

BATH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB
Report of Committee meeting
Twerton Park, 3 May 2018

1. Apologies

All present

2. Sign off of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. **Action point** – MB to ask Berkeleys to invoice him directly if they provide transport for an independent trip in future.
 - Will make request before next season
- b. **Action point** – GW to confirm Poole coach invoice received from Berkeleys.
 - Confirmed it was £500
- c. **Action point** – MT to update website to show that the Wealdstone coach would definitely be run by the SC
 - Completed
- d. **Action point** – CB to draft a letter asking for clarification from the club on the club's policy re raffles and requesting that everyone is made aware of it.
 - Reply received from club stating that a new policy had been agreed on...
Agreed to set as a policy going forward as follows: only Supporters Club match day draw to be sold before kick off on match days. Any other raffles or similar fund raisers, including charity bucket collections, should only be allowed from the end of the first half
- e. **Action point** – MP to liaise with quiz winner Alan Finney and Jerry Gill to find a convenient time for the face to face meeting
 - Meeting held before St Albans match. Photo sent for inclusion in newsletter.
- f. **Action point** – Mark Bladwell's suggestions of coin collection bin, sponsored walk and members' draw to be added to May agenda for introducing next season
 - See item 10
- g. **Action point** – SM to investigate possibility of acquiring a licence for boot sales
 - To be completed in coming month
- h. **Action point** – MT to ask Jon Bickley to publicise quiz evening in newsletter
 - Completed
- i. **Action point** – SM to buy team prizes for quiz evening
 - Completed
- j. **Action point** – SM to ask CrossFit to advertise table tennis tournament to its members
 - Asked but most members do not live locally
- k. **Action point** – MP to produce report of minutes and send to MT for publishing on website
 - Completed (report will only be published once minutes have been signed off)

Minutes signed off.

3. Treasurer's Report

Latest accounts sent in advance.

GW explained that some of the available funds should be set aside for the Pledge and the printing of draw tickets and membership cards.

GW explained that our auditor is retiring but that he was hopeful that he would continue with us.

It was agreed that it would be a nice gesture for the SC to invite him to a home fixture.

Action point – GW to look into this and report back.

4. Training facility payment

It was agreed to pay a further £1k to the club, making a total of £10k for the season.

5. Travel Co-ordinator report/End of season review

A summary of the season's figures was distributed in advance of the meeting – these included an average of 21 travelling to league fixtures.

There was a discussion on several proposals sent in advance of the meeting and the following was agreed...

- The SC will continue to organise coach travel next season, provided that there is sufficient interest.
- CB will organise the coaches, with assistance from others.
- MB will run coaches independently of the SC when there is insufficient support for a large coach
- The committee will have further discussion on limiting trips to 3 pm fixtures and only where there is likely to be sufficient interest for a large coach
- The committee will have further discussion on the method of setting fares.
- Provided that the quotes for 18/19 are acceptable, the SC will continue to use Berkeley's coaches.

There was some discussion on ways of attracting more bookings – a flat rate of fares, seeking sponsorship.

Further to the wish that the SC is in charge of its advertising, it was agreed that if posters were required in future that they should be designed and produced 'in house'

MB was warmly thanked for running the coaches for the past four seasons, ensuring that a SC coach ran to almost every fixture.

6. Tea bar report/End of season review

There had been very good takings in the past month.

SM reported that there is very little stock now remaining, that all fixtures and fittings remain in good condition and that a deep clean would be carried out over the summer.

The committee were informed that prices are likely to rise for hot food next season and that the sugar tax was affecting Booker's prices.

7. Match Day Draw report/End of season review

MB highlighted the excellent profit at the St Albans match, despite the shortage of sellers.

It was agreed that the club should be asked about the possibility of some of its matchday volunteers being assigned to the SC for selling tickets.

Action point – SM to raise at management meeting.

8. HQ report/End of season review

MT explained that there would be a clear out of the programme collection over the summer.

9. Supporters Club membership report/End of season review

A summary of membership figures for past 5 seasons was shared in advance of the meeting.

There is a present total of 112 (47 adults, 5 children, 59 concessions, 1 honorary)

There was some discussion on the need for membership cards especially as many are not collected – however their cost is not really a factor as the SC gets a very good deal.

10. Fundraising/revisit Mark Bladwell's ideas

Due to limited time it was agreed to return to this item in June with the proposal made that the club's charity of the season could benefit from donations to a 'coin bin'

11. Quiz evening review

While it was another enjoyable evening, the turnout of 25 was most disappointing. It was pointed out that only four teams were made up of Bath City supporters and that almost half of those present live outside of Bath.

It was agreed to hold another quiz evening in the Autumn and then review if they were worthwhile.

12. Table tennis tournament review

Despite the late change of venue, £42 was raised with 14 participants.

Jim Rollo suggested that first team players may well support a repeat.

It was suggested that the club might purchase a second hand table for community use.

13. AGM

It was agreed that the AGM should be held following the first home fixture in September. The date will be confirmed at the July meeting once the fixtures have been published.

14. Members' discount on club merchandise

Action point – MP to ask Jon Bickley if this can be continued in 18/19

15. Items for next agenda

Revisit away travel and fundraising proposals

AGM

Membership cards

16. Any Other Business

It was pointed out that the redevelopment plans for the ground would affect the SC HQ and that thought should be given as to its future location.

Action point – MP to find invoice as proof of ownership.