

BATH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB

Report of Committee meeting 27 July 2022 (Zoom meeting)

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 Previous Meeting Minutes

- a) **Action point** - GW to ask Paul Williams if our total payments will cover the whole cost of the training facilities for the season - **completed**
- b) **Action point** – AG and AD to cover CB before the Radstock pick up on Yeovil trip - **completed**
- c) **Action point** – SW to be covered by LW at half time of the Oxford match so that he can announce the presentations - **completed**
- d) **Action point** – AG to amend the membership form and send it to MP for it to be included with the AGM announcement posted to offline members - **completed**
- e) **Action point** – SM to book the TR Hayes Lounge for the AGM on 9 June, starting at 1930 - **completed**
- f) **Action point** – MP to ask committee to show their availability so that a date convenient to all can be selected for the next meeting - **completed**
- g) **Action point** - GW to send latest accounts to SW - **completed**

The minutes were signed off.
Proposer – CB, Secunder - GW

3. Sign off AGM minutes

The minutes were signed off.
Proposer – AD, Secunder - SW

Action point – MP to send minutes to AD to upload to website
Action point – MP to share link with members

4. Treasurer's Report

GW shared the latest accounts and pointed out that there is additional income from members' subscriptions and takings from the Bristol City friendly.

5. Travel Co-ordinator report

There was discussion on proposals provided by CB and MP and the following decisions were made...

- Reduced fares for concessions (65+) and sliding scales will be discontinued

- SC subsidy to cover losses will be increased to £150
- Fares for the trips will be divided into four bands for simplification
- The committee will decide every two months which trips will run for the following two months period and if any will depart early for a longer time at the destination. Decisions will be communicated to members.
- For August and September, trips will be advertised to Hampton, Farnborough, Ebbsfleet, Oxford and Taunton. No coach will run to Eastbourne.
- For the Hampton evening trip a final decision will be made 10 days beforehand based on bookings received.
- As Bath University students will be moving in on the day of the Oxford trip the coach will depart from Twerton at 0930.
- The wording in the coach rules re face coverings will remain with passengers reminded that some are vulnerable.

There was discussion on updating the coach rules. These will be finalised by CB, AG and AD.

CB explained that while the quotes from Berkeleys are for the whole season she would ask for a revision should fuel prices drop in the coming months.

Action point – CB, AG and AD to share rules revision with the committee and advertise on website.

Action point – MP to adjust fares sheet based on a £150 subsidy and send to CB

Action point – CB to ask Tim Pow about the possibility of dropping down and picking up in Oxford city centre.

6. Tea Bar report

SM explained that due to being away the tea bar has not opened for the friendly fixtures.

He will be purchasing stock shortly for the start of the season and will then make a decision on whether prices need to be raised.

Usually prices are fixed for the whole season but it is difficult to predict what we may be charged in future months due to rising inflation. So it may be necessary to raise the prices in mid-season.

7. Away Day 50/50 report

AD explained that there needed to be a revamp as the number of supporters purchasing tickets had dropped considerably and coinciding the draw with away fixtures meant that it was often irregular.

It was agreed that it would be preferable to hold the draw on a monthly basis with the first being held on 1 October.

Action point – AD to send round firmed up proposals

Action point – once agreed, MP to share with members in newsletter.

8. Matchday Draw report

LW reported that things had gone smoothly for the friendly fixtures despite a shortage of sellers.

Sales had been particularly good for the Bristol Rovers match.

9. HQ report

SW reported that the HQ had opened for the friendlies.

10. Supporters Club Membership report

AG reported that 110 members have already subscribed for the new season. It was confirmed that the Membermojo page has been adjusted to show that members' children can join free of charge.

11. Christmas Draw proposals

HT shared a list of organisations that she intends to contact re donating prizes. It was agreed that those of the Club advertisers 'known' to the SC will also be contacted.

Action point – HT to ask Peter Headington for a list of the Club advertisers/sponsors

12. Fundraising & Marketing ideas

CB reported that the Easyfundraising total stands at £2440.35

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 1 September (Zoom)

14. Items for next agenda

Online draw
Xmas draw

15. Any Other Business

MP explained that he will send a message to members prior to the deadline for new subscriptions and welcomed any suggestions for what should be included.

HT offered to volunteer on matchdays and was asked to assist with selling draw tickets.

CB reported that she has spoken to Jane Jones, the new Community Director, who is keen for links to be established between Bath City Women and the SC.