

**Bath City Supporters Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday 28 September 2020
(video/conference call)**

1. Opening remarks/Welcome

Chairman Steve Wiltshire welcomed the 18 members present to the meeting. He emphasised how difficult the past year has been for everyone and especially for those who have lost loved ones. Amongst these have been many in the Bath City family including long time supporters such as Marg Helps and Nigel Pass and former committee members Sean Kitson and Dave Mann. There are others who are presently recovering including Mike York, Martin Brush and Eileen Wilsdon who we hope to see at matches again when we are allowed to return.

2. Apologies

Alison Gibbons, Martin Brush

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

The minutes were signed off having been proposed by Dan Tanner and seconded by Cheryl Bradley

4. Motions

No proposals had been received by the advertised deadline.

5. Results of vote for nominated candidates to Management Committee

Shane Morgan, Ashley Davis and Martin Powell were all re-elected and Leon Webb was elected having previously been a co-opted member of the committee. 18 votes were received.

6. Chairman's Report

Committee

Your committee has been working with a complement of 8 or 9 members in total this year due to the potential recruitment of Leon Webb, whereas the full complement according to the Constitution is 11 members, despite this shortfall in numbers we have all worked incredibly hard in representing you and supporting the club in various ways, meeting at least once every month up until the unprecedented and very strange sudden halt to the season in mid- March. We have managed to meet electronically the last couple of months. There are still at least two 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 anyone on the committee to let us know.

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. The facility to sign up for Supporters Club

membership has remained on-line, thank you to Ashley and Alison for managing this facility.

Spending

Graham will take you through the accounts in a few minutes, however 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 £11,250 to the Training Facilities as well as donating a further £2,600 as emergency funding to assist the Club as a result of Covid-19.. This will continue for the season 2020/21, when that eventually begins again in October, fingers crossed.

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 decreased last season as the season had to be curtailed early, however thanks very much for 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. As of the start of next season, we may be requiring someone on Match-days to help in the Tea-Bar, as Shane will be employed on other duties, if there are any volunteers, please contact Shane or a member of the committee. Likewise, the efforts of Leon and his helpers ensured there was a regular income coming in from the match-day draw by selling these tickets prior to the match. Leon took over this from Basil, who, as you are probably aware has had to take a back seat during the past twelve months due to illness. However, I am pleased to tell you that he is feeling a lot better and hopes to join us at matches again very soon. When last season prematurely ended, it was decided that we would run an electronic draw, this was very successful and generated £2,000 for the club. Thanks to Ashley for setting this up and managing it. Cheryl has also been managing the Easy Fundraising scheme and the buckets that were spread around the ground for loose change, the figures for Easy Fundraising currently stands at £1,189.31. Thank you, Cheryl for managing this. Other things that we have managed to achieve throughout this year are as follows:

- aprons with logos have been purchased for the matchday draw sellers
- the big cheque presentation was made to Paul Williams for £654.08
- the HQ helps sell stock for the Club
- the provision of food was trialled at the last quiz and appeared to be successful
- scratch cards on sale in the bar and on the coach
- support for the Club's Crowdfunding appeal - SC flag displayed and sponsored Dan Ball's shirt
- A joint letter was sent from SC + Society to the National League complaining about the quality of the playoff streaming.

Away travel

The running of supporters' coaches to away games as always proved a challenge last season. Cheryl organised coaches to 15 of the 21 away fixtures and the average of 32 supporters onboard matched the previous season and is the equal highest for 8 years. This included a very successful "all day" trip to sunny Weymouth. 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, Andy Field and Chris Cox for selling the 50/50 tickets on these trips. Cheryl has been instrumental in securing donations to help with the running of the coaches

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. Due to the Coronavirus, it was decided that we would sell the memberships early in preparation for this long-awaited season. This generated quite a few additional people to sign up, the numbers up to the end of August were, 172 members in total, 62 of these are completely new members, there were still 34 members from last year still to renew, so if you are one of those, you are encouraged to sign up. 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 £577.

He reported that considering there had been an early end to the season these accounts were very pleasing. The success of the virtual draw and many members renewing early in the summer were important factors and had there not been an absence of matchday income for the four home fixtures never played and the playoff against Dorking being held behind closed doors this may well have been one of our most successful seasons for fundraising.

Dan Tanner asked if there is a reserve fund in place and it was explained that £250 is held back for this purpose.

Alan Every asked about the possibility of holding the Matchday Draw when spectators finally return to matches. Ashley Davis explained that the intention is to continue with online sales and hopefully the facility for supporters to buy tickets at the ground by scanning a QR code on their phones. This will avoid the need to pay with cash.

Members 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 2019/2020

Proposer – Dan Tanner, Seconder – Malcolm Mitchell
The accounts were adopted.

9. Any Other Business

Dan Tanner thanked the committee for all their hard work and said it was particularly pleasing to see Leon joining.

Dan asked if there was liaison with the Club regarding the use of volunteers for SC duties on matchdays. Martin Powell explained that this had been an action point just prior to lockdown but will be revisited when things return to normal.

Ken Loach reminded those present of the issues concerning the redevelopment of Twerton Park and how important it was that the Club's long term ambition of League football was not compromised by inadequate facilities. He urged all supporters to scrutinise the plans when they are released and if necessary make their feelings heard. The best way to achieve this was by becoming a Society member and gaining a vote.

10. Closing remarks

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