



Nuneaton Borough Supporters' Trust

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Membership 2008

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Those who have not yet rejoined may do so at any time, but you need to do so by 31st March 2008 to ensure receipt of the next newsletter.

Membership fees remain at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for concessions (under 16 and over 60).

To renew:- there are several ways that this can be accomplished:-

- (1) Contact the NBST representative based at the programme shop at Liberty Way,
- (2) Pass your membership fee and details to any NBST Board member,
- (3) Send a cheque/P.O. to "NBST, 16 Moor Road, Hartshill, NUNEATON. CV10 0NG"
- (4) Standing Order Mandate Forms are available for those who prefer to pay in instalments.

Please make cheques/P.O's payable to "NBST". Cash is acceptable when paid in person.

Membership cards for 2008 may be collected from Liberty Way on match days or posted on production of a SAE.

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Members are encouraged to use the services of the above corporate members. When using their services, please mention that you saw their information on NBST literature.

Working toward a grant application

The Trust is still moving forward in its attempts to obtain a grant for coaching of disabled children in the town. We are aiming to work with the club to deliver a programme for the youngsters to receive structured training using Boro staff as coaches. As reported in the last newsletter, Warwickshire Warriors have expressed strong interest, so the next step is to co-ordinate our efforts with other bodies involved in the same sort of programme. As always, this is not as simple as it may seem!

It has been suggested that we should work with a body known as the Local Sport Network which meets regularly to discuss the delivery of sport in the community. This network consists of representatives from many local bodies, including Boro, and works to harmonise different applications for the maximum benefit to the community. We are hoping that we may be able to make a presentation to their next meeting, giving an outline of our aims so that we can integrate our plans with those that are already under way.

It seems that there is already a major initiative in place to obtain grants from Sport England, and an unconsidered application from the Trust could jeopardize both plans. After consultation with representatives from both the local authority and Boro, we have therefore decided to hold fire with our application until we have decided on a coordinated approach with the Local Sport Network. We hope that this will happen within the next few weeks.

The Supporters' Trust Movement

The movement continues to grow with more than 150 trusts throughout the U.K. The vast majority are in association football where there are ten clubs owned or controlled by their trusts. Trusts have also moved into both rugby union (5 clubs) and rugby league (6) and there are ongoing discussions to establish trusts in other sports as well as in Europe.

EGM

An EGM is to be held on Thursday 27th March 2008, starting at 7-30 pm at Liberty Way. This meeting has been called because we wish to produce an "Independent Examination" (IE) this year instead of a "full audit" and to do this we need to seek the approval of our members at an EGM. The reason for this is that last year, supplying the Financial Services Authority (FSA) with a full annual audit, cost NBST £364.25. Because our annual turnover is less than £25 000, we are now able to submit an "IE" at less cost.

AGM- advanced notification

The AGM will be held on Thursday 29th May 2008 in the Social Club at Liberty Way, commencing at 8-00 pm.

Forthcoming Event.

The Official Supporters Club has arranged an "Elton John Night" on Friday 4th April 2008 in the Social Club. The evening features Paul Douglas as Elton John. A hot buffet will be provided.

More details to follow.