

Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 6th March 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Brown (chair), John Bowman, Ken Hullock, Andrew Dobinson, Anna Jensen, Peter Smithson, Simon Clarkson

Apologies: Paul Irving, Andy Hall, Kris Foster, Graeme Harker, Terry McCarthy

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. Matters Arising

i. February meeting minutes were approved subject to a correction relating to the clarification of Associate Membership which should read:

“Associate Membership - £5, includes use of all the Branch's benefit via the Full member to whom they are associated.”

ii. Record of committee decisions made via WhatsApp or E-mail since last meeting:

It had been agreed that £1,000 donation should be made to CUST defibrillator fundraising appeal. DB reported that thanks had been received from several CUST officers. Bank details still to be received.

Potential club sponsors details provided by AJ had been passed on to the club.

Regarding the Kendal tragedy, SC will let DB know if there is any fundraising initiative .

Agreed: DB will let AD know when he has received bank details from CUST

ii. February action notes reviewed.

- i. With all the activity going on in the Information portfolio it was suggested by DB that AH could give an overview of Information activities at the next meeting.
- ii. Sky games – all Carlisle matches currently agreed for Sky coverage have rooms booked for them in CSC. It was agreed not to book CSC yet for the last game of the season.
- iii. SC reported that 40 Club prizes continue to be taken up and that there were other lounges available apart from Foxy's.
- iv. There is no plan to produce any further merchandise this season. DB pointed out that some members may be unhappy that there is no 50th anniversary polo shirt or similar available on a pre-order basis.

2. REPORTS

i. Information

Noted that Club and CUST likely to be producing social media policies. It was suggested that they could benefit from seeing our proposed policy. DB to speak to AH about this.

AJ confirmed that proposed competition was going ahead.

Agreed: DB to speak to AH re. putting Social Media policy to Club and to CUST. AH/AJ to report on progress with competition on the Committee WhatsApp group.

There is a need to co-ordinate the proposed Bobby Parker interview with the Carlisle Collective heritage group who are also proposing to interview Bobby for the archives.

ii. Hit the Bar

JB said that he'd be sufficiently recovered to produce a HTB in time for the Morecambe game.

Agreed: JB to set a copy deadline for HTB in time for Morecambe game.

iii. Matchday

Nobody at the meeting was familiar with the fanzone at Doncaster.

Agreed: SC to speak with TM re. fanzone at Doncaster

iv. Treasurer

Nothing had been received from the club regarding money set aside for Academy equipment so AD suggested that the money be allocated to available funds at the end of the season if nothing received by then.

Agreed: AD to allocate monies set aside for Academy equipment to available funds at end of season if nothing received by then.

DB to check t-shirt sales to reconcile numbers and income.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. End of season awards

The aim should be to present these at the final game. That means a result is needed about 2 weeks before to get trophies inscribed. Previous years had used a mailchimp survey emailed to all members using VHTB mailing list. It was suggested that the same be done this year using VHTB, and a separate bespoke email as well to remind members.

Agreed: AH/AJ to organise voting form for members and pass results to Mike Carruthers for inscribing

ii. Social Secretary

Paul Irving

Paul has stepped down as Social Secretary after taking on the role after Mike Carruthers returned to Carlisle. He always said he had gone for a comfort break and found on his return

that he had been appointed. Despite that reluctant start, Paul organised some fantastic events including quiz shows, comedy nights, guided walks and pub crawls. DB gave a huge thank you to Paul and was sure that the rest of the committee would too.

ALL – gave vote of thanks to Paul Irving.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Date of next meetings:

April 3rd at 19:00 via Zoom