

BATH CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting 1 September 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)
(plus Jane Jones, Community Director, who left the meeting after item 3)

1. Apologies

All present

2. Sign off Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. **Action point** – MP to send AGM minutes to AD to upload to website
 - Completed
- b. **Action point** – MP to share link to minutes with members
 - Completed
- c. **Action point** – MP to adjust coach fares sheet based on a £150 subsidy and send to CB
 - Completed
- d. **Action point** – CB to ask Berkeley's Coaches about the possibility of dropping down and picking up in Oxford city centre.
 - **Completed** – Berkeley's have suggested that the Ashmoleum Museum will be the best place to drop off and pick up
- e. **Action point** – AD to send round firmed up proposals for online draw
 - See item 9
- f. **Action point** – once agreed, MP to share details on draw with members in newsletter.
 - Will do when proposals are agreed on
- g. **Action point** – GW to speak to previous sponsors of draw tickets before a decision on honorary memberships is made.
 - Completed - see item 8
- h. **Action point** – MP to send AD outstanding meeting reports for uploading to website.
 - Completed

The minutes were signed off.

Proposed – GW

Seconded – AG

3. Bath City Women

Jane Jones explained that she has taken the lead in forming the women's team over the summer. She provided a very detailed background to the recruitment of staff and players, the securing of sponsorship, a successful application to join the Somerset County Women's League, pre-season friendlies, the securing of training facilities at Odd Down and arrangements for supporters to watch home fixtures at Twerton Park.

Jane was congratulated on the progress made.

4. Treasurer's Report

GW shared the latest accounts and explained that he has yet to receive an invoice from Berkeleys for the Farnborough coach.

Paul Williams has explained that the bill for the team's training facilities will total £12k for the season.

5. Club donation

It was agreed to make a payment of £4k to the Club.

6. Travel Co-ordinator report

CB reported that coaches had not run to the opening two fixtures. Supporters had been advised that the trip to Eastbourne was not viable and there was insufficient support for a coach to Hampton, as is the case for the upcoming trip to Ebbsfleet.

The Farnborough coach ran at a profit with 30 onboard. There was a lengthy discussion on the problems endured on the return trip when those onboard had to disembark at the M4 services for two hours so that the coach could return to Farnborough to collect the team.

It was agreed that this was very unfortunate and that Berkeley's should be asked that another solution be found should the team coach break down in the future.

CB explained that she hoped to speak to Berkeley's shortly to make this request and to ask if there could be any deduction in the invoice for the supporters coach.

(update – the Supporters Club have received an apology from Berkeley's and not been charged for the coach.)

CB confirmed that Ken Loach had again agreed to sponsor a seat for each trip.

It was agreed that those over 17 should be charged the full adult fare but under 18s will pay the half fare.

Decisions were made on which trips to advertise in October and November. A coach will definitely run to St Albans and one to Tonbridge if there is sufficient support. There will be no coach run to Concord.

Action point – MP to inform members of these decisions in the next email.

7. Tea Bar report

The accounts shared by SM prior to the meeting showed a sum of £200 carried forward from the previous season, takings from the Dartford, Braintree and Slough fixtures totalling £1001.80 and stock purchases of £555. £250 has recently been banked with £196.80 taken on SumUp. £200 has been carried forward.

SM explained that prices have been increased and match those of Mo-B-Q. Sales have been down but can partly be explained by the warm weather and the popularity of the outside bar. He predicted that things will return to normal once the colder weather arrives.

8. Matchday Draw report

LW reported that sales were going well despite there being no sponsors in the lounge so far.

New tickets will be needed in the near future. Three former sponsors will be asked for a donation with all being made honorary members again. A fourth no longer runs his

business but it was agreed to make him an honorary member again for the season as a mark of gratitude.

It was agreed that the new tickets will have a first prize of £75 and the second prize of two tickets for a home fixture. Supporters will be told in advance and the intention is to launch this at around Christmas.

9. Online Draw

AD proposed that the draw be held monthly with alternating cash and physical prizes. The idea of having a standing order to purchase tickets would prove to be difficult. These proposals were agreed on.

The first draw will be held at the end of September with the web page going live from the weekend.

Action point – AD to send link to MP for sharing with members.

10. HQ report

SW reported that he had run the Club shop for the past two fixtures but would return to the HQ for the Chelmsford match.

11. Supporters Club Membership report

AG reported that the present membership stood at 150 which is 41 down on last season.

12. Fundraising & Marketing ideas

The Easyfundraising total stands at £2494 with a recent payout of £254 while £8.30 has so far been deposited in the bucket collection. A member has recently made a donation to the SC.

13. Date of next meeting

13 October via Zoom

14. Any Other Business

MP explained that the next update for members will include the online draw, coaches for October and November and the payout from Easyfundraising – any other suggestions should be sent to him asap.