

**Bath City Supporters Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Thursday 5 September 2019
Twerton Park**

1. Opening remarks/Welcome

Chairman Steve Wiltshire welcomed the 15 members present to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Ray Franks, Peter Foster, Dan Tanner, Malcolm Mitchell, Paul Brotherton, Merv Toogood, Ken Loach, Pete Nobes

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

The minutes were signed off having been proposed by John Moore and seconded by Mike York

4. Motions

Motion 1 - To remove the following from the Supporters Club constitution...

With the exception of an amendment to the Constitution, every Supporter Club member present shall be entitled to one vote upon every motion and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second, or casting vote.

And replace with...

Every Supporters Club member present shall be entitled to one vote upon every motion and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second, or casting vote.

Proposer – Martin Powell, Seconder – Alison Gibbons.

Martin explained that the committee had recently questioned the need for this ruling as it was felt that all members should be able to take part in any decision to change the constitution.

The motion was then voted on by those present and the votes received were then added to those online votes.

Result – 19 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

The motion was carried.

Motion 2 - To remove the following from the Supporters Club constitution...

The Officers of the Supporters' Club shall comprise of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary. And shall be elected by the management committee bi annually on a staggered basis at a the first monthly meeting after the AGM.

And replace with...

The Officers of the Supporters' Club shall comprise of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary who shall be elected by the management committee at the first monthly meeting after the AGM.

Proposer – Martin Powell, Seconder – Alison Gibbons.

Martin explained that the custom was for the committee to decide at the meeting following the AGM who the officers should be for the following twelve months and it was felt that carrying out the duty for two years was an unnecessary and restrictive ruling.

The motion was then voted on by those present and the votes received were then added to those online votes.

Result – 19 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

The motion was carried.

5. To vote nominated candidates to Management Committee

Cheryl Bradley, Martin Brush, Alison Gibbons, Graham Weeks and Steve Wiltshire were all re-elected.

6. Chairman's Report

Committee

Your committee has been working with a complement of 8 members in total for all 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.

Communication

We have continued to communicate with Bath City fans and our members, through the Supporters Club website, match-day programme, flyers, forum, Chronicle and by sending email updates to members. Also, for this season, the facility to sign up for Supporters Club membership has gone on-line, thank you to Ashley for setting this up.

Spending

It was decided that for the past season we would continue to contribute to the funding of the training facilities for the team, we contributed over £12K towards this last season. This will continue for the season 2019/20.

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 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 must 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. A quiz was also organised and kindly run by Shane Morgan, this was very successful with quite a good number of teams participating, we are indebted to all those involved in kindly donating prizes for these evenings.

Away travel

The running of supporters' coaches to away games as always proved a challenge last season. Despite that however, over the season we had an average of 32 travellers per trip. This average was helped by the success of the team on the pitch, long may that continue. I would like to say thank you very much to Cheryl for the difficult job of arranging these coaches and Bas for arranging the odd one or two where we only had a small number of fans interested in travelling, these were organised totally independently from the Supporters Club. I would also like to thank Ashley 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 must 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.

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.

Thank you.

Stephen Wiltshire – Chairman, Bath City Supporters Club

There were no questions from the members present who showed their appreciation for Steve's report.

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 £756.

He briefly outlined the income streams which enabled the Supporters Club to fund the players' training facilities in full and help with the wages of a loan signing. He hoped that members agreed that this was money well spent.

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 2017/2018

Proposer – Richard Smith, Seconder – Colin Voutt
The accounts were adopted.

9. Any Other Business

Phil Weaver raised a few points concerning Supporters Club coach travel and in response it was explained that the surplus from last season had been paid to the club and that the unused part of John Reynold's donation towards the Billericay trip would be used to subsidise loss making trips this season.

To answer a further question it was explained that it was normal practice to cancel a trip due to insufficient support soon after the end of the previous fixture.

Members were reminded that some clubs are able to offer lower fares as they receive sponsorship and it was requested that if anyone knows of a company who may be interested that they contact the Supporters Club.

Martin Powell made the point that the Supporters Club now has a much greater online presence due to the efforts of Ashley Davis.

Shane Morgan urged members to join up to the easyfundraising scheme and it was agreed that this should be highlighted to members in a forthcoming communication.

10. Closing remarks

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