# Bath City Supporters Club Minutes of Annual General Meeting 13 June 2024

#### Zoom call

### 1. Opening remarks/Welcome

Chairman Steve Wiltshire welcomed the 12 members present to the meeting

# 2. Apologies

Heather Thomas, Marion Lowe, Ashley Davis, Jane Evans

# 3. Minutes of previous AGM - Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising or questions asked.

The minutes were signed off having been proposed by Graham Weeks and seconded by Alan Every

# 4. Chairman's Report

Welcome to your annual report submitted by my humble self. This has been quite a successful season, despite the defeat in the last minute at Braintree in the Play-off Eliminator. The home crowds were magnificent this season with, I believe, an average of over 1400.

# Committee

Your committee has been working with a complement of 7 members at times throughout this year, however, following an effort made by the existing members, a couple of new recruits have recently been co-opted, so welcome to Jane Evans and Alan Every.

The full complement according to the Constitution is 11 members and despite this slight shortfall in numbers we have all worked incredibly hard in representing you and supporting the Club in various ways, meeting every month on-line throughout the period.

There are still vacancies if anyone is interested in helping this great club move forward. If you would like to become a member of the committee, then please contact one of us.

Sadly, Martin Powell has made the decision to stand-down from being on your committee after 25 years of service and I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking him for all his work in numerous roles over that period.

#### Communication

We have continued to communicate with Bath City fans and our members through the Supporters Club website, match-day programme, forum, social media (including a Facebook and Twitter page which can be accessed through the webpage) and by sending email updates to members. The facility to sign up for Supporters Club membership has remained on-line, thank you to Ashley and Martin for managing this.

# **Spending**

We decided that we would continue to contribute to the funding of the training facilities for the team and we were able to contribute £18,000.00, which incidentally more than covered the total cost of these facilities.

#### **Fundraising**

There have been a variety of ways in which we have raised the income to pay for these things – members' subscriptions go some way, but we are also reliant on the efforts of volunteers.

The Supporters Club tea bar has been open again this season and has generated profits of £5,784.80 after purchases to replenish stocks. Thank you to Shane and all the volunteers for giving up your time to operate these facilities.

The home matchday draw this year has been managed by Leon and has raised £8,078.00. Well done and thank you to Leon and his team of sellers for all their efforts.

Cheryl has been managing the Easy Fundraising scheme, the total for which currently stands at £3,646.88. A great effort by all involved in this and thank you to Cheryl for managing the scheme.

# Away travel

Thanks very much to Cheryl for all her hard work this season as she was under huge pressure at times to run the coaches when it clearly wasn't a viable option.

We did run quite a few however and these were well supported on the whole. Three of the away trips went early to allow time for people to visit the towns of Torquay, St Albans and Weymouth when we played them in the FA Cup and all of these appeared to be quite popular.

Your committee are still awaiting details of the fixture list for next season, but it is hoped that a similar number, if not more, coaches will be run. However we cannot do this unless we get the required numbers to allow us to cover the costs.

#### Membership

A reminder that the Supporters Club can only be as strong as its membership. The subscription rates for the coming season will be kept at the same price as last year. We would ask you to help us in persuading as many people as possible to pay this small amount to allow us to continue supporting the Club financially. Thank you to Martin for stepping up and taking on the job of Membership Secretary at short notice.

Finally, we must try and support Jerry and the team both on and off the terraces to try and get a successful side that we will all be able to support for a very long time to come.

# Stephen Wiltshire - Chairman, Bath City Supporters Club

Responding to the report, Dan Tanner expressed his thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

Martin Powell was thanked by Dan for his long service to the Supporters Club and for the assistance he gave when colleagues on the committee and by Cheryl for his assistance in organising the coaches in recent years.

# 5. Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)

Graham Weeks, Treasurer, briefly went through the <u>accounts</u> which had been shared with members prior to the meeting and which showed a closing balance of £1024.

He reported that this had been one of the largest sums raised for the Club for many seasons. It had covered the costs of the Club's training facilities which Paul Williams has recently mentioned are due to increase so an equal effort will be required in the next twelve months!

Graham expressed his thanks to Nigel Reed for auditing the accounts in such a short space of time since the end of May. His volunteering in this way saves the Supporters Club a considerable amount of money.

In response, Dan Tanner asked how the surplus of Supporters Club donations had been spent by the Club but this was not known. Dan therefore proposed that the Supporters Club, Society and Bath City FC might begin to pool funds as a means of starting to pay off the Club's debts. Shane Morgan said that this was not practical as there is a written agreement that prohibits the paying off of just one of the Club's creditors. However, it was agreed that the committee will explore this idea further.

# 6. To receive, and if approved, adopt the balance sheet and accounts for the season 2023/2024

Proposer – Dan Tanner, Seconder – Steve Wiltshire

The accounts were adopted

# 7. Results of online vote to elect nominated candidates to Supporters Club Committee

Martin Powell announced the results of the online voting. Ashley Davis, Alan Every, Shane Morgan and Leon Webb were all re-elected. 23 votes were received with a turnout of 14%.

# 8. Any Other Business

None

# 9. Closing remarks

Steve Wiltshire thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting.