

**Bath City Supporters Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
9 June 2022**

(held at Twerton Park and via a video/conference call)

1. Opening remarks/Welcome

Chairman Steve Wiltshire welcomed the 19 members present to the meeting, 5 attending via Zoom.

2. Apologies

Mark Bladwell, Peter Foster, Ken Loach, Leon Webb, John Moore, Malcolm Mitchell, Alan Finney, Phil Gunning, Maurice Ashman

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

Dan Tanner had been reassured that once normality returns regarding Covid, the Club would be asked for volunteers to assist the Supporters Club on matchdays. In an update Cheryl Bradley explained that despite the Club struggling to attract volunteers last season, help had been provided for the tea bar. The Supporters Club will continue to ask when the need arises.

Dan Tanner had requested that future AGMs be held via Zoom and had been assured that while the preference was for face-to-face meetings, the possibility of a Zoom facility for those unable to attend would be explored. Thanks to Jon Bickley for his assistance in providing that facility for this evening.

The minutes were signed off having been proposed by Dave Bartholomew and seconded by Les Bingham.

4. Chairman's Report

This was a season that promised a lot at the start but fell apart a little in the middle, however, the team rallied round towards the end to secure our position in this league for next year with a couple of games to spare. It was just lovely to be able to go and watch the team both home and away after the restrictions of the last two years.

Your committee has been working with a complement of 9 members in total this year. The full complement according to the Constitution is 11 members, despite this slight shortfall in numbers we have all worked incredibly hard in representing you and supporting the club in various ways, meeting every month electronically throughout the period.

There are still 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.

We have continued to communicate with Bath City fans and our members, through the Supporters Club website, match-day programme, forum, social media including Facebook and Twitter, which can be accessed through the webpage, 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.

We decided that we would continue to contribute to the funding of the training facilities for the team, we were able to contribute £13,000, which incidentally covered the total cost. This will continue for the season 2022/23. We also made monthly payments to the Pledge.

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 Supporters tea bar has been open again this season and has generated profits of £4,085.45 after purchases to replenish stocks. Thank you to Cheryl, Alison and the other volunteers for giving up your time to operate these facilities.

We continued with the running of the electronic 50/50 draw, this was very successful and has generated £1282 for the club. Thanks to Ashley for setting this up and managing it.

The Matchday Draw has been managed by Leon and made a profit of £5687. Many thanks to Leon and to his team of sellers.

Cheryl has also been managing the Easy Fundraising scheme, the total currently stands at £2,370. A great effort by all involved in this and thank you to Cheryl.

We also held a Christmas Draw this year and this was very successful and made a profit of just over £1,200. Thank you very much to Heather who did a very good job in arranging this. Also thank you to all the contributors who donated prizes to help make this a very profitable fundraiser.

Thanks very much to Cheryl for all her hard work this season in running the coaches. She was under huge pressure at times to run them when it clearly wasn't a viable option. We did run a few coaches and these were pretty well supported.

The last two trips to Hungerford and Billericay both had good numbers and the idea of going a little earlier and allowing time for people to visit the towns appeared to be quite popular. A survey was carried out concerning these two trips with a quite favourable response to this idea. Your committee will definitely be considering this idea for a few trips next season.

A reminder that the Supporters Club can only be as strong as its membership. By the end of last season, we had just over 190 members, still well below the average home attendance. 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.

I hope to see you all on July 6th for the opening pre-season friendly against Colchester Utd.

Stephen Wiltshire – Chairman, Bath City Supporters Club

5. Presentation of Accounts

Graham Weeks, Treasurer, briefly went through the [accounts](#) which had been shared with members prior to the meeting and which showed a closing balance of £2293.

He pointed out that this was a very pleasing balance going forward and reflected a season when things had got back to normal after 2020/21 when an absence of supporters at matches badly affected fundraising activities.

Donations to the Club had entirely covered the cost of the training facilities for which Paul Williams was very grateful.

Graham paid special thanks to Nigel Reed who audits the accounts voluntarily and had managed to do this in a shorter than usual period between the end of the season and the AGM.

Dan Tanner asked if the linking of the Christmas Draw to the Ben Saunders Appeal had boosted ticket sales, but Heather Thomas explained that it was not possible to gauge the impact.

In answer to a question about the emergency donation of £300 to the Club, Graham explained that this was a one-off payment during the summer of 2021 when it is unusual for regular donations to be made but followed a request from Paul Williams.

6. To receive, and if approved, adopt the balance sheet and accounts for the season 2021/2022.

Proposer – Richard Smith, Seconder – Colin Voutt

The accounts were adopted.

7. Results of vote to elect nominated candidates to Supporters Club Committee

Ashley Davis, Shane Morgan, Martin Powell and Leon Webb were all re-elected.

41 votes were received (including 36 online votes).

8. Any Other Business

Following the recent announcement of a Bath City Women's team, Heather Thomas asked if they would have their separate supporters organisation or be affiliated with BCSC. It was agreed that an invitation be made to the team, its officials and supporters to become members of BCSC.

9. Closing remarks

Steve Wiltshire thanked all present for their attendance, both in person and online, and closed the meeting.