



Whitley Bay FC Supporter's Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

10 October 2021

Attendees:

Doug Parker (DP); Stephen Tyley (ST); Fred Kelly (FK); David Moore (DM); Bryan Clarke (BC); James Wright (JW); Lynn Bone (LB); David Hall (DH); Brian Webber (BW); Ken Thomas (KT); Michael Allen (MA); Anne Barkas (AB); Tony Flannery (TF).

Board Representative(s): None.

Apologies for absence: Mark Burnett (MB); Keith Gibson (KG); Darren Gibson (DG); Rob York (RY); Keith Taylor (KT).

Acting Chair BC welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that the meeting would effectively replace the AGM. There has been a lot of work carried on behind the scenes and around the ground. Tidying up has to be done after all home matches. BC suggested that helpers come down during the day if they can. BC is acting as chairman due to the resignation of Paul Athey for family reasons. He thanked DP for arranging the meeting. DM and ST are also looking to resign their positions.

DP said that help was required on a match day. LB and FK sort out the ground on Mondays. ST suggested making a pre kick off announcement to keep the pitch clear at half time. LB suggested wearing hi viz jackets to give an appearance of authority.

ST passed copies of the Treasurer's report to the SC members present and explained the entries. Acceptance of the report was proposed by LB and seconded by DP. We recently had some problems with the PayPal account but these have been resolved.

Paul McIlduff called into the meeting to say thank you for all the work that the SC members do and that it was much appreciated by the Board.

Round Table:

JW – Monday morning tidy up starts at 08:30. Some of the paving around the ground is dangerous and requires repair. The SC members should wear hi viz jackets for stewarding purposes. The cherry picker in the car park gets rent free parking in exchange for occasional use by the club.

BW – Nothing at this stage.

DH – Should we purchase some black bin bags to tidy up the leaves behind the goal? Other suggestions included taking the leaves to the tip or starting a compost heap. For the latter it may be possible to involve allotment holders. If anyone knows of any companies interested in sponsorship opportunities, let DH know. The commercial email address is in the

programme. We need to work with the club to put on bands, festivals, markets etc. DH will not be serving on the SC.

FK – There is some wood missing on the away dugout bench seat and the home dressing room toilet seat is broken. It was agreed that FK could acquire a new toilet seat and KT was asked to assist in the fixing.

TF – Available for volunteering but match days are difficult. LB suggested that he comes down on Mondays.

ST – ST is trained to use the defibrillator but cannot do so at the moment due to an arm injury. A list of trained users should be available and DP agreed to speak to Peter Siddle.

MA – New to the SC but listening.

DP – The gaps around the windows in the corporate box have been sealed by Cliff McFarlane. The floor needs fixing before the room can be decorated. AB has booked Dave Weston for the xmas party on 18.12.21. DP would like everyone to sell some tickets and 60 tickets at £5 each will be available. It will finish at 23:00. Donations are required for the raffle and the SC will provide nibbles.

AB – On Saturday a wheelchair user was unable to use the female toilets due to the step. We need to get a ramp. Purchase by SC was agreed and expected cost was likely to be between £120 and £180. There are also problems with disabled access to the Male toilets too. JW added that there are no baby changing facilities either which conflicts with attempts to attract a younger support. DP agreed to take the matter up with Peter Siddle.

KT – Nothing significant.

LB – Discussion around ground security.

DM – We have 53 members of the SC and subscriptions have amounted to £189. DM thanked DP for all of his help during DM's absence at the beginning of the season.

BC – The election of officials requires nominations and BC put himself forward to remain as Vice Chairman. DP stated that Rob York had indicated a desire to be Chairman and Mark Burnett to be Secretary. ST is struggling with some of the Treasurer duties and would like some help. DP said that Keith Taylor might be interested and would speak to him. ST also mentioned the chequebook signatories. Paul Athey is the fallback signatory and needs to be replaced.

Meeting closed at 20:25. Next meeting 19:00 on Monday 08.11.21.