

**Bath City Supporters Club  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Saturday 2 September 2017  
Twerton Park, Bath**

**1. Opening remarks/Welcome**

Chairman Steve Wiltshire welcomed the 26 members present to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Mark Tanner, Dave Pegler, Pete Foster, Heather Thomas, Steve Tanner, Ken Loach  
Joe Stainer, Bob Chester, Ken Loach, Ashley Davis, Chris Read

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

Martin Powell referred to the discussion following the treasurer's report on possible ways of raising funds. He explained that the SC had discussed with BCFC the possibility of swapping the HQ with the club office on matchdays but that this was thought to be impractical. However, members now receive a 10% discount on club merchandise sold in the HQ.

The minutes were signed off, having been proposed by Cheryl Bradley and seconded by Richard Smith.

**4. Motions**

No motions had been proposed in advance of the meeting.

**5. To vote nominated candidates to Management Committee**

Alison Gibbons, Cheryl Bradley, Graham Weeks, Mark Tanner, Martin Brush and Steve Wiltshire were all re-elected to the committee

**6. Chairman's Report**

**Committee**

Your committee has been working with a complement of 7-8 members in total for all of this year whereas the full complement according to the Constitution is 11 members, despite this shortfall in numbers they have all worked incredibly hard in representing you and supporting the club in various ways, meeting at least once every month as a group. If anyone is interested in joining us then please contact either myself or a member of the Committee.

**Communication**

We have continued to communicate with Bath City fans and our members in particular, match-day programme, flyers, forum and Chronicle. During the past year this has been extended by sending email updates to members.

## **Spending**

Graham will take you through the accounts in a few minutes, however it was decided that for the past season it was no longer a viable option to continue the funding of the Team coach. We carried over a debt to Berkeleys for the 2015/16 season and this was paid off within a few weeks of the 2016/17 season starting. After discussions with Paul Williams it was agreed that we help fund the hire of the training facilities for the team and regular amounts were paid to the club for this. This will continue for the season 2017/18.

## **Fundraising**

There have been a variety of ways in which we have raised the income in an attempt to pay for these things – members' subscriptions go some way, but we are also reliant on the efforts of volunteers. The income from the tea bar increased again last season and this was due to a wonderful effort by those who run it. They are obviously visible during the match, some of which they miss, but have been setting up for some time before kick-off and are still busy after most have left the ground. In addition to coming in during the summer to clean the tea bar, stock has to be bought during the week, money banked and accounts kept. We hope their efforts are appreciated by supporters and I would like to say a big thank you to all of them. Likewise, the efforts of Basil and his helpers ensured there was a regular income coming in from the match-day draw and the selling of souvenirs. There were also one off events - the Xmas draw was a great success. A couple of quizzes were also organised and kindly run by Scott Wheatley, these continue to be very well supported and we are indebted to all those involved in kindly donating prizes for these evenings.

## **Away travel**

The running of supporters' coaches to away games again proved a challenge last season with the odd game being called off at the very last minute and then having to be re-arranged. Over the season we had an average of 22 travellers per trip which resulted in a loss, but this was partly offset by the very generous donations from a few supporters, to whom we are most grateful. Thank you very much to Bas for the difficult job of arranging all of these coaches and I would also like to thank Ashley Davis, Cheryl Bradley and Andy Field for selling the 50/50 tickets on the trips.

## **Membership**

A reminder that the Supporters Club can only be as strong as its membership. By the end of last season, we had just over 100 members, still well below the average home attendance. We recognise the important role we have to play by representing the views and well-being of our members. 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.

A massive step forward in the last year has been the move to the club becoming Community owned, this has generated a larger playing budget for Gary and this is hopefully the start of an exciting era in the long history of the Football club we all love.

Finally, we must try and support Gary 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

The members present were then invited to ask questions.

Daniel Tanner asked if there had been any discussions with Bath City Supporters Society regarding the Supporters Club's role in the new community owned club and was there still any need for the Supporters Club?

It was explained that while there had been an informal discussion with a club representative, there had been no contact with the Society. With the latter now the club's majority share holder, the SC now has an even more important role as it represents the fanbase. The new structure at the club is at an embryonic stage but there are many positive developments.

Daniel requested that such a discussion with the Society take place and members be updated on the role envisaged for the SC in the new era.

## **7. Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)**

Graham Weeks briefly went through the accounts which had been shared with members prior to the meeting and which showed a closing balance of £684. He explained that there were outstanding bills to pay to Berkeley's Coach & Travel for the team coaches at the time of the 2016 AGM, but that these had been paid within a few months. The focus of the Supporters Club's fundraising efforts were then changed to the team's training facilities at Filton College and £7,000 had been forwarded by the end of the season.

Dan Tanner asked if any decision had been made about transferring the Supporters Club's shareholding to the Society – it was explained that this matter had not been raised.

The members present showed their appreciation for all the hard work Graham does in his role as treasurer, which benefits not only the Supporters Club but also BCFC.

## **8. To receive, and if approved, adopt the balance sheet and accounts for the season 2016/2017**

Proposer – Daniel Tanner, Seconder – Martin Brush.  
Accounts adopted.

## **9. Any Other Business**

No matters were raised.

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