



## Whitley Bay FC Supporter's Club

### Committee Meeting Minutes

25 April 2019

#### Attendees:

Keith Gibson (KG); Doug Parker (DP); Bryan Clarke (BC); Fred Kelly (FK); Chris Smith (CS); Paul Athey (PA) (part); Richard Reeves (RR); Stephen Tyley (ST); Tommy Moody (TM).

Board Representative(s): None.

Apologies for absence: Lynn Bone (LB); David Moore (DM); David Hall (DH); Peter Siddle (PS); James Wright (JW).

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out and the following matters were discussed:

Electricity to the tea hut - PA said that surely it would be worthwhile (cost permitting) as the tea hut was a valuable fund raiser for the club. It would be much easier and safer if the water could be boiled in the hut instead of being carried across the ground (health and safety issue). PA asked if it had been discussed by the full board and could we possibly obtain quotes for the Board with a view to the supporters club paying if possible.

FA Vase charity game; this is going ahead on 5 May with a 1pm kick off. A souvenir programme will be on sale and the tea hut will be open.

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

#### Round Table:

**DP** noted that no beer tokens had been given out at for the presentation night and that there had been no publicity.

Supporters shops takings are up on last year and Barry's program shop is showing a healthy return, as is the tea hut, especially now that it is open for reserve games.

The reserve team had been provided with 6 new match balls which were presented at a match by KG to Gavin Hattrick.

Replica shirts will be on sale at the vase game and it is hoped players will sign them. Other vase memorabilia will also be on sale.

**FK** has a list of groundwork jobs to be done which will be passed onto PS. One vital piece of work that needs doing is the repair of the floor behind the corporate box which is rotten.

This will be cordoned off until fixed. KT will be asked to coordinate this work.

**RR** said that more volunteers are needed to help with ground works.

**TM** thanked everyone for their help and support over the past year. He mentioned that the switch gear cabin is not safe and needs urgent attention (Club's responsibility).

A discussion then took place re the role of the supporters club in the football club.

**CS** is going to try and get help to replace divots at half time.

**BC** said that all the vase plaques will be put up on 26 April and the plaque for Paul Chow will be ready in time for the vase charity game.

**ST** produced a balance sheet which shows the supporters club to be in a sound financial position. We are the second best supported team, despite being the third worst team in the league. Away supporters enjoy coming to Hillheads Park due to the family atmosphere. We are a family club with big support from the academy.

**KG** - A lock needs to be used on dressing room doors for the new season with a keyholder being identified at the ground.

Whitley Bay boys club are hosting a game on 3 May. Perhaps the tea hut could be open?

**KG** read out a thank you card from Marie Clarke re the flowers received from the supporters club. He also thanked everyone for the support in his first year as chairman of the supporters club.

Date and time of next meeting 22nd May 2019 630pm followed by the AGM.

Meeting closed at 20:39.