



Whitley Bay FC Supporter's Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

19 March 2018

Attendees:

Lynn Bone (LB); David Moore (DM); Doug Parker (DP); Fred Kelly (FK); Bryan Clarke (BC); Paul Athey (PA); David Hall (DH); Richard Reeves (RR); Ken Thomas (KT); Stuart Beattie (SB).

Board Representative(s): Peter Siddle (PS).

Apologies for absence: Tommy Moody (TM); James Wright (JW); Stephen Tyley (ST).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

DH opened the meeting at 19:00 and read through the main points of the February Minutes. There are still problems with the website and J Tyley is also having difficulty contacting Alfie. DH suggested that the website layout be changed to give more prominence to adverts. PS will try to get Alfie in to discuss.

The Talk In on 6 March went well.

Player sponsors are still not getting their photograph taken with the player and it was suggested that this be done at the beginning of the season.

DH spoke to the Chairman who is happy for the club awards to be made at a Supporter's Club presentation night.

New hard brushes have been purchased along with additional cleaning materials. There was further discussion with PS about ground maintenance, particularly heavy manual tasks. SB suggested that we concentrate on the Away dressing room ceiling and get a fan to reduce condensation. A window would also help and PS will speak to Gavin Hattrick. PS will also speak to Kevin Timmons re decoration.

Acceptance of the minutes as a true record was proposed by DP and seconded by FK.

Round Table:

KT: D Styles has suggested we take down the timber cross rails from the fencing around the pitch (where there are no advertising boards) and store them out of the way to prevent further breakage. LB mentioned that the fencing beside the club car park also needs attention.

RR, PA, SB, LB, BC: Nothing significant.

PS: The North Shields game on 30 March will kick off at 12:00. Gate personnel are arranged. PS thanked the SC for all their help during the season.

DM: Membership 77. DM proposed that meetings be changed back to Wednesdays as Club Officials are unable to attend on Mondays and it was carried unanimously. The club has received an invoice for £870.00 from an Electrician for repairs to the floodlights. PS explained the position and said that it would cost approx £5k to properly refurbish the lights and renew the electrics. We need a cherry picker to replace bulbs which is also expensive. LB stated that the FA measures the lux readings to ensure the lights are bright enough. It is not possible to change the lights from halogen to LED.

FK: Can we get a little roller to help flatten the pitch? They weigh about 100lbs and cost £39.00. SB mentioned Pitchperfect conference day at Close House which was not attended by WBFC. They can support grass roots football with pitch maintenance. PS to contact. The next conference is at Close House on 19 February.

Treasurer's Report: DP read out the bank balance information and said that it is down on last season partly because the tea hut is not open for reserve games. There is very little to add to the shop takings shown in the previous minutes as we have only had one match. ST recommended that we contribute £350.00 to the Electrician's invoice and this was carried unanimously. PS thanked the SC.

DP: A discussion was prompted around key position resignations following the departure of the management team. PS explained the club position.

Joanne Moody has agreed to run the Tea Hut until the end of the season, after which we may need to find a replacement. RR asked if a hygiene certificate was required and it was stated that this was not needed for tea / coffee. The Hut had not been left with adequate stock so DP will go to the cash and carry.

The recent Talk In was successful with 67 tickets sold. The tickets, raffle, auction and shirt sales made £918 which was split equally between the club and the anti racism charity. The bar takings were also good and these are not included in the split. DP was disappointed that there was no mention of the event on the club website.

The shop is selling more Club clothing than SC clothing.

Meeting closed at 20:15 and the next meeting will be at 19:00 on Wednesday 18.04.18.