



## Whitley Bay FC Supporter's Club

### Committee Meeting Minutes

11 December 2019

**Attendees:**

Lynn Bone (LB); Doug Parker (DP); Paul Athey (PA); Stephen Tyley (ST); Fred Kelly (FK); Bryan Clarke (BC); Ken Thomas (KT).

**Board Representative(s):** None.

**Apologies for absence:** David Moore (DM); Ken Thomas (KT); Richard Reeves (RR); Martin Kelly (MK).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

PA opened the meeting then read through the previous minutes.

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

**Round Table:**

**ST:** The Treasurers report was read out. ST produced a document which is needed to amend the signatories for the SC bank account. The following caption which is on the previously mentioned document needs to be included in the minutes:

"Following the recent death of one of the Supporter's Club bank account signatories, namely Mr Thomas 'Tommy' Moody, it was agreed that committee member Mr Paul Athey should be appointed as third signatory for this account, alongside existing signatories Mr Douglas Parker and Mr Stephen Tyley. These three signatories will make the appropriate application to HSBC at the earliest available opportunity".

**PA:** In DM's absence, PA reported that we had 52 members and had taken £186 in subscriptions.

**DP:** The sales at the academy are going very well and DP has 2 more visits planned before Xmas.

Xmas party - DP had hoped to have the room closed from half time but D Styles has said this is not possible as the players need to use it after the match. PA has offered to stop behind after the game to help with the set up.

Tommy Moody football memorabilia - DP has been handed numerous items by Simon Moody which he will pass on to club historian LB who will look at the possibility of making a collage.

Possible talk in - DP stated that Mark Carruthers has released a book called 'Northern Goals'. He is keen to do a talk in at the Seahorse Club and would bring some his books to sell.

Certificate of Thanks for Richard Reeves. DP stated that this has now been produced and, following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Martin Kelly should be asked to make the

presentation on a match day and, if possible, Julian to take a photo of the occasion. PA to follow up.

Tea hut generator - DP stated Kevin Wheatley is looking to acquire a used generator for the tea hut to provide heat and lighting. We will also require a fire extinguisher. PA to get a fire extinguisher from Screwfix.

Letter Draw - DP stated that the letter draw is now only going to take place online and that PS had advised him to return the money to people who had purchased tickets for the proposed draw on the 23/ 12 which apparently will not now take place. A further discussion was held and disappointment was expressed as this had not been communicated to ticket sellers.

**LB:** The corporate box has been tidied up in the last few days in time for Saturdays game at home to Ashington. LB is a little concerned and disappointed that the club did not seem to be aware or have made any arrangements for the party of 10 paying guests who are due to use the facilities at the game.

**FK:** Nothing significant.

**BC:** Nothing significant.

**PA:** Has received a text from KG announcing that due to his ongoing health issues he has reluctantly decided to stand down as match day secretary and chairman of the SC. In addition, his son, Darren, will no longer be setting up at the away games. A discussion then followed and it was agreed that the gratitude of all members of the committee should be placed on record recognising and thanking Keith and Darren for all their hard work they have done for WBFC and the SC. Our best wishes are conveyed to them both for the future. A further discussion then followed and, in the absence of any volunteers to take up the position of chairman, PA agreed to carry out this role until the end of the season. BC said he would be happy to be Vice Chairman. PA will now takeover setting up 1st team kit home and away (which he has been doing whilst KG and DG have been unavailable). PA mentioned that he may require a back operation in the new year for a couple of slipped discs which would effectively put him out of action for the remainder of the season. PA has informed Nathan of this and will update him and the relevant members of the club when he has more details.

1st team kit - PA asked permission to buy 2 pairs of yellow shorts for the away strip as we don't have enough for 5 subs. We are also missing 6 pairs of navy shorts but he has been advised to borrow the reserves if they aren't using them. Agreed and PA to fix up.

Leaking programme hut - DP and PA were recently at the ground when they noted water leaking into the hut very close to the club electrics. This was immediately passed to PS. On 30/11/19 PS advised that they were still waiting for a quote for the Seahorse Club roof and would be struggling to fund the hut repairs. PA spoke to the chairman and requested that he asks his roofer to also quote for the hut and we will see if we can assist with a contribution.

There is still a vacancy for a Reserve kit person if anyone has any suggestions.

Posters requesting players make use of rubbish / recycle bins have been placed in the changing rooms.

Meeting closed at 20.10. Provisional date for next meeting 19:00 on Wednesday 15.01.20.