

BATH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB

Report of Committee meeting 2 September 2021

1. Apologies

All present

2. Sign off of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were signed off after errors in items 5 and 14 were pointed out and amended.

- a. **Action point** – AD to advertise coach trips on social media
 - Completed
- b. **Action point** – MP to advertise coach trips in next email to members
 - Completed
- c. **Action point** – CB to draft a SC letterhead and send to HT
 - Completed
- d. **Action point** – MP to share letter of thanks from Jerry Gill for Crowdfunder donation with members in the next email
 - Completed

3. Treasurer's Report

GW shared the latest accounts.

He explained that he was attempting to resolve the saga of internet banking and that for the second time he has completed the application forms and provided the constitution and relevant minutes giving the committee's approval. GW, SW and CB also signed a confirmation of this prior to the meeting which will be forwarded to the bank.

It was agreed to review this at the next meeting and if there was still a delay in the setting up of internet banking to explore the setting up of an account with another bank.

GW is happy with LW sharing with the draw's sellers how much is raised at each match.

4. Club donation

It was agreed to pay the Club £1500

5. Travel Co-ordinator report

The trips to Tonbridge and Oxford both ran at a loss.

CB reported that there have been a few 'newcomers' on these trips which helps to overcome the loss of some regulars no longer able to travel.

Phil Weaver was thanked for assisting SW and AD on the Tonbridge coach in CB's absence.

Two requests made to CB by a regular traveller on the coach were discussed. It was suggested that rather than charging lower fares on trips where the minimum number onboard was exceeded, any surplus could be used to cover the losses of a less

popular coach. While there was some agreement with this view it was felt that the sliding scales were appreciated and it could be helpful in attracting extra bookings once the break-even figure had been passed.

It was also suggested that £1 be added to each fare to cover the driver's tip. This idea was not popular as some may wish to tip more or not at all.

MP pointed out that we have requested in the past that any complaints/suggestions are sent to the committee in writing rather than verbally. As well as enabling all committee members to be informed, a reply can then be sent once the issue has been discussed.

6. Tea Bar report

SM reported that he had spent £330.75 on stock, there were cash takings of £590 plus Sumup payments of £40.45 for the Billericay and Chelmsford matches and that he had recently paid in £375.

It was agreed to publicise the price list and the facility to pay by card in the next members' email.

In future the card reader will be sent to the tea bar at opening time (around 1445)

7. Away Day 50/50 + Matchday Draw reports

AD reported that Ken Loach had donated his recent prize back to the SC. This will be added to 'donations'.

As there are plenty of tickets, LW will give some to CB for the coach draws.

8. HQ report

Club sales of £99 were taken at the Billericay match.

SW will continue to man the Club shop until the position is permanently filled.

9. Supporters Club Membership report

There are currently 179 members.

10. Publicity & Communications report

Nothing to report.

11. Christmas Draw

HT reported on the prizes which she has so far been able to receive from generous donors and that she is awaiting replies from several other organisations.

The prize list will need to be confirmed in advance of the draw's launch in October.

HT was thanked for all her efforts so far.

12. Fundraising & Marketing ideas

Easyfundraising presently stands at £1727 with 86 supporters.
The bucket total is £13.65

For the Ziffit initiative it was agreed to use the Food Bank basket at the entrance to Charlie's for collections.

HT will confirm details with the Club and share the wording of the appeal to supporters for the usual media channels.

The following fundraising ideas were suggested and briefly discussed...

Quiz nights – little enthusiasm after poorly attended ones of recent years

Bingo – requires a licence

A Christmas lights trail in Twerton, New Year's Eve party and film night were all considered good ideas but it was felt that these were the type of events which should be organised by the Club.

The idea of a car boot sale was thought to be worth investigating but it would require a licence and SM will investigate this.

13. Card Reader appraisal

Its introduction has been well received and is working well, especially on the coach.

As it needs to be in several places at home matches it may be worth buying a second reader.

AD will monitor fluctuating prices and purchase a reader if the price drops to around £60

14. Draw for Lounge tickets

This will be carried out following the meeting.

AD will contact the winner, copying in the Club, with the request that they agree on a suitable match.

15. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 6 October

16. Items for next agenda

Christmas Draw launch

Internet banking

17. Any Other Business

It was agreed that a new photo of the committee is needed and the SC's official photographer will be asked to take one at the start of the next meeting.

LW asked if the metal frame outside the HQ could be moved. Apparently there is nowhere else it can be stored at present.