

## **BATH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB**

### **Report of Committee meeting 13 July 2023 Zoom call**

Present – Steve Wiltshire (SW) – chair, Cheryl Bradley (CB), Graham Weeks (GW), Shane Morgan (SM), Ashley Davis (AD), Heather Thomas (HT) Martin Powell (MP).

#### **1. Apologies**

Leon Webb

#### **2. Sign off minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were signed off having been proposed by HT and seconded by CB.

- a) **ACTION** - SM to monitor tea bar stock costs as some prices may need to increase next season.
  - ongoing
- b) **ACTION** - SM to continue monitoring if fridge needs replacing
  - The fridge is still working but SM will talk to a third party to ask if a replacement may be available if and when required.
- c) **ACTION** – AD to pay for 1 month Zoom subscription to cover hybrid AGM meeting.
  - Completed (subscription will expire before the next meeting)
- d) **ACTION** – SW to prepare Chair's report for AGM
  - Completed
- e) **ACTION** – CB to source mic and speaker for AGM
  - Completed

#### **3. Sign off AGM minutes**

MP explained that the Easyfundraising total mentioned in the report had been amended.

The minutes were signed off having been proposed by SW and seconded by AD.

**Action point** – MP send minutes to AD for uploading to website and share link with members in the next email update.

#### **4. Memorial for Alison Gibbons**

It was agreed that the following ideas be explored further and be implemented with the approval of Alison's family...

A memorial page be set up on the SC's website

**Action point** - AD to set up temporary page to share with committee.

The two end of season awards to supporters be named after Alison and be presented by members of her family.

**Action point** - MP to contact Claire Kitson with the two ideas and, if approved by her family, ask the Supporter Liaison Officer to raise the idea of the supporter awards with the Club at a Board meeting.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

GW shared the latest accounts prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that rather than order additional tickets for the occasional 50/50 draw it would be more economic to purchase cheaper raffle tickets.

## **6. Club donation**

It was agreed that as the Club will be receiving income from season ticket and Squad Builder pledges over the summer it would make sense to withhold payments until there was a greater need.

**Action point** – GW to check with Paul Williams

## **7. Travel Co-ordinator's report**

CB proposes running the coaches on the same lines as last season...

- SC subsidising losses up to £150/trip
- Flat rate for adults and concessions
- Fares based on 26 bookings (average for last season's league trips was 28)
- Dividing the trips into bands to simplify the fare structure with the fare for each based on the average for that band's trips)

Decisions were made on coach trips for the first three months of the season...

- Coaches will run to St Albans and Torquay (provided there is not an FA Cup clash)
- Coaches will be advertised and will run if there are sufficient bookings for Dartford, Welling and Tonbridge
- Coaches will not be advertised for Eastbourne, Truro and Braintree

**Action point** – CB to advertise Dartford trip in coming week and inform MP

**Action point** – MP to advertise to members above information and link to Dartford booking page

## **8. Tea Bar report**

SM explained that the tea bar needs to be cleaned so will probably not open before the first league fixture in August. This will give him time to monitor any price increases at Bookers before making final decision on tea bar prices.

## **9. Matchday Draw report**

Nothing to report

## **10. HQ report**

SW explained that the HQ will open for the Exeter match but he is required in the shop at the Gloucester friendly so LW should decide whether to open the HQ that evening.

## **11. Supporters Club Membership report**

MP reported that the present total of members stands at 171 which includes 65 renewals.

Five members had reported a problem with making renewal payments and this had been reported to Membermojo. It was apparently a PayPal issue which has since been resolved and the five were encouraged to try again with paying (three have since done so)

It was agreed that three members should remain as honorary members for the coming season as a thank you for sponsoring draw tickets in 22-23. Similarly Nigel and Lesley Reed to remain as honorary members for auditing the accounts. It was agreed that Martin Brush should be an honorary member of the SC (rather than the committee)

**Action point** – MP to ensure that the above is entered on the membership list.

Membership forms have been sent to SM and SW for printing out for the office and HQ.

**Action point** – MP to send form to AD for uploading to the website and to CB for the coach.

MP requested that any completed forms be handed to him when it is convenient (or preferably send a photo via email or WhatsApp)  
Where possible cheques/cash should be given to GW.

It was agreed that membership of the SC should continue to be advertised on its website, in the matchday programme and on the supporters' online forum.

## **12. Publicity & Communications report**

A message to members will be sent in the coming week and will include a link to the coach details for 23-24, a membership renewal reminder and a link to the AGM minutes.

It was decided that the 'coach rules' should be amended to read...

*Passengers are welcome to wear a face covering on board if they wish, but we will no longer specifically request this.*

## **13. Fundraising & Marketing ideas**

The Supporters Society now has possession of Cliff Bastin's programme collection and has produced a summary of those from the 1940s to 1990s with a view to them being sold to raise funds for the SC.

Rather than trying to sell them from the HQ it was agreed that they should be advertised to SC and Society members initially in the hope that they will find a good home.

CB reported that the present Easyfundraising total stands at £3091.94

## **14. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 10 August via Zoom

## **15. Items for next agenda**

Christmas Draw

## **16. Any Other Business**

Nothing raised.