



Whitley Bay FC Supporter's Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

23 May 2018

Attendees:

James Wright (JW) (part); Lynn Bone (LB); David Moore (DM) (part); Doug Parker (DP); Fred Kelly (FK); Bryan Clarke (BC); Paul Athey (PA); David Hall (DH); Richard Reeves (RR); Stephen Tyley (ST) (part); Chris Smith (CS) + guests Neil Smith (NS); Keith Gibson (KG); Darren Gibson (DG); Otto Kristen (OK).

Board Representative(s): Ann Barkass.

Apologies for absence: Stuart Beattie (SB); Tommy Moody (TM); Peter Siddle (PS).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

DH opened the meeting at 19:30 and read through the main points of the April Minutes. Nothing has been heard from PS re the dressing room repairs. A window would be preferable to a vent and a plastic ceiling may be a better solution than painting the existing ceiling. AB to chase.

There has been no progress with the website.

The presentation afternoon went well but we need to be better prepared for next season.

The tea hut is to be repaired by KT.

We now have signs to deter blockage of the emergency exits from the dressing room.

There is still an intention to obtain a shelter for the programme / raffle sellers. A gazebo is a possibility. Options will be discussed with the club.

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

Round Table:

DH: A Facebook page has been set up for the SC and has three members. DG will manage this for the SC. Everything will be in one place; ideas, adverts for trips, activities etc. It will be a closed group with only SC members being able to see comments. The site is called Whitley Bay Supporters Club. It might be possible to put a link from the WBFC website. DG expressed interest in looking at the WBFC website.

SC members need to walk around the ground with PS to make a list of work that needs doing. The tunnel needs repainting, and there is a lot of other painting and weeding required. Volunteers are needed to help. DP related how Heaton Stannington had addressed the problem by offering a barbecue and beer. RR needs sweep in cement to prevent weed regrowth. The ARCO supplier will be contacted for paint. DH will create a list of works. Yellow paint on the steps is essential as it could affect potential insurance claims. PA

suggested themed days so that there was proper task focus. DH asked if it was too late to have a barbecue day. We could come early, work and get fed. 23 June was agreed. It was agreed that all SC Committee members must have joined by the first competitive game of the season.

DP: We could advertise the SC on the TVs in the clubhouse and David Styles confirmed there would be no charge.

There is an opportunity to get John Beresford in September for a talk in / charity night. No fee will be involved and profits will be split 50/50 between WBFC and the charity.

Some old shirts were given to Chris Redfearn for a charity in Africa and DP asked him for some photographs and suggested a news article. Malcolm Oliver, Chairman of Newton Aycliffe, is collecting shirts for a charity in Zambia (Derek Breakwell arranging).

A plaque is to be created for Allan Barkass to recognise his SC contribution. LB suggested that we could have plaques made up for supporters and AB is to raise with the Board.

DM: A letter was received from NT Council re a North Shields charity asking for donations. DP sent four old shirts. A thank you card was received from Joanne and Olive for the flowers given to them at the end of the season for their work in the tea hut.

It was proposed by DH and seconded by LB that Allan Barkass be made an Honorary Vice President of the SC.

We already have 8 SC members sign up for next season and have taken £38.

JW was asked whether he was comfortable remaining as Chairman bearing in mind his increased work commitments. He is to review his position in the close season and, if he does not stay on as Chairman, he will definitely remain on the committee.

AB: AB thanked everyone for their support for her and Allan over the past few months and said that it was much appreciated. She also thanked the SC for their donations to Allan's chosen charity, the total currently standing at £510.

AB told the SC about the new data protection rules and is willing to help to ensure we do not fall foul of them. Our new Facebook page is one of the areas where we must be careful. We must not leave documentation lying around showing personal data, including names.

CS: The Fun Day was raised and AB said she was working on it with more information being available in due course. CS also asked about pitch maintenance and suggested getting supporters to replace divots after a game or on the following morning.

BC: DP was asked for his shop models so that BC could make them properly. BC will make the half time orange juice in the dressing rooms rather than in the clubhouse.

RR: RR is happy to have paint delivered to his house.

Meeting closed at 19:30 and the next meeting will be at 19:00 on Monday 16.07.18.