**London Branch Meeting Minutes**

**held via Zoom on 15th April 2021**

The meeting was opened at 7.00 p.m.;

Present: Dave Brown (Chair), Paul Irving, Terry McCarthy, Mike Carruthers, John Bowman, Howard Atkinson, Peter Smithson.

Apologies: Simon Clarkson, Ken Hullock, Andrew Dobinson

**1. Business of the meeting**

i. Matters arising

i. March minutes were **approved**.

ii Record of decisions made via WhatsApp since last minuted meeting - None made

iii. March action notes reviewed and updated (See the **April Action Notes** which accompany these minutes)

**Reports**

i. DB noted the continued success of the 40 club

ii. TMcC reported that CUSG have drafted a Diversity Policy which will be tabled for adoption at their meeting on 26th April. TMcC to bring to next Branch meeting with view to Branch adopting this policy subject to any necessary amendments. **(TMcC**)

iii. TMcC reminded meeting that all Branch members are welcome to raise questions/issues at CUSG meetings via TMcC. **Agreed** to promote this in a future Virtual HTB **(KH).**

iv. **Agreed**: **Committee meetings** to continue as ‘Zoom’ meetings for foreseeable future and move to the **first Thursday of each month**.

v. **Agreed: Branch meetings** to be social events held on **3rd Thursday of each month** with different London venues to widen appeal –e.g. to newly arrived students in the capital. New arrangements to apply from **August.**

vi **Agreed**: PS proposal that student subscription be £5.

vii. **Agreed**: PS proposed that current subscription fees are rolled over into 21/22 season.

**Agenda items**

i. **Events** (SC/DB)

DB to establish when and on what basis CSC will open after 21st June. This may enable DB/Jon Mcloughlin to set a date for the Paul Parker evening.

ii. **AGM** (DB)

AGM to take place on July 9th at CSC – subject to CSC availability and COVID restrictions at that time.

iii. **End of Season Awards** (DB)

Voting via VHTB link is well underway and closes on 18th April. MC is organizing champagne and bucket engraving. Player of Year to be presented at the awards dinner. Champagne Moment to be presented at one of final home games (photo opportunity with the tunnel cover). SC to finalise timing and implementation of arrangements.

iv. **Recruitment Poster (TMcC)**

Draft poster presented by TMcC was approved. DB/TMcC to agree a covering letter for schools in north Cumbria to be sent by 28th April. Need to add new website address and ensure correct QR code.

**Any Other Business**

i. Date of next meeting – Thursday 20th May, to be held virtually.

ii. JB to ask CUFC Media team if they have data to show clicks/downloads of HTB from the club website

There being no other business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.45 p.m.