



Whitley Bay FC Supporter's Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

8 July 2019

Attendees:

Doug Parker (DP); Paul Athey (PA); Richard Reeves (RR); Stephen Tyley (ST); Lynn Bone (LB); David Moore (DM); James Wright (JW); Fred Kelly (FK); Ken Thomas (KT).

Board Representative(s): Martin Kelly (MK).

Apologies for absence: Tommy Moody (TM); Bryan Clarke (BC); Keith Gibson (KG).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

PA chaired the meeting in the absence of KG and welcomed all, especially MK as Board Representative. PA read through the minutes and the following comments were made. Worklists have been placed around the ground. The roof fund indicator board made by BC has been displayed in the club shop.

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

Round Table:

ST: Distributed and read through the Treasurer's report. The roof fund has been transferred into the custody of the SC. ST thanked the SC for their £50 contribution to his charity cycle ride from John O'Groats to Lands End. FK asked whether surplus funds could be donated to the roof fund and this will be discussed in due course.

PA: Are we happy to continue assisting with the raffle prizes? MK asked about using alcohol as a prize and PA explained that we had chocolates as an alternative and that under 18s would not be allowed to win the alcohol prize. It was decided that we would continue to contribute to the prizes. PA asked whether the agenda could be pre-notified but not all are on the internet.

DM: We have 9 members and have taken £35 in subscriptions.

DP: Posters and tickets have been prepared for the xmas party and 16 tickets have already been sold. Tickets are £5 and the party is on 14 December. DP has spoken to D Styles and upcoming matches will be advertised on the clubhouse TVs. Some picnic tables are being positioned around the ground and the SC may be able to put some near to the tea hut. DP suggested that a contact list was prepared for all committee members. A paper was passed around and PA will print off a copy for RR and FK who do not have internet access.

LB: Thanked all who had helped around the ground, especially Neil Smith and FK. The ground is looking good. KT has done some great work. We need to be careful with weeding as we have an agreement with the council re the protection of bees.

MK: Has donated some paint and would like to donate more to update the front of the Seahorse Club as first impressions are important. LB suggested that MK speak to D Styles. MK is looking at the commercial side of the club and thought that Duncan was a good choice as commercial manager. The revamped sponsorship package was shown to the SC. There was a discussion around the use of social media and the attraction for local business sponsorship.

FK: Part of the terracing has been re-concreted and the front of the boardroom has been repaired. All of the yellow and white painting has been done and the barriers have been painted blue. There are still a few odd jobs outstanding. The corporate box floor area looks ok. We could put team sheets etc on clipboards in the centre of the new stand.

RR: Need to make sure that there are regular references to the worklist throughout the season. Could we organise some additional workdays?

KT: One end of the boardroom has been painted and KT is prepared to do all of it if the SC will provide the paint and primer. All agreed. There is no consistency of paint colours and the paint supplies need sorting out. We need to put preserver on the inside of the floodlight surrounds.

JW: SC/Board joint meeting was the best meeting JW had attended at the club. The playing side seems well organised and exciting. We need to promote the Exec Committee as communication is essential and that seems to be the best option. Social media ideas are great and we should try to get a coach company on board to minimise the expense of coach travel. Have all the boards around the ground been paid for? If not, they should be taken down. Could we have a mid tier price bracket on the gate and is family admission an option? MK is confident that sponsorship of boards around the ground will be addressed. PA suggested that roof fund spare change buckets could be placed around the ground for donations. DP said that the fire exit door in the corporate box needs sorting out.

MK: Offered 4 free tickets for a NUFC celebration dinner on 19.07.19. MK has spoken to D Styles and he has no objection to a SC shed being placed near the turnstile area for sale of programmes and raffle tickets. MK offered to contribute towards the cost and the SC agreed to the purchase. MK could use his van to pick one up.

ST: Thanks to BC for cleaning the picture.

Meeting closed at 20.42. Next meeting 19:00 on 21.08.19.