

BATH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB

Report of December's Committee meeting (via Zoom) 30 November 2021

Present – Steve Wiltshire, chair (SW), Cheryl Bradley (CB), Graham Weeks (GW), Martin Powell (MP), Shane Morgan (SM), Ashley Davis (AD), Leon Webb (LW), Alison Gibbons (AG), Heather Thomas (HT)

1. Apologies

All present

2. Sign off of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. **Action point** - CB to send Christmas Draw tickets invoice to GW
 - Completed
- b. **Action point** – AD to investigate Survey Monkey as a means of getting feedback from supporters on coach travel
 - Completed
- c. **Action point** – MP to send the last coach survey to CB
 - Completed
- d. **Action point** – HT to mention the idea of sponsoring individual coach trips to some of her business contacts.
 - HT has spoken to the travel coordinator at Bristol Rovers who explained that their coaches are not sponsored. MP explained that in past seasons some other clubs at our level have coaches sponsored and will share details with HT of any current arrangements he can find.
- e. **Action point** – LW and AD will run the HQ at the Hampton fixture.
 - Completed and at the following fixture

The minutes were signed off.

3. Treasurer's Report

GW had shared the latest accounts prior to the meeting. He recommended donating £1,000 to the Club for this month so that in January, with the Christmas Draw receipts, we may well be able to double this monthly contribution.

Action point - HT to send prize money to GW via BACS.

GW left the meeting at this point due to the birth of his latest grandchild.

4. Club donation

It was agreed to make a payment of £1000 to the Club.

5. Travel Co-ordinator report

CB reported that there had been no coach trips since the last meeting as there was insufficient interest for the Dulwich fixture.

She explained that only 14 had booked for the Havant coach and that this would lead to a loss of around £200 even with the SC subsidy. It was therefore decided to cancel this coach.

Due to the high likelihood of the same scenario it was agreed not to advertise a coach for Ebbsfleet on 18/12.

Hopefully with a flat fare of just £10 and no public transport on Boxing Day there will be no problem with running a coach to Chippenham.

There was further discussion on getting the trips sponsored.

Regarding a survey of supporters to get feedback on coach travel CB explained that the questions had been prepared and AD reported that they would be sent out using Google Forms (as used prior to the last AGM)

Action point – AD to send the draft survey round to the committee for approval.

AD explained that the website 'rules' for the coach will need to be amended to read 'Passengers are legally required to wear face coverings at all times except while eating and drinking.'

6. Tea Bar report

The accounts shared prior to the meeting showed takings from the Welling, Hampton, Concord and Dartford fixtures totalling £1296.60 and stock purchases of £545. £696.60 has recently been banked with £175 carried forward.

CB asked if anyone knew of a possible volunteer to assist in the tea bar and it was suggested that the Club be asked if any of its volunteers could be provided.

7. Matchday Draw report

SM explained that the problems created by the strong winds during the Concord match suggested that the idea of a shelter for sellers was not practical. It was suggested that the best location for selling and purchasing tickets during adverse weather was at the Bath end of the Popular Side.

8. HQ report

SW reported that it had been worth opening during recent fixtures, with over £100 taken at the Concord match.

There has been a good response to the request for supporters to collect books of Christmas Draw tickets for selling.

9. Supporters Club Membership report

With the recent sad passing of John Swatton the membership total was now at 186. His details have been moved to the Archive section of the members' database to prevent mailings being sent to his address.

10. Publicity & Communications report

It was agreed that the forthcoming email to members will include..

Christmas Draw reminder and update on returns

Chippenham coach

Promote Easyfundraising for Christmas shopping

Action point – AD to send these to MP

11. Christmas Draw

It was reported that 413 online tickets had been sold, which totals £386 after deductions.

There have been returns of £220 for the paper tickets.

HT explained that the Royal Theatre tickets have been returned for a new date of 9/1 and that she would ask if the Bullfrog bottle could be swapped for one with a Bath City label.

There was some discussion on the arrangements for announcing the winners on 2/1 (day of Chippenham fixture)...

SM explained that the tannoy was being upgraded so the usual problems of a half time announcement should not apply.

Action point – MP to ask Mark Stillman if he could read out the winners and prizes at half time on 2/1 and request that prizes are collected from the HQ after the match.

A poster showing the results will be displayed at the HQ for the end of the match.

Those winners who entered online to be asked at the HQ for their email address as a form of ID.

Winners of cash prizes to be asked how they wish to receive their prize.

12. Fundraising & Marketing ideas

The Easyfundraising total stands at £1958.69 and the bucket collection at £29.85
AD reported that he had raised £30 using Ziffitt after clearing his room.

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 13 January (Zoom meeting)

14. Items for next agenda

Christmas Draw review
Coach survey results

15. Any Other Business

MP reported that he had sent condolences on behalf of the SC to John Swatton's brother, Andrew, and that he will represent the committee at the upcoming funeral.