needed for FSA, to be taken out of £1000

Vikki Chappell to speak to Norman Steele of CUST to discuss bank account.

Organization of bank account and launch night required.

Launch Night - speak to Jamie Reed to check his availability to attend - KC

There have been approximately 300 registers of interest through the website.

Mrs Raaz has requested attendance at future steering group meetings to talk about the clubs requirements.

Memorandum of Understanding between club and trust to be arranged.

Email to Trust in Haven registered supporters with update.

Ian Stephenson requested more information on Supporters Direct.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd November, 19.30, JJ McKeown Bar**