**Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch**

**Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 3rd August 2023**

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

**Present**: Dave Brown (chair, John Bowman, Paul Irving, Simon Clarkson, Terry McCarthy, Peter Smithson, Mike Carruthers, Andrew Dobinson,

Apologies: Ken Hullock, Matt Hill

**1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

i.Matters Arising

i. August meeting minutes were approved.

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

1. Agreed to cancel the September committee meeting.

iii. August action notes reviewed.

DB asked that the Committee portfolio notes item be deferred to November meeting. **Action:** **KH to include on the agenda.**

DB asked the item re guidelines for, and co-ordination of, social media accounts to be taken for consideration at the November meeting. **Action:** **KH to include on the agenda.**

**SC to speak to Tracy Gannon** re our sponsorship and keep AD informed. SC also to ask TG to provide or facilitate short match reports from CUFC Ladies that can be used in VHTB and HTB.

Noted that DB will continue as London Travel organiser for now

**MH &JB** will liaise about the wording for publicising the two branch season tickets available to members attending matches at Brunton Park. This will state that the £4 fee charged by CUFC to upgrade from Paddock to a seat will be passed on in full to the member. Also to remind members of the 10% discount in the club shop. **Action: MH and JB to carry in VHTB and HTB**

TM confirmed that the position regarding branch tickets for away matches has not changed from recent seasons. Key point is that the club are happy to receive a list of names of members ordering tickets and that there’s no need to register with the CUFC ticketing system. They are also happy to continue with us putting in a bulk order for tickets. Nigel Clibbens said he hoped members would nevertheless register with the online system. It was agreed that we do not now need to encourage members to register.

**2. REPORTS**

Committee officer reports were received and reviewed.

DB will speak to MH to confirm what is his preferred means of communication from committee members wishing to send information for VHTB – i.e. the Committee WhatsApp or the [virtual@cusclb.com](mailto:virtual@cusclb.com) email? **Action: DB to inform committee members.**

HTB copy date is 23rd October to be distributed on 28th at Cambridge. **Action: JB to circulate date and encourage authors.**

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

**i. Matchday organisation**

We still need to remind members of the benefits of branch tickets and the arrangements and deadlines for them. **Action: MH and JB to agree wording with TM to be carried in VHTB and HTB.**

MC confirmed that the Portsmouth pub is the Artillery Arms and he is researching Cambridge options

**ii. Events**

i. Agreed that the Nigel Clibbens virtual Q&A should go ahead on 19th October, provisionally 19:00-20:00. **Action: DB to confirm this date and timings etc. with CUFC media team. Action JB/MH: JB to draft wording for MH to use for promotion via VHTB.**

ii. Xmas Meal 2023. Agreed as 16th December 6:30. DB/PI to explore either CSC or Albertini (between Euston and Kings Cross)

iii.Paul Simpson Q&A in Bristol and Piataks Q&A to be discussed at November meeting. **Action KH to include on agenda**

**iii. Membership**

PS tabled a list of members yet to re-new for 23/24**. Action: PS to allocate these to committee members to chase.**

**iv. Funding request**

The request from club physiotherapist, Chris Brunskill for ice compression equipment was presented by SC and agreed unanimously. **Action: SC to liaise with CB and AD regarding the purchase and invoicing**

**v. Recruitment strategy**

Deferred to November meeting. **Action KH to include on agenda**

**vi. Committee dates**

DB asked that members let PS know if they are not going to be able to attend a future, planned meeting.

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**i. Date of next meeting**: 2nd November 2023 at 19:00 via Zoom

**ii. Summer Trip 2024.** MC reported that Vienna gathered the most first preference votes for the 2024 Summer Trip on 14/15/16 June. **Action: DB to communicate with travelling members in mid-November.**

**iii. CUSG New Year Raffle**. Agreed to contribute a bottle prize to the value of £50. **Action: TM to procure prize.**

There being no other business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 9:30 pm.