



**Bath City FC Supporters Society
7.30pm on Thursday 25th May
Twerton Park, Charlie's Bar**



Report

Present: Martin Powell (Chair), Phil Weaver, Steve Skinner, Marc Thomas, Jon Bickley, Michael Clayton, Colin Voutt, Cheryl Bradley, Shane Morgan & Emma Sparks
By invitation: Sally Harris (SH) and Nick Blofeld (NB)

1. Apologies

Ken Loach, Pete McCormack

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 27 April were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Clarification on when the 6 society board members are up for re-election and who will be voting for them. It was felt that this re-election would be 2018 and that they would be voted for by the entire membership but clarification still needed. **Need to review a possible 1,2&3 year term for current to ensure rotation**

Invite Carole Banwell to meeting **Action Point – MP to invite to next meeting.**

Pre match point of contact rota for bar area. **Action Point – ES to create blank rota for completion in due course. To be completed for July Meeting**

Next Q& A Meeting planning session to be added to July Agenda - **Action Point - ES**

Accounts are with the auditors and PW to send to ES as soon as available to circulate with the 2nd Notice for the AGM. Further issues surrounding the documents

4. Accountability between Society Directors & Committee

Looking to set up a skeleton timetable of meetings for the year that are separate to Committee meetings -

IGM Dec, AGM June, Q&A Meetings March & Sept

Need to review holding meetings with BCFC family in Feb, May Aug, Nov

Meetings with Community and Sponsors are taken care of elsewhere and not needed to be included in the timetable of meetings

Discussion was held as to the role of the Society Board members on the main board as we have a place to fill on the main board as Nick Thompson has stepped down.

OH left meeting is currently considering standing for election for this role

Should we put it out to the membership to vote on all those that nominate themselves?

ACTION POINT - MC to draft a job description for the new board member for review

Confirmed that decision should be made by committee members

The minimum requirement of the role is that they are a member of the Society for them to sit on the board as our representative.

OH returned to the meeting

NB was asked as to the main rationale on the increased player budget? The response to which was that it was needed to try and compete at the top of the league and try and reach the playoffs.

NB was asked if the club were to not make the estimated growth each year, at what point would the £300k run out? At the current losses, after 3 years. But budgets and revenue will be reviewed regularly during the season and adjustments made.

NB was asked what plans are there to communicate the financial update to members of the Society? We are looking at setting up meetings for all supporters - open meetings where the representatives are quizzed and challenged quarterly. Paul and Gary (to cover football) will review the schedule ahead and be included in these meetings as well it is hoped.

NB was asked how transparent the board would be as to what the actual playing budget is? He confirmed that they would be as open as they can be without breaking confidentiality. An update was asked for on the redevelopment and NB confirmed that there was a meeting with the developers on Tuesday (30 May) but still unable to confirm publicly who they are working with. NB also confirmed that it was still the ambition to be able to play at Twerton Park throughout the development process.

General update was given from SH on the Community & Foundation

Funding had been granted from St John's to measure the social impact of the club currently and review what we want to see going forward.

There has been presence at a number of events from the Community Team in recent weeks. The Foundation is currently looking at finalising its 3 Year Plan, and the Club is drawing up what is expected of them from the Club, to be happy to sign an SLA.

There will also be changes in personnel moving forward, and they will be looking at reviewing what they can deliver against the Club's community objectives

SH is meeting with Sue O'Brien - the grants contact from the National League - £20k from the Club will support the Foundation if it is aligned with the clubs objectives.

Next Community Meeting is proposed for the 19th of June

Looking at starting community consultation on the re redevelopment shortly, with the redevelopment partners also bringing in their own agency to help manage this process. Discussion was held over a 3G pitch - it is unlikely to be arranged before the redevelopment. It has a huge advantage from a commercial and community point of view, but there may supporters that would prefer not to have one.

It was asked of SH & NB how well it is working with the existing 3 directors still in role? It was confirmed that it was going well, progress is being made, but there are still further changes needed to make us more efficient and commercial.

Discussion was held that the tenures for the board members need to be reviewed to ensure that there is a rotation on the board and suggested that initially lots should be taken as to who holds a 1, 2 or 3 year tenure.

5. Treasurer's Report inc. 100 Years & Accounts for Approval

With Auditors and hope to have them back for 2nd June to be able to send out with 2nd AGM notice & documents

6. LocalGiving Subscription

Reviewed the need to pay a subscription to LocalGiving for the service they provide - committee voted in favour in paying this

ACTION POINT - PW to pay the sub

ACTION POINT - ES to download and circulate the report from the last year

ACTION POINT - ES to liaise with Steve Bradley in regards to shopping portal to get money for the club too - is it still active and what are the details as this can be pushed on the website as every little helps

7. Spirit of Bath City / Rename of Award

Fire and Brew on Moorland Road have been approached to sponsor the award for the forthcoming season and were asked to donate some beer once a month. They have since come back to us and informed us that they would like to offer, beer, Honey's Midford Cider and a Pizza voucher each month. COmmittee voted in favour of taking them up on this very kind offer. **ACTION POINT** - ES to pick up and ask them if they would like to name the award as well as SPirit of Bath City was because of the former sponsor

8. Potential Governance Model

Reviewed which Committee members should be looking over which working group to achieve an overview of the work being undertaken by the working groups.

Marketing & PR - ES, JB

Community - MP

Operations - SM, PW

Commercial - SM

Football & Finance - MT

ReDevelopment - PMc

9. Board Activity Report (Confidential)

10. Delivery of Bid Benefits (Shares certificates, badges etc) UPDATE

All shareholders and businesses have now been contacted

11. Society Page in Matchday Programme

It was agreed that we do want to have visibility in the programme but pushed the item to the next agenda for further discussion and review. **Action Point** - ES to add to the June agenda

12. AGM & Elections

We should ask in the next comms for members to let us know if attending to help us work out the numbers for seating etc

ACTION POINT - ES to draft Agenda for meeting

13. AOB

The official address of the Society has been amended to Twerton Park. **ACTION POINT** - ES to liaise with Carole Banwell as to where at the Club we can keep all the paperwork that Colin Voutt has as his address was formerly the official address for the Society

Need to review the commitment to the travel payment for the CLub - **ACTION POINT - ES to add to the June Agenda**

Thanks were given to Oliver Holtaway, as this would be his last meeting as a member of the Committee, for all of the work & time that he has dedicated to the role of Secretary and to the society itself.

MP informed the Board that this was to be his last meeting as Chairman as a new Chair will be chosen at the AGM which is ahead of the next Board meeting.

14. DOTNM

Thursday 29th June 2017 7:30pm in Randall's, Twerton Park