



## Whitley Bay FC Supporter's Club

### Committee Meeting Minutes

14 August 2018

#### Attendees:

Lynn Bone (LB); David Moore (DM); Doug Parker (DP); Fred Kelly (FK); Bryan Clarke (BC); Paul Athey (PA); David Hall (DH); Chris Smith; Keith Gibson (KG); Stuart Beattie (SB); Ken Thomas (KT).

Board Representative(s): Ann Barkass.

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

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

DH opened the meeting at 19:00 and read through the July Minutes. Julianne Hall will be able to run the tea hut on most weeks. Any other volunteers should let DH know their availability in advance. Repairs are in hand. Peter Siddle does not want notices put up to deter parking outside the turnstiles. LB has a contact who can help with Facebook and Twitter. He will introduce him to AB on Saturday.

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

DH suggested a discussion about the role of Chairman and proposed that KG take the post. This was seconded by DP and KG was duly elected as Chairman.

#### Round Table:

**DH:** The awards night did not happen as planned last season and needs to be arranged much quicker this season. What do we want to do this year? Ideas included: Xmas party; Andy Gowens talk in; Awards night; General sports forum with other people from other sports; Indoor league involving supporters and players; Inter club bar games competition; Quiz night; Race night. We should consider involving the Ice Hockey, cricket and rugby clubs. AB also suggested a kids xmas party. We need to book acts for the xmas party as soon as possible. AB suggested asking the players what they would like to do on awards night. PA said that we must have the awards night in conjunction with the Club. We need to sort out a date shortly after xmas. The date of the xmas party was agreed as 15 December and DP / AB will ask Dave Weston to appear. There will be further discussions about events at the next meeting and DH will act as coordinator. SB said that we should advertise when professional games are being shown in the bar like other clubs do.

DH will advertise car sharing on the Facebook page.

DH was pleased to see that Any Gowens had taken time to introduce himself to some supporters who had travelled from Biggleswade.

**AB:** The Chairman has agreed that we can move the programme shop into the blue container so it will be cleared out in preparation. FK and PA can use the old shop in bad weather to sell programmes and raffle tickets.

A Board meeting will be held in the next few weeks and SB will attend on behalf of the SC.

**DM:** We have 47 members and have taken £179 in subscriptions.

DM read out a thank you letter from the council for a donation of football shirts.

At the end of the season, some teams give player's shirts to the person who sponsored them. AB to consider. SB said that we should get photographs of the players and sell them in the shop. AB and DM to arrange.

**SB:** There is an NFA Pitch Maintenance event at Close House for which the cost is £10 per person. KT indicated that he would go and AB will ask at the Club.

**DP:** 75 shirts have been sold and 30 items of clothing.

11 tickets have been sold for the talk in on 6.9.18 and DP also has 19 promises.

DP advocated do tea / coffee at the reserve games as this could produce an additional £600 per season.

The stretcher must be left in the tunnel area. The current stretcher is in a bad state of repair so Ian Fitz-Gerald asked if the SC could purchase a new one (potential cost £120 - £160). Carried unanimously.

**BC:** The Corporate box is not being used. AB said that it would only be used by sponsors. BC has purchased a new jug for referee's orange juice. DH asked about plaques and BC said he would have more ready by the next cup game.

**CS:** Still happy to do the golden goal.

**KT:** KT will get a price for a pitch cover.

**FK:** Some of the Exit signs are faded and could do with sprucing up. PA said that he had cleaned some of the other signs and will look at the Exit signs.

**PA:** Asked about team sheets and whether he could help with the production to speed up availability. KG said that they were not available until 14:30. PA to speak to Julian Tyley and Dave Stiles.

**LB:** Nothing significant.

**KG:** Thanked the committee for their blind faith in electing him Chairman.

Meeting closed at 20:45 and the next meeting will be at 19:00 on Monday 17.09.18.