



## Whitley Bay FC Supporter's Club

### Committee Meeting Minutes

18 February 2019

#### Attendees:

Lynn Bone (LB); David Moore (DM); Doug Parker (DP); Paul Athey (PA); Keith Gibson (KG); Fred Kelly (FK); Bryan Clarke (BC); David Hall (DH); Ken Thomas (KT); Alan Gerono (AG).

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

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

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

KG read through the January minutes. KT has repaired the tea hut. The walkie talkies have been purchased. A discussion ensued re the dressing room door which is not locked during the match. PS suggested getting two keys made but concern was raised that keys would go missing. Someone could be designated as key holder and watch the match from the tunnel area so as to be on hand to open the door when required. DP suggested that a combination lock might be better. KG agreed to take to the Board meeting. The Academy Race night was successful with over £1000 raised. The xmas party will be on 14 December and Dave Weston has been booked. Gift vouchers are now available in the shop for £5 and £10. DP had a good pitch at the market and took £57. The table was free and he will go again on 24 Feb. The broken fence in the car park has been removed. KT said that the wrong type of fan has been purchased for the dressing room window so he will try to source a window fitting kit. An electrician will need to wire it up. The ball inflater has been purchased with 5 additional needles.

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

#### Round Table:

**DH:** A discussion was held based upon a statement of dissatisfaction prepared and read out by DH. The elements discussed were around the financing of the team and lack of communication from club Directors. PS responded by stating that three people had expressed interest in the Commercial Manager position and that they were looking for new directors. He also gave an overview of club expenditure and explained that some of the other Northern League clubs were funded by wealthy individuals. PS thanked the supporter's club for the financial contributions made and reiterated that the directors were trying hard to raise money. There is no money available at the moment to fund a better team. AG

suggested that a three year plan was needed. PS said that a budget was agreed with the manager at the beginning of the season.

**DP:** In the absence of the Treasurer, DP read out the report. The balance stands at £1587.14 with income during the preceding month amounting to £521.73 and expenditure at £1032.95.

In the season to date, the programme shop has taken £260; the shop has taken £2950 plus £845 in shirt sales and £1984 for other club merchandise. The tea hut has taken £2623.

DP will go to the academy on the last weekend of every month and he is still getting orders direct from the academy.

12 people have put their names down for the Penrith bus.

A golf tournament is to be held at Longhirst Golf Club in memory of Robbie Livermore with the proceeds going to Mental Health charities. The cost is £160 for a fourball.

**DH:** Presentation night needs to be arranged. A number of dates were suggested but none were suitable. PS is to look at options.

**DM:** We have 74 members and have taken £275 in subscriptions.

**LB:** Nothing significant.

**PA:** Is it possible to get electricity to the tea hut to prevent water transportation from the other side of the ground? A link could be taken from the floodlight box. Further investigations will be made and PS will mention to the Board.

**FK:** Can we get rid of the boot scrubbers outside of the dressing room? Yes.

**KT:** The light fittings in the dressing room must be repaired by a qualified electrician. If a volunteer puts up a fence and someone is injured by it, who is liable? It was agreed, and endorsed by PS, that the club would be liable.

**BC:** It is essential that we put up a shed for the programme and raffle ticket sellers for next season. Permission will be required from the Board. Will there be a reprint of Mark Taylor's book available for the Vase game on 5.5.19? Someone will need to speak to Mark Taylor. Will posters be printed? Yes, already in hand. How is the roof fund progressing? Same as last month.

**AG:** Nothing significant.

**PS:** The amplifier is being repaired.

PS said that it was essential that all those who were admitted free contributed to helping in the ground and were reliable. PS thanked the SC for all of their work and contributions, most recently to assist with the fuel bill.

**KG:** Will not be around after Saturday as he has to go into hospital. All wished him well. DH said that he, also, would be unavailable for future meetings due to work commitments.

Meeting closed at 21:00 and the next meeting will be at 19:00 on Wednesday 27.03.19.