

Questions from PST Open Meeting 15/2/2018

Shareholders

Q: What will happen to ex-shareholders?

A: Shareholders who have withdrawn their share money and have not pre-paid membership, will remain PST members until 30th June 2018. After that date a renewal fee of £5 can be paid to prevent membership lapsing.

Q: What happens if we have bought an extended membership?

A: PST will send a membership renewal reminder at the end of that membership period.

Donations from withdrawals

Q: I understand that PST cannot pass on data about member's donations to the Portsmouth History Society and PiTC, so they are unable to thank us for donations.

A: Due to data protection PST cannot share member's data, however we have to hand over gift aid forms to PiTC.

Simon has spoken to Colin Farmery at the History Society and we will organise a way of sending out acknowledgements for donations.

Q: Who from PST has been dealing with the share withdrawals?

A: Simon Colebrook and Steve Hatton have been dealing with them.

A member commented he is very impressed with the work PST has done and it now seems that PST will be relevant in the future, being involved with the Tornante and still closer to the Club than many.

Simon replied that most trusts would love to have so much dialogue with the owners and the structured formal, system that PST does.

Elections

Q: Has the system of PST Board members having to stand down after three years weakened PST?

A: No, because there is nothing to stop them standing for re-election if they choose to.

HAB Meetings

Q: Cub Shop – If PFC is changing kit supplier from Sondico, what will happen to the Club Shop, which is owned by Sports Direct?

A: A planning application has been put forward to change the Beneficial Building to retail use. Asbestos is currently being removed from the building. The lack of kit and other Pompey items available from Sondico is recognised as a problem and it is to be hoped the new kit supplier will be an improvement.

PST/PiTC Project

Q: What is happening with Roko, it needs improving and re-developing?

A: Roko is one of the facilities being looked at.

Q: is it possible to have a Community facility that could incorporate Pompey Ladies?

A: Yes, PiTC has already taken on the training of Pompey Ladies youth team. It would be possible to look at what facilities are needed and see how we could help. There are 5-a-side pitches at Roko that are not being used by the Club. We are not sure if they could be taken over and improved. Funding from Sports England cannot be used by the Club.

A member commented that top training facilities would help to entice top players.

There were no objections from the meeting to the outlined PST/PiTC project. Simon said informed the meeting that when the time came to spend the money, PST would formally ask for members permission

Eric Coleborn commented on the excellent work carried out by PiTC and informed the meeting that there will be a future Open Meeting at PiTC to see the facilities in the new extension.

At the end of the meeting members were treated to the trailer of a film being made by Zanda Films, telling the story of Portsmouth Football Club from Kanu's 2008 FA Cup winning goal, through two administrations and near liquidation, to the fans buying the Club and on to the Tornante takeover. An emotional roller-coaster, told in film clips and interviews with some of those involved, the special story of how the Pompey Family and the people of Portsmouth refused to allow our football club to die. Funding is still needed to complete the film.

To add to what they already have, Zanda Films would like some fan input, do you have any home movie clips of those times on your camera or mobile phone? Maybe your family outing to Wembley, the 'Fit and Proper' demonstration, or the first open meeting at the Rifle Club when PST was started. If so please contact the PST and we will put you in contact with Zanda Films.