



**Bath City FC Supporters Society
Committee Meeting
7pm on Thursday 29th September 2022
at Twerton Park**

Meeting Report

Present: Jon Blain, Paul Brotherton, Christopher Flanagan (in the chair), Oliver Holtaway, Al Lord. Via Zoom: William Heath, Ken Loach, Pete McCormack, Stuart Page, Marc Thomas.

1. Apologies: None

2. Approval of minutes of the Committee meeting held on 1st September 2022 and update on actions

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 1st September 2022 were confirmed (proposed: OH, seconded: JB).

Follow up actions:

- MT reported that the event to celebrate the role of volunteers in the Club is likely to take place before Christmas.
- CF has informed Nick Blofeld that Pete McCormack is now taking up the role of Society Chair.
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- OH had highlighted in the memo to the Club Board that a joint meeting is due this Autumn and PM is to liaise with Nick Blofeld
ACTION: PM to identify a date with NB, probably for November.
- OH had raised the issue of reports of Club Board meetings not being up to date on the Club website in the latest memo to the Club Board

Still to be done:

- PB to set up a doodle poll re a date for the Interim General Meeting in January 2023
- AL to liaise with Jane Jones about supporting the women's team financially
- JB and AL to check 100 Club payments.

3. Update from the Club Board

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4. Redevelopment update

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5. Succession planning strategy update

PB reported that a draft paper has been written and that some comments have been received. A meeting of the succession planning strategy group for the previous night had been postponed and will now take place in October. A written report will be provided to the next Committee meeting. One of the issues under consideration is the leadership of succession planning in practice and it had been suggested that an informal advisory group of well-connected individuals should be established. Another is how the Society can be more pro-active in appointments to the Club Board, eg vetting possible candidates before election or potentially changing from elections to appointments to the Club Board. PB asked for opinions on these or other succession planning issues.

ACTION: Committee members are asked to send PB any comments/ideas on succession planning within the next two weeks.

6. Society Finance update

AL reported that the Society currently has in the region of £8k and that he is looking at financial support to the women's team and at the possibility of sponsoring some players in the men's team.

AL has received an outline Club budget from Paul Williams and will circulate it to Committee members for comment/questions.

ACTION: AL to circulate the budget in confidence and Committee members are requested to respond with comments/questions, if any, within two weeks

[Sensitive item redacted]

7. 100 Club update

No update this time

8. Engagement and comms update

OH thanked those who had responded to the request for content in the matchday programme and asked for further contributions. He added that the Society will benefit from two Club email shots as a result of the sponsorship deal and plans to have the first one in early December. AL suggested that there might be scope to connect with Bath Rugby who have a match the previous evening.

9. Any other business

AL invited Committee members to consider the role of Society Treasurer and whether there are any wider issues that need to be addressed. WH suggested that there is more scope for the Club to explore different avenues for grant funding and fundraising and felt that this had been too low on the radar. He also raised the issue of the valuation of the Club (rather than specifically the stadium) and what the Society's share of the Club is actually worth.

10. Date of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 3rd November 2022.