**Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch**

**Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 8th January 2024**

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

**Present**: John Bowman (chair), Simon Clarkson, Paul Irving, Terry McCarthy, Peter Smithson, Ken Hullock, Mike Carruthers, Andrew Dobinson, Kris Foster

**Apologies**: Matt Hill, Dave Brown

**1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

i.Matters Arising

i. December meeting minutes were approved.

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

None

iii. December action notes reviewed.

* Proposed letter to AJ thanking former directors for long service did not go out because of DB’s accident. Noted that TM had passed on thanks at CUSG meeting
* Noted that first Player of the Month presentation had been made.

**Action: SC to email Graeme Harker re. payment for champagne**

* TM indicated that the appropriate time to put round new matchday ticket protocol was before new season commences

**2. REPORTS**

Committee officer reports were received and reviewed.

* TM wished to pass on his thanks to those Branch members who bought tickets, and those who helped to sell them, in in the CUSG raffle which raised £3,600
* SC reported that 40 Club Foxy’s prizes were building up and that Foxy’s was almost fully booked up for the rest of the season

**Action: SC to approach club re. alternative experience options**

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

**i. Matchday organisation**

TM reported that tickets for Cheltenham were online only, and that online sales may become the norm in the future. This raises the issue of how to buy in bulk in the future.

**Action: TM to meet with Louise from the BP ticket office.**

**Matchday arrangements**

Barnsley – meeting place is The Dove Inn

Cheltenham – meeting place is Kemble Brewery Inn

Orient – meeting place still to be decided

**Action: MC to contact 3 pubs in Leyton and SC to contact Orient SLO**

**ii. SW region and Simmo Q&A**

Regarding the Simmo Q&A on 23rd February, KF reported that he was meeting with the venue (25A Old Market) operators on Tuesday. KF advised that Premier Inn at Finzel’s Reach or Future Inn was near to venue for those staying overnight.

**Action: KF/JB to establish if any cost for the venue, see if food available, organise for 2 microphones and produce wording for vHTB, website and flier by end of the week**

**Action: SC to add KF to committee WhatsApp group**

**iii. 50th Anniversary Celebrations**

It was agreed that this couldn’t be progressed at the moment.

**Action: JB to speak to DB**

**vii. Piatak event on evening prior to Charlton match (9th March) and approach to Piataks**

It was considered that the initial approach should be via Nigel Clibbens. Regarding a venue, central London was considered the best location.

**Action: JB to speak to NC about availability of Piatak’s for central London location**

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**i. Date of next meeting**: 5th February 2024 at 19:00 via Zoom

ii. PI suggested a branch social evening at the Half Moon in Putney on 31st January. Carlisle band Hardwicke Circus are appearing.

There being no other business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 8:30 pm.