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RESUME OF TRUST'S BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 2006

1. The Board received a report from AFC Telford United that indicated that its board will be spending time over the next few months looking at strategic issues facing the Football Club. Included in those topics is the development of the reserve and youth teams.
2. The report from the Football Club also indicated that the social club in the Learning Centre will open on the 19th August, i.e. at the home game against Grantham Town. There will need to be a membership scheme, details of which are due to appear in the forthcoming edition of TRUST NEWS.
3. The Board continues to examine ways of ensuring that the standing-order scheme remains a successful way of raising essential funds. In some cases, the Board does not know the identity of the donors, because the only information that it has is the name or number of the donor's bank account. As all members of the scheme are accepted as members of the Trust, the Board would like to know who these anonymous donors are! They can then be treated as members and receive newsletters, etc. Any standing-order donor who does not receive a newsletter is asked to contact the office.
4. Hitherto, it has been necessary for members of the standing-order scheme to sign a form annually to renew their membership of the Trust. However, the Board has been advised that that is not essential, so in order to make life a little bit easier the practice will be discontinued. Donors will therefore become members of the Trust "until further notice".
5. The Board's Marketing Working Group is looking into possible "membership packages".
6. Membership of the Trust is currently 363 (of whom 53 are new this membership year). There are 42 Junior Bucks (18 new). A calendar of events has been drawn up for the Junior Bucks.
7. Previous resumes have pointed to the helpful contribution to the Football Club's funds that the Goalden Gate lottery can make. The Board was pleased to note that sales have continued to increase, and that developments over the next few months are expected to see further growth. If you would like to take part, please contact the office.
8. The Trust remains an active participant in the affairs of Supporters Direct (the "umbrella organisation" for supporters' trusts) and has recently given a presentation to the Midlands Region of the organisation. In October, we shall be hosting a regional meeting in the Learning Centre, and several members will be attending the national annual conference in London (and paying for their own accommodation!)
9. The Board has heard that the Football Club will give members of the Trust first choice for cup tickets, after season-ticket holders and sponsors.
10. The Board can confirm that the Trust's annual general meeting has been fixed for the 3rd December next in Joshua's bar.
11. Finally, the Board has approved arrangements for issuing the next edition of TRUST NEWS, which is due to be available at the end of August or early in September.