

BATH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB

Report of Committee meeting (via Zoom) 5 May 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

The minutes were signed off

Proposer - GW

Secunder - CB

- a. **Action point** – MP to draft a survey form for emailing to those members who travelled to Hungerford and Billericay.
 - Completed
- b. **Action point** – MP to advertise the Billericay away day draw as normal and explain that it will be revamped for next season.
 - Completed
- c. **Action point** – LW to liaise with GW re ordering of Matchday Draw tickets for next season
 - Completed
- d. **Action point** – MP to contact Jim Rollo and ask if he can attend the Oxford match and receive his award.
 - Completed
- e. **Action point** – CB to speak to Jon Bickley who has been responsible for setting up the Board meetings with a view to him doing the same for a hybrid AGM.
 - Completed

3. Treasurer's Report

GW shared the accounts and pointed out that despite the benefits of online banking we were being charged for the service.

4. Club donation

It was agreed to make a payment of £1700 which brings the total for the season to £13,000.

Action point - GW to ask Paul Williams if this will cover the whole cost of the training facilities for the season.

5. Travel Co-ordinator report

CB reported that there had been coaches to Hungerford and Billericay in the past month with a total of 82 onboard and both trips ran at a profit. The trip to Yeovil for the Somerset Cup final is definitely running with 33 bookings already received. A flat rate fare will be charged.

Action point – AG and AD to cover CB before the Radstock pick up.

MP summarised the responses to the survey of those who had travelled by coach to Hungerford and Billericay. Both had departed earlier from Bath so that extra time could be had in the two towns. Something which had been suggested by several supporters in an earlier survey.

As the trips were well supported and the majority of the responses were very positive it was agreed that it would be worth selecting some trips for an earlier departure again next season. These can be selected when the fixtures are released.

It was felt that an announcement that the coaches would definitely run also encouraged extra bookings.

It was agreed that the coach 'rules' should be looked at and possibly revised before the new season.

6. Tea Bar report

The accounts shared by SM prior to the meeting showed a sum of £170 carried forward from the previous month, takings from the Dulwich and Havant fixtures totalling £848.05 and stock purchases of £345. £315 has recently been banked with £183.05 taken on SumUp. £175 has been carried forward.

7. Away Day 50/50 + Matchday Draw reports

AD reported that the last away draw has now been held and the total raised for the season was nearly £1300. He is still thinking of ways to revamp it for next season and will share some ideas during the close season.

LW explained that having liaised with GW he felt there were sufficient tickets to start the new season. This meant that the prize structure will remain the same for now due to the wording on the existing tickets.

While the increased attendances were key to the excellent sales, LW also thanked the efforts of his team of sellers.

8. HQ report

SW reported that £36 had recently been taken in merchandise sales.

Action point – SW to be covered by LW at half time of the Oxford match so that he can announce the presentations.

9. Supporters Club Membership report

AG reported that two new members had joined taking the total to 192.

There was some discussion on subscription rates for next season. AD explained that Membermojo may not be able to handle family memberships. It was agreed instead to scrap the subscription rates for children so in future under 17s will be able to join for free.

Action point – AG to amend the form and send it to MP for it to be included with the AGM announcement posted to offline members.

10. Publicity & Communications report

Nothing to report

11. Fundraising & Marketing ideas

It was agreed to hold another Christmas Draw in 2022 and HT explained that she would start planning and share ideas at the next meeting.

CB reported that the easyfundraising total stands at £2247.78 and there is £60.52 in the collecting bucket.

12. Car boot sale

It was agreed that this idea would not be pursued as the limited number of car park spaces mean that the profits were likely to be very low.

13. Presentations at Oxford match

MP reported that Bob Chester, Andrew Pierce and Jim Rollo had been informed and will meet the 'presentation party' just before half time by the dug outs.

SW will read out the tributes and will liaise with Mark Stillman over using the roving mic.

MP will ask Ken Loach if he can present the awards – if not, those present from the committee will do this between them.

Action point – MP to ask Dave Phillips and Simon Howe to film/photo the presentations and send photos to AD for social media.

14. AGM arrangements

CB reported on her discussion with Jon Bickley about the possibility of holding a hybrid in person/Zoom meeting. Jon is happy to lend us a microphone and speaker to plug into a laptop.

It was therefore agreed to go ahead with a hybrid meeting and this will be advertised in the announcement of the AGM to be sent out over the coming weekend.

To avoid the problems experienced at one of the Meet the Manager events, it was agreed that when sending out the meeting invitations that members are asked to contact us if they wish to join by Zoom. We can then send out the zoom details to just those members a few days prior to the meeting. We can also check who is in the waiting room before letting them into the meeting.

Action point – SM to book the TR Hayes Lounge for the AGM on 9 June, starting at 1930.

15. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the committee will not need to meet throughout the close season and any immediate issues can be discussed either by email or on the evening of the AGM.

16. Items for next agenda

End of season reviews
Coach arrangements for new season

New committee roles
AGM review
Virtual draw suggestions
Christmas Draw

17. Any Other Business

GW explained that the audited accounts may not be ready to be sent to members until after the AGM paperwork is sent out on 25 May. He will ask the auditor to send them as usual to MP when they are available and they will be forwarded to members prior to the meeting.

LW explained that the Draw sellers were often distracted by supporters wishing to leave the ground to visit the bar. It was agreed that if this happens in future that they be advised to speak to a steward.