



## **Minutes of Bradford City Supporters Board Meeting**

**Venue: Microsoft Teams online**

**Date: Thursday 05/01/2023, meeting commenced at 6.30 pm**

**In attendance: Tony Bates (Chair), Wayne Robinson (Vice-Chair), Ian Taylor, John Barker, Steve Gorringer, Christine Tarren, Adam Baker, Ryan Sparks (BCAFC), Marco Townson (BCAFC).**

### **1. Apologies for Absence:**

**Keith Taylor.**

### **2. Review of Minutes/Actions from previous meeting:**

**The Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> November Meeting, having been circulated were accepted as a true and correct record.**

**Key decisions were now documented in a separate circulated Action Log:**

#### **Terms of Reference:**

**Draft terms of reference reviewed by Board. Agreed subject to minor wording change regarding membership exclusions. COMPLETED.**

#### **Board Membership:**

**Draft web form for applicants reviewed in meeting and approved. Chair to circulate the web form and promote on Supporters Board social media sites. Set deadline for applications in advance of next board meeting so a review of them can take place as a group. COMPLETED**

#### **Board Membership:**

**Chair to see if club can support the publicity of membership drive through their social media channels. COMPLETED.**

### **3. Pyro at away games (draft statement for review):**

**A draft statement had been circulated and supported by all present. It was agreed to seek the views of the Club's media department and keep the statement for publication if the need arose from any future incident.**

### **4. Increasing Communication – 6 monthly highlight report:**

**A draft statement would be circulated covering, in this instance, a 12-month period for discussion/approval at the next meeting.**



## **5. Fan Safety Outside the Ground:**

This area was still a matter of concern. Ryan Sparks reported that discussions had taken place with Bradford Council with the Club applying for an increased area for post match road closure, but the decision for this was the responsibility of Bradford Council

## **6. Questions from Fans:**

Ryan Sparks supported by Marco Townson were invited to respond to questions from fans that had been supplied to the Supporters Board.

Response times to both email/letters and calls had been raised. For the former the response time was targeted at no more than 48 hours (2 working days) with phone answering times both measured and profiled. The Club would review their records.

Atmosphere at matches combined with supporters group in both the North West Corner and the Upper Kop had been raised. Whilst on field performance and results was agreed to be the prime factor regarding atmosphere, the Club was not going to intervene in where and how supporters congregated in the ground, other than providing support to those requesting specific areas (when practical).

The Club would investigate the practicality of a players meet and greet with supporters who had purchased club calendars and respond back.

Safe Standing had been raised; Ryan Sparks reported that this may be a possibility, due to a possible commercial opportunity. If this progressed, it would definitely be situated in the North West Corner.

## **7. Working Group Update**

A variety of suggestions had been outlined by Paula Watson (BCAFC); these were to be explored by the Working Group with the Club requested to add a priority rating for any activity that could be scheduled in the next three to six months.

## **8. Junior Supporters Initiative:**

Following discussion with the Chair Adam Fox (Head Football Coach U14s) was to engage with the Football in the Community department.

## **9. Any Other Business:**

The following matters were raised:



Steve Gorringe asked if the Gillingham (Away) match had been rearranged, Marco Townson replied it had not. Steve also requested background and status of Wimbledon (Away) match tickets. These had now been received and would be collection only.

Christine Tarren requested that maintenance be undertaken immediately on toilet problems affecting the Ladies toilets in the Kop.

Adam Baxter reported that the Supporters Board had been invited to participate in the next City Vent Podcast. Agreed to support.

#### **10. New Board Members review and invitations:**

A full review of applicants and discussion notes to date were circulated. The following four supporters were to be invited to join the Supporters Board at the next meeting:

Richard Johnson  
Chris Windsor  
Jonnie Carrington  
David May

Discussions were to continue with other applicants as there was still a vacancy on the Supporters Board.

#### **11. Date of Next Meeting TBC:**

It was proposed that ideally the next meeting would be in person, to include welcoming the new members and held at Valley Parade. Both the date and venue would be determined by activity at Valley Parade during the January Transfer Window.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.