**Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch**

**Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 7th November 2024**

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

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

**Apologies**: Paul Irving, Terry McCarthy,

Introduction by the Chair who welcomed Graeme Harker and Anna Jensen.

**1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

i. **Matters Arising**

i. October meeting minutes were approved.

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

Nothing to report.

ii. October action notes reviewed.

1. DB said that Graeme Harker would be shadowing PS before taking over as Membership Secretary and that Anna Jensen would be helping AD with Information Officer brief, particularly on Social Media.
2. It was agreed that control of the website should be passed over from KH to AH
3. DB to contact KH re. Paypal account.
4. AH said that mascots coverage would be on our own website rather than club’s
5. KF said he’d come up with some ideas for polo shirt / mug but it was acknowledged that it wasn’t urgent because it wasn’t the best time for marketing to supporters.

**Agreed**:

Website to be handed over from KH to AH

DB to contact KH re. Paypal.

**2. REPORTS**

1. 52 tickets bought for Bromley game but 3 senior ones no longer required. KF wanted child’s ticket so TM to see if club can change them.

**Agreed**: TM to see if club can change tickets for Bromley

1. £150 received into branch’s bank account is unaccounted for. Concluded that it was a problem in paying costs to John Halpin. AD to resolve.

**Agreed**: AD to check why payment to John Halpin failed and resolve it.

1. AD reported that charges amounting to about £50 per account were being introduced by Lloyds bank. It was agreed that switching banks could cause too many problems and that reducing the number of accounts held could save money.

**Agreed:** AD to look into reducing the number of bank accounts

1. PS pointed out that, despite a number of non-renewers, membership was at about the same level as it was a year ago. He asked for an item on renewals for January’s agenda.

**Agreed**: KH to include item on renewals on January’s agenda

1. Christmas Dinner

**Agreed**: rather than a pre-Christmas dinner it would be better to have a meal in January.

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

**i. Matchdays**

KH pointed out that group travel was available for Newport trip on 7th November.

KH said that pub for Bromley would be the Bricklayers Arms

**Agreed**: KH to publicise group travel to Newport including an item in vHTB. DB to invite Nigel Clibbens to pub at Bromley.

**iii. Invites to Directors’ boxes / hospitality**

Ideas for dealing with invites, often at short notice, for branch members to Director’s areas or hospitality at away matches were discussed. AJ suggested a competition on social media with the hospitality as a prize.

**Agreed**: AJ and AH to report back to next meeting with ideas on how to use social media to open up hospitality offered by the Club to branch members. In the meantime DB will advertise opportunities on WhatsApp.

**vi. Sky Sports matches**

**Agreed:** DB to try and book Civil Service Club for Carlisle’s midweek games.

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**i. Date of next meetings**:

December7th at 19:00 via Zoom

January meeting to be on 9th Jan.