

Minutes of Bradford City Supporters Board Meeting

Venue: Online via Microsoft Teams

Date: Tuesday 05/04/2022 meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

In attendance: Ian Taylor (Chairperson), James Molyneux, Steve Gorringe, Tony Bates (Vice-Chairperson), John Barker, Manny Dominguez, Adam Baker, Wayne Robinson, Kate Eveleigh,

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Christine Tarren and Keith Taylor; condolences were dedicated to Christine and her family for the sad loss of her husband, Eric.

2. Update on Meeting with Ryan Sparks on Thursday 24th March at Valley Parade

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson had met with the CEO to discuss areas of mutual interest arising from Supporters Board discussions. The conclusions were:

- a). To have a central point of contact between the Supporters Board and the Club, this would be Data and CRM Manager, Marco Townson with CEO Ryan Sparks as contact for escalation if required.**
- b). Marco to attend all Supporters Board meetings.**
- c). CEO to attend one Supporters Board meeting per quarter with Director of Operations, Paula Watson and Commercial Manager, Michael Shackleton to each attend a different Supporters Board each quarter. Therefore, the Club would have two attendees at each Supporters Board with Marco Townson providing continuity.**
- d). All projects from the Supporters Board to have defined purposes and set dates.**
- e). Supporters Board Working Groups to initiate and undertake their own solus projects with progress reporting to the monthly Supporters Board meetings.**
- f). Enquiries received by the Supporters Board from supporters that are relevant to the Supporter Services web section (with its own phone number and email) to be directed to this service.**

These decisions were supported by all in attendance.

3. Volunteers to form the Questionnaire Team

This team would be led by Wayne Robinson supported by Kate Eveleigh, James Molyneux and John Barker and to commence discussions prior to the next Supporters Board meeting.

4. Volunteers to form the Junior Football Initiative Team

This was proposed by the Vice-Chairperson to develop formal and structured links with local junior teams and suggested possibly establishing a “Junior Fans Forum”. To be supported by the Chairman. Supported by all present.

5. Working Party Group moving forward

This was to be discussed further at the April Supporters Board meeting together with a membership list for each group (raised by Manny Dominguez under Any Other Business). However, the prime decision is to work as defined in Agenda Item 2.

6. Remembrance Panel

This was to be widened to include support, advice and coordination for all charities and groups having an official fundraising activity at Valley Parade and to promote groups such as the Ukrainian Bantams.

7. Any Other Business

The Chair asked each of the attendees in turn for subjects and views for discussion, the following subjects were raised.

Kate Eveleigh: Was it planned to increase Supporters Board membership for the 2022/23 season. Agreed to review once the 12-month relaunch anniversary of the Supporters Board was reached.

James Molyneux: James wished to be involved in the Junior Football Initiative Team

Steve Gorringe: Steve believed there was a requirement to promote and publicise the success of the Under 19 Club Team and how to attend their matches by publicising venues and match dates in advance. The possibility of coach travel to selected Under 19 fixtures to be explored.

Steve also proposed that the Junior Football Initiative Team also engage with Peter Nicholson, Development Centre Co-Ordinator via Marco Townson.

8. Date of Next Meeting – to be held Thursday 28th April 2022, Venue: Midland Hotel.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.