

Minutes of Bradford City Supporters Board Meeting

Venue: Microsoft Teams online

Date: Thursday 27/10/2022, meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

In attendance: Tony Bates (Vice-Chairperson), Manny Dominguez, John Barker, Steve Gorringe and Marco Townson (BCAFC).

Tony Bates took the Chair for this meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Ian Taylor (Chairperson), Adam Baker, Christine Tarren, Wayne Robinson.

It was reported that Kate Eveleigh and James Molyneux were no longer members of the Supporters Board, thanks were expressed for their involvement and input.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the 29th September Meeting, having been circulated were accepted as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

No Matters Arising were raised.

4. Proposed Annual Review of Terms of Reference and Standing Orders

Tony Bates (Vice Chairperson) presented a first draft for initial discussion, his suggested possible amendments and additions targeted increasing representation and diversity within the Supporters Board and a suggested expansion to 12 members.

Several members present gave immediate feedback, however it was unanimous that the draft should be presented at the November Supporters Board meeting. Prior to the meeting the draft will be circulated alongside the Minutes with the aim to accept proposed feedback and changes at the November meeting.

5. New Chairman/Vice Chairman

To formalise at the next meeting following discussion between Tony Bates and Ian Taylor in respect of the current Standing Orders.

6. Update from Working Party Team if any

Marco Townson to liaise with Paula Watson (BCAFC) to identify areas to progress.

It was reported that replacement seating in The Kop was due to commence shortly, in tranches. This may be a project for the Working Party to assist the club in, subject to Health and Safety requirements

7. Update from the Junior Football Initiative Team

No new update, to be a future agenda item.

8. Any Other Business

One email question had been received concerning the earlier kick off time at Leyton Orient on 3rd December; this had been initiated by the home club due to a possible England or Wales World Cup Match that afternoon.

The Supporters Board discussed the implications and difficulties created for visiting supporters and travel clubs arising from the 12.30 pm kick off.

Marco Townson reported that this decision was taken by the home club without the away club having the right of veto, the final adjudicator (in the event of a challenge would be the EFL).

This issue had also been raised in advance by Adam Baker.

It was suggested that additional Loyalty Points could be considered for this fixture, Marco Townson to ask the question.

Steve Gorringer raised continuing safety issues in the Holywell Lane area created by certain car drivers not following safe driving requirements as well as the apparent indifference of stewards.

Marco Townson responded that this would be raised, again, with the Safety Advisory Group and that the club was looking to centralise steward activity and management through one company rather than multiple events management providers.

Manny Dominguez reported that police liaison meetings and attendant tours of police stations would recommence from the 17th November.

Steve Gorringer referred to the number of ticket office windows (3) being open for multiple different match tickets and confusion created for customers due to lack of signage. Marco Townson to take back to the club and provide an update.

The pitch invader at Tuesday nights Swindon Town match was discussed with the consensus that an indefinite banning order was required.

John Barker offered to donate stocks of the A2 laminated 2013 “Wembley” poster with all proceeds to Supporters Board funds. An image of the poster was to be circulated to all Supporters Board members.

9. Date of Next Meeting Thursday 24th November 2022 – Teams Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.