

Notes of OxVox members' meeting on Saturday 17 November 2007

1. Attendance:

23 adult members plus 3 junior members. Each member was supplied with an analysis of the catering survey carried out earlier in the month.

2. Stadco meeting review:

Neil Carter reported on the meeting he and Trevor Lambert attended on 7 November. Rachel Harwood (Conference Centre manager) and Roger Bailey (Facilities manager) represented Stadco.

Some maintenance work had been completed: regarded by us as both surprising and welcome news. Examples include masonry paint on the East Stand exterior, replacement of broken seats, painting of steps and power washing of the toilet floors.

Consideration is being given to the provision of plasma TV screen(s) and an increase in the range of drinks available from the Exhibition and Headington Bars.

The Trust will for its part consider the range of memorabilia it would like to see adorning the concourse walls.

It was difficult to ascertain why, 6+ years after the stadium opened, the enthusiasm for keeping the stadium in a state of good repair had come to the fore. This may be tied up somehow in an imminent transfer of ownership. The Stadco reps were under no illusions about the size of their task and stated that it had become difficult to attract business from local firms. The Trust stated that advertising and catering revenue could improve if the football club was seen to benefit.

3. Club meeting 20/11/07:

Tim Rosser introduced the agenda for this meeting as follows:

- Stadium acquisition... What is going on?
- Financial position... Worrying due to lower league position/attendances.
- Commercial Department... Vacancy for manager (sec note: plus website and programme editor made public today)
- Ticketing issues: Cup games / family discounts.
- Communication plan... Creaking at the seams.

Tim stated that the Trust's stance had to be forceful on all of these issues. The following issues could be included in the above items and were considered important by those present :

- Scouting... Do we have a system up and running or scaled down?
- Reserve team... Not enough games. Surely a sponsor can be found?
- Contracts offered to players unfit to play.
- Chairman and players no longer enter Headington Bar after games.
- Next Fans' Forum?
- Booking fee of £1.50 for tickets still regarded as excessive.

4. Next meeting to be planned for a Saturday in January.

Chris Davis
Secretary
18 November 2007