**Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch**

**Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 1st August 2024**

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

**Present**: Dave Brown (chair), John Bowman, Peter Smithson, Ken Hullock, Simon Clarkson, Paul Irving, Andy Hall, Andrew Dobinson, Paul Irving, Terry McCarthy

**Apologies**: Mike Carruthers

Introduction by the Chair who welcomed Andy Hall to the committee.

**1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

i. **Matters Arising**

i. June meeting minutes were approved.

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

**Agreed** to book 74/75 Lounge for Fleetwood matchday event. Additionally, the meeting agreed that the visit to CUFC exhibition at Tullie House would be paid for on the day

ii. June action notes reviewed.

1. SC assured the meeting there were no problems with player and Ladies team sponsorships. AD said he had the bank account number for Ladies team
2. Mascots – SC said there is a proposal to enhance goody bags for mascots.

SC will put out media release re. mascots in the week after Gillingham game.

DB to send list of Junior Blues to new mascot coordinator Ruth Vamadevan and chase mascot’s dad from Derby game.

**2. REPORTS**

AH gave a verbal report on how things had gone so far in his new role as Information Officer. He said that he would float new ideas out to the committee, e.g. online meetings with former players. He urged committee to have a look at his next vHTB and pass on opinions.

It was agreed that we needed to issue more press releases. SC suggested that next one should be to get 50th Anniversary date out there.

Agreed that we need to review who gets vHTB.

KH said that he would deal with Paypal administration.

AD reported that there was £3,500 allocated for Academy still unspent, despite them being chased> It means that there is an extra £3,500 available for coming season.

**Agreed: All** to give opinions on latest issue of vHTB.

**KH** to get access to Paypal account to administer in future

**AH** to put out press release re. 50th Anniversary

**AH** to send PS list of contacts to be added to Membermojo

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

**i. Matchdays**

TM pointed out that Salford game on Nov 9th now 12.30 ko and Bradford on 7th Sept is an international weekend. Also we only have 13 people so far for Fleetwood weekend.

DB said 3 pubs had been suggested by Al Millington for viewing Carlisle v Barrow on Sky on 12th August. This included the Hercules Pillars, Great Queens St. and the Fitzrovia Belle, Tottenham Court Rd.

**Agreed:** **KH** to do ticket distribution for Swindon on Sept 21st.

**AH** to promote Fleetwood weekend again in vHTB

**PS, PI** and **KH** to review the 2 pubs, Hercules Pillars & Fitzrovia Belle

**DB** to send details for viewing Barrow match to AH for vHTB

**ii. Meeting with CUOSC**

**Agreed:** That the Branch should continue to liaise with CUOSC through CUSG.

**DB** to get back about the proposal from Matt Spooner.

**iii. CUTV**

Noted that 1,000 had signed up to CUTV service in first week.

**iv. 50th Anniversary**

After the Wimbledon match on 12th October can be confirmed as the time of the celebration event. There is a need to fix the venue as quickly as possible. Options at the moment are Wimbledon FC and Sutton Cricket Club.

JB had produced a table scoping the tasks and this was made available to everyone.

**Agreed:** **SC** to check on availability of Sutton Cricket Club.

 **DB** to contact Piataks Friday

 **All committee members invited to attend 1st working group meeting next Thursday 8th August at 19.00 via Zoom.**

Committee WhatsApp group to be used, for now, for 50th Anniversary planning.

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**i. Date of next meeting**:

September5th at 19:00 via Zoom