

## **BATH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB**

### **Report of Committee meeting (via Zoom) 13 January 2022**

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**

Item 5 - MP explained on AD's advice that he has since added 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.' This has been done.

The minutes were signed off.

#### **3. Treasurer's Report**

GW shared the latest accounts prior to the meeting. He explained that the healthy position was due to the high Christmas Draw profits plus the large attendances at the Hungerford and Chippenham matches leading to pleasing matchday draw and tea bar sales.

#### **4. Club donation**

It was agreed to make a payment of £2000 to the Club.

#### **5. Travel Co-ordinator report + survey responses**

CB reported that since the last meeting the only coach to run was for the Chippenham match. As there was no public transport that day it was disappointing that only 25 travelled but that produced a small profit. She thanked AG for collecting fares at Twerton Park.

There were only 12 bookings for the Havant trip so that coach was cancelled and it was decided that there was little point in advertising a coach for Chelmsford. However, following the Club's offer to cover any losses, the coach to Hemel Hempstead will run.

As the Hampton match is an evening kick off there will be no coach but CB will advertise one for the Maidstone fixture.

AD had shared the responses to the recent coach survey prior to the meeting and there was a discussion on some of the issues raised by the 81 supporters who had shared their views.

The purpose of the survey had been to investigate what might encourage supporters to use the SC coaches and the areas highlighted included fares, pick up points, itineraries and advertising.

Some of the suggestions were viewed as impractical but it was felt that explanations about these should be posted on the SC website and advertised to supporters.

There were other suggestions which were deemed to be worth consideration and these will be discussed at the next meeting.

AD was thanked for compiling the survey and collating the responses.

## **6. Tea Bar report**

The accounts shared prior to the meeting showed takings from the Hungerford fixture totalling £365.15 and stock purchases of £185. £130 has recently been banked with £150 carried forward.

SM thanked Sophie McEwan for helping at the Chippenham fixture.

## **7. Away Day 50/50 + Matchday Draw reports**

The Away Day Draw will resume this week.

## **8. HQ report**

SW has been working in the Club shop recently so LW gave an update.

## **9. Supporters Club Membership report**

AG reported that the present total stands at 188 which includes one new member

## **10. Publicity & Communications report**

Nothing to report.

## **11. Christmas Draw review**

It was confirmed that £1,217.92 had been raised, just over £650 through online entries and £550 through paper tickets.

AD has contacted Tommy Saunders to confirm the donation of £200 to the Ben Saunders Foundation. An email has been received from Tommy thanking the SC.

AD has contacted all winners and put the wheels in motion to distribute the prizes. A list of prize winners has been displayed on the HQ, in the bars, office window, a message to members and on social media.

HT has informed all who donated prizes that the draw has taken place and thanked them for their generosity.

HT reported that she was really pleased with the outcome.

She will keep the prize donors in the loop in the hope they will support future SC fundraising.

There was agreement that it was very worthwhile to hold another draw in the future and HT and AD were thanked for all their efforts.

## **12. Fundraising & Marketing ideas**

CB reported that the easyfundraising total stands at £1980.64 and there is £36 in the collecting bucket.

## **13. Fans' memorial idea**

MP shared the idea of an online memorial to supporters who had passed away similar to what can be found on the Ebbsfleet website. He explained that at present

there are no ways of paying tribute (apart from the occasional minute's silence/applause but that this often created a dilemma for the Club and was always dependent on the referee.)

This would provide an opportunity for family members to provide a tribute for loved ones.

MP explained that he felt that this came within the SC's remit and that we should encourage the Club to provide this opportunity for families of late supporters.

There was support for the idea and it was agreed that it should be raised with the Board.

#### **14. Date of next meeting**

3 February - Zoom

#### **15. Items for next agenda**

Coach survey suggestions  
Fans memorial

#### **16. Any Other Business**

CB gave a brief summary of the recent Club AGM as it had not been possible for anyone from the committee to represent the SC.