**Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch**

**Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 5th December 2024**

Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

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

**Apologies**: Paul Irving, Terry McCarthy, Simon Clarkson, Peter Smithson, Kris Foster

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

**1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

i. **Matters Arising**

i. November meeting minutes were approved.

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

Blue Print’s invoice include higher distribution charges than usual. This was because John B had asked printer Paul to send bulk copies (50) to Dave Brown by a faster (more costly) delivery method to ensure he had them in time for the Bromley match.

ii. November action notes reviewed.

1. DB said how pleased he was that Steve Batey had offered to undertake the Treasurer role next year.
2. In order to take advantage of matchday hospitality offers AH thought AJ’s suggestion of a competition was a good idea. DB pointed out that hospitality offered to the branch should be confined to branch members. It was agreed that, instead, we could run a competition open to all fans for a signed football. AJ’s idea was for entrants to guess how many goals scored over Xmas/New Year games.

Noted that GH was part of Information team.

**Agreed**:

AH/AJ to progress competition idea.

New Instagram account to be set up (AH). DB to inform AM about this.

Bluesky account to be set up (AH).

KH to change email address of website to information@carlislelondonbranch.org address so AH can access it.

AD to close one of the branch bank accounts before Xmas

**2. REPORTS**

i. Social Media Policy

A number of points were made which AH will take into account before finalising the document.

**Agreed**:

That the Committee WhatsApp group was the appropriate place for getting agreement to potentially sensitive or contentious statements before posting them.

The document should have a review date.

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

**i. Matchdays**

KH stated that he would not be organising travel from London for Crewe or Tranmere away.

**ii. Sky Sports matches**

DB reported that the Civil Service Club have said they are to charge £60 for a small room next year making it expensive for those attending, particularly if there is a small turnout.

**Agreed:**

DB to try and negotiate a reduced price.

Pay £60 if no alternative and branch to pay

Advertise matches widely on social media. AH to be passed matches for which room booked in CSC for matches. (DB/AH)

Make available to all Carlisle fans.

iii. **New Members joining after December 31st**

**Agreed:**

After December 31st until July 2025, new people joining the branch to be given rest of season and the whole of 2025/26 season.

**4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**i. Date of next meetings**:

January9th at 19:00 via Zoom