



Coventry City London Supporters Club (CCLSC) – AGM agenda

Saturday 23 July 2016, 11am – Calthorpe Arms, London

Start 11:20am

Attendees: Colin Henderson, Jay MacDonald, Charles Tomkins, Adrian Hawthorne, Chris Webb, Rob Parker, Martin Garrett, Robin Ogleby, Rod Dean, Ian Davidson, Eric Whiting, Jim McIlwaine, Liam Crotty, John Bryant, Barry Chattaway.

1. Apologies for absence

Kev Monks, John Bains, Carl Lawton, Martin Hall, Kevin Randall, Brian Klitzner, Dave Evans, Brian Trewell, Matt Chattaway, Christian Cation, Phil Smith, George Ogleby, Simon Fahy, Kev Mofid

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM

- Agenda mistake - date on election of committee - noted
- Closure of HSBC bank account
- Ian D – Accounts not put onto the website yet but website wasn't in a position to accommodate these
- Colin H – In future, accounts will be attached to next newsletter
- Colin H -This year's accounts to be signed off ASAP

Colin H 1st and Adrian H 2nd the approval for the 2015 AGM minutes

3. Matters arising

RWP note – I think all the matters arising are covered within the discussion points following the respective committee member reports, so no action here.

4. Chairman's Report

Can I firstly thank once again for attending today's AGM. It is great to see some of our long-distance members here today. Your attendance here is appreciated by the committee. Today's meeting has a full agenda as usual with a number of items to debate and make decisions on. As in previous years, I would like to manage the discussion time carefully to give everyone the chance to contribute to agenda items as they are presented.

There will be a break for lunch around 1.00p.m. We are aiming to conclude all matters for this AGM between 3.00p.m. and 4.00p.m. (Hopefully earlier!)

When I started to reflect on what I might say in my report this year, one of the things I reflected on was what a roller coaster experience last season was with an amazing high with hopes of promotion (automatic) up-to January through to the lows of the dramatic drop-off in form for most of the second half of the season, followed by a pick-up in form at the end of the season when in reality it was all too late to make even the play-offs. In the end injuries, some strange mid-season signings (in my opinion) and a lack of depth in key positions probably led to the inevitable fall off in form. On the positive, the season overall for me was 'fun' for a change and a significant improvement on last season.

I remember discussing the concern that I had that I would like us to start pre-season this year with a reasonably complete squad (and with less loan players) as I felt this contributed to our drop-off in form last year. Despite some encouraging signs early on we appear to be in the same position as last year with a depleted senior squad, supported by the development team players. There a key positions unfilled as we embark on our pre-season which look unlikely to be filled before the transfer deadline and are likely not to be filled in full until the end of the loan window at the end of August. I think the removal of the emergency loan window could help a club like City but it could also be a negative. Only time will tell.

Other positives last year regarding CCLSC were to the two excellent Q & A's we had with Tony Mowbray and Chris Anderson. The Tony Mowbray Q & A was a fantastic evening with many members subsequently telling me it was one of the best ever arranged. I would like to thank everyone who attended the events and to the committee members who organised the events and finally to Adrian for the excellent hosting here at the Calthorpe.

Once again, I would like to put on record my personal thanks to all the members who have served on the committee this year and who have supported me admirably during the year in my role as Chairman. I would like to single out one committee member for special recognition: **Barry Chattaway**.

Barry has once again provided an excellent ticketing service to members this season (despite the club making this role very very difficult to carry out). Barry has gone above and beyond the call of duty on numerous occasions during the season to ensure everyone got their match tickets.

Barry also continued to run the player of the season nominations over the season. This culminated in the presentation of an excellent new trophy to the player of the year Romain Vincelot (who at the time of writing has bucked a trend from previous years by not leaving the club once receiving our award!). The POS presentation was well organised by everyone involved and was an improvement on last year.

SCG Meetings

I attended a number of SCG meeting during the year where important issues like the new ticketing system, the Academy's future and the potential of the Butts Arena as a new home. I feel I was able to voice a view that would meet the thinking of the majority if not all of our members on these key issues. Ian has

been e-mailing members a link to the SCG minutes once they are published. If you do not read the minutes on a regular basis I encourage you to do so.

Later on the agenda today we will need to decide whether CCLSC should continue to have representation at SCG meetings next year. I would be happy to continue to attend meetings next year if the decision is yes.

Discussion

- JB – Are we supporting Butts Park – CH said it's an option we should explore – they have planning for 15k but multi-sports could be increased – is a viable option to secure future of our club – nursing home precedence – to be discussed later
- ID – is it 1 year or 2 - TBC

5. Arrangements for the 40th anniversary

The 40th Anniversary dinner on the 17th November is fast approaching. I would encourage you all to book and pay for your tickets and CCLSC membership by the 6th August to take advantage of the £5 discount if you have not done so already. It will also help us with the planning of numbers for the dinner. The Anniversary dinner is on the agenda later as I would like to canvas members for their ideas on guest speakers and the other activities for the evening.

Discussion

- 23 people paid or committed so far
- 75 max 100 people
- Adrian H - Break even? £125 deposit
- Ian D – Shall we offer reduced/limited menu as multiple choices could result in slower service
- Colin H – 6 August was a soft deadline so still flexibility
- John B – 3 starter, 3 main, 3 dessert to choose from the limit complexity
- Ian D – Table plan will be produced
- Ian D – Some may have specific seating requirements so we can accommodate these
- Rob P – Guest speaker? Suggestions have been made but we need to make a decision in next few days
- Barry C – SBI Norway now has 49 members and a few have indicated they may want to attend, stay in London Friday and join us for Oxford game on the Sat
- Suggestions for guests - Oggy, Tony Mowbray, Jim Brown, Chris Catlin, Colin Heys, Joe Elliot, Jon S
- Ian D – Suggested menu card with all 39 POY winners - £50 for £100 menu cards which is great value – also we can have all attendees – need 1 week turnaround – All agreed that it is a great idea
- Barry C – Keyring – costing at the moment is approx. £3 and we agreed that this will be investigated further
- Colin H – Auction for Alzheimer's in memory of Jimmy Hill, looking for prizes – Colin to offer 2 weeks in Florida and request all to see if employers will donate anything
- Ian D – Nick Smith is professional photographer – maybe he can come for the evening and photograph – Ian D to ask him
- Jon B – Possibly 2 x tickets for an away game
- Ian D – Joe Elliot asked if any possibility that Jon S can attend and be given honorary membership
- Colin H – Any suggestions for raffle prizes please approach him or Kev M

- Ian D – Will continue to promote in newsletter
- Rob P – suggests a couple of event special newsletters

6. Committee member reports

Treasurer's report – Charles Tomkins

Please see draft financial statement and summary documents provided separately.

Discussion

- All cash is now in HSBC
- Lloyds will be closed as no debit card as it is a charity account
- No outstanding match ticket money from last season
- Simon F has club debit card so from this season will be made that way
- Simon F prefers bank transfers where possible
- Please always try to use CCLSC e-mail address - tickets@cclsc.org
- Amazon affiliate money equates to 14 members
- Colin H – Requests Ian D to feature Amazon link in October newsletter for pre-Christmas newsletter
- No cost for current site and old site cost may disappear next year
- Travel cost – Port Vale ticket loss were offset by compensation
- Player of Year trophy not included on accounts as we have not paid yet
- Online banking applied for with HSBC
- Accounting year ends 31 May 2016
- Robin O – Why do we need such large amount of cash? Charles T advised was because we kept surplus in anticipation of 40th anniversary but not needed now – we previously agreed £2k float
- Barry C – last season biggest outlay was £900 approximately just for tickets not including travel
- Colin H – The surplus can be reviewed annually at AGMs
- Charles T – We are pretty self-sufficient and we are normally +/- £200 approx p/a
- Colin H – For the accounts to go online, can they be signed, dated by the Chairman
- Colin H – website ... we need an area on the website or cloud where multi access and edit functionality is allowed ... TBC and investigated by Rob S

Membership report – Colin Henderson

As of today, the treasurer role will include the membership functions, with the separate membership secretary role being abolished (as approved at the 2015 AGM). We would like to thank Sara for fulfilling the membership secretary role for several years and for working closely with Ian and Charles in particular. An Assistant Treasurer is to be appointed today; their remit will be to focus on the administration of the treasurer's membership responsibilities.

We are nearly at the situation where we have a single list of all members, paid and lapsed. The new website will have a function where members can renew online, which will talk to the membership database and update it accordingly; this will also include postcodes and

CCFC supporter numbers. The membership form will need to be designed to take into account all needs, and also be easily maintained. We will aim to have a login area for each member via the website so that members can self-maintain their details.

Membership fees vote

Discussion

- Colin H – Do we know who were members from 2015/16?
- 88 members, 3 don't get emails currently
- Rob S still to set up members only section of the website – still not set up but closer to that position – Also still not able to accept payments online
- Fees – single £10 and family £20 – Colin H proposed to keep the same as last year and John B seconded it so agreed

Secretary's report – Jay MacDonald and Rob Parker

Jay MacDonald (Secretary)

I have continued this year as I have done in previous years with regular committee meetings and the slightly later than usual AGM clashing with the highlight of the season, an away trip to Newport County! I would like to thank all members of the committee for their continued support and attendance at these meetings. Also the social side of CCLSC (main reason I joined) including the Q&A, POY are still well attended and enjoyably evenings

It has also been a year where I have had to rely more heavily on my trusted deputy Rob than previous years and I would like to place on record my thanks for his hard work in deputising where required and I'm sure everyone appreciates his pro-activeness and thoroughness in what he does ... In fact, he's so efficient he's making me look bad at times so we have to have words about that! That said, I would like to continue to support CCLSC administrative matters for the forthcoming season and I'm looking forward to the playing season on the pitch & social events off it including the 40th Anniversary celebration

I'll be looking to provisionally book first committee meeting of the season (standard Thursday nights x 4 at Calthorpe) and the AGM for next year so get your diaries out

Rob Parker (Deputy Secretary)

2015-16 was a quieter year than previously for internal CCLSC matters. Recent years have seen the new constitution and internal changes in the roles held by individual committee members.

Our quarterly meetings are an opportunity for the committee to hear back from the work of each of its members; the aim, which in my opinion we fulfil, is to act as a team in providing advice and encouragement for everyone to be able to fulfil the goals set for them at the prior AGM and committee meetings. Meetings have generally been held at the Calthorpe with the exception of this year when we held the February meeting at the Sheaf (the same pub we visited prior to Millwall away in August).

This year, as well as organising our mandated quarterly committee meetings, Jay and I have organised today's event and helped set up other CCLSC activities including the two Q&As. This required us to work closely with Colin and in particular Ian to ensure that we are sufficiently promoting the events that we have put together. We feel this worked well as both events were well attended and ran smoothly.

I also helped organise the Player of the Season presentation, at which I was proud to be invited to present the trophy to Romain Vincelot; this was also a successful event (especially as I managed to send him away with the correct trophy!). I echo Colin's view that this year was a substantial improvement on the 2015 POS presentation despite (or, because of?) the fact that there wasn't time for me to give a speech. Potentially this was just as well, as I hadn't written one in time and, having had a few pints in the EON Lounge beforehand, would have struggled to come up with one.....

The main focus for the committee apart from ongoing work will be the arrangements for the 40th Anniversary Dinner, for which we will coordinate the efforts of the membership, communications, social and financial functions of CCLSC. Plans are now at an advanced stage, on which Kevin will report further in due course today. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Colin in particular for his continuing hard work in organising this very important event. At this stage it looks like it will be a successful evening so we urge everyone to sign up and ensure this is as well-attended as possible.

There is one important matter of club business to mention for today. The sad death of Jimmy Hill in December, as well as being a loss to CCFC and its fans, means that the honorary position of CCLSC Patron is now vacant. We invite discussion on:

- 1) Should the Patron role be continued; and, if yes
- 2) Ideas from the membership for who could fill this role.

Discussion

- Rob P – Also prints and sends printouts of minutes – add Liam to this list
- Rob P – Patron – Tommy Hutchinson was suggested by Chris W, John B suggests Oggy
- Ian D – Should it be someone who has links with CCLSC not just CCFC?
- Rod D – Ask Jim Brown for suggestions
- Barry C – Suggest Bobby Gould – Rod D and Rob P to approach Bobby Gould
- Ian D – Suggests tribute to Jimmy Hill at the 40th

Travel report – Simon Fahy

Last year's false dawn on the pitch led to a something of a renaissance in requests for travel. With that I've had to implement a better tracking system for ticket requests and payments, and the good news for everyone is that means there are lots of statistics at my fingertips from the previous season to fascinate you all with today:

283 train tickets were purchased for 35 matches with an average of 8 people on each trip and a high of 23 people at that memorable game at Southend away. The most positive stat is that 42 different people – members and occasionally their guests used the travel service last season. Obtaining reasonable prices for members was again part art, part science and overall we again secured a good deal, with a return to Doncaster for under £20 probably the best value trip.

The top three travellers were:

- 30 Adrian
- 28 Rob S
- 26 Charles

The vast majority of monies have been received from last season, however I'm still owed the following:

£43 - Charles Tomkins

£23.30 – transferred to the club account by members from travel

The only significant change for the new season is that I'm now in possession of a club debit card for travel and so all monies should now be transferred directly to CCLSC and no longer to me personally. Cash on the day will now only be accepted from visiting SBI members, where the lack of a UK bank account would make a bank transfer prohibitively expensive.

Finally, while I'm happy to continue in the travel role for 2016/17, I'd like to let the committee know that this coming 10th season in the position will be my last. 10 years is a long time to do any job and the growing scale of the task combined with work pressures have made it increasingly difficult to give it the time it needs.

I would suggest and encourage the early identification of a replacement to enable me to get someone up to speed to be able to hit the ground running next season.

Discussion

- Jay M – Regular traveller would be the best person to organise travel
- Rob P – Should we appoint an assistant for this year
- Colin H – Possibly on an informal basis – to be discussed under 'Election of Committee members'
- Rob P – States thanks to Simon F for his efforts last season

Match Ticketing report – Barry Chattaway

Last season (2015/16) again worked out very well with very few issues to attend to.

There were 22 League games for which tickets were bought; the odd-one out was the Rochdale league game which was pay on the gate only, so no advance ticketing work was required. Not to be left out though, we did buy tickets for Rochdale away in the cup (the sole away cup game for which we bought tickets).

The average tickets bought per game was 17, with 391 members request throughout the season. The total spent was £7,590.50 , with just one ticket payment outstanding thus far.

My thanks goes to Rob Stevens for his good work on the website which has increased the members' ability in requesting tickets. This in general worked very well this season and although not all members used the facility at first, the members are now getting used to the method so we encourage everyone to use the online away ticking request method for next season, at tickets@cclsc.org.uk

With CCFC using TicketMaster next season, I have been informed that there will be extra charges per ticket:

1) £1.00 admin charge to each ticket purchase.

2) If postage is required there will be a £1.50 charge added to each ticket ordered (last season we paid just one postage cost no matter how many tickets we ordered).

I can go in person to the Butts club shop and collect the tickets which would save the postage, but there will always be a £1.00 admin charge. The ticket office informed me that we can use season ticket numbers on priority as I did last season.

Ticket Ordering for Members

The cut-off date for the Swindon tickets has now passed; I have purchased all requested tickets so if any members now want tickets for this game they are best to order them on line through e-tickets.

Can members be aware and please check all cut off dates for future tickets; again if you miss the cut-off dates you will have to organise your own tickets. If re-elected I am willing to continue the ticket service for CCLSC members.

Discussion

- Jim Mc – What is format of ticket office? Still one lady from Ricoh there so still has contacts
- Barry C – Best for him if you have a supporter number
- Chris W – no info on match packs – has emailed 4 times no reply
- Chris W – Expenses for trips to Butts? All agree – 30 miles x 45p
- Rob P – Is it £1 surcharge per ticket or order?
- Barry C - Ticket surcharge = £1 per ticket, postage is £1 per order
- Eric W – Volunteered in case there's a problem he can step in and get bus to Butts to purchase tickets
- Barry C – No ticket office at Ricoh next season but there is on match day
- Ian D – Seat selection is not available for away tickets
- Ian D – No print at home
- Barry C - £180 to park in Tesco for the season is now an option as car park price has increased for CCFC car park

On the basis of the above, Colin agreed to clarify ticket charging arrangements re TicketMaster i.e. is the £1 admin fee going directly to TicketMaster TM and not the club? Also, to find out whether the ticket office will be open on match days, whether there will be cash turnstiles on the day for 2016-17 and finally why the 'print at home' button was not working on the website.

Sky Blues International (SBI) report – Ian Davidson

Membership now stands at 312, up 15 from the last AGM. These come from 43 different countries. Australia has the largest number of members with 66, followed by the USA with 34 but being caught thanks to Jorg Nannestad's effort with the Norwegian Sky Blue Army, who have currently 17 SBI members but nearly 40 members in their Facebook group.

Unfortunately, of the SBI members only 241 of these receive the newsletter. Over time we have lost touch as members move jobs, return to the UK or change their email addresses without notifying us. When an email is returned we have had a couple of successes in contact the employer and have been given the new contact details. This doesn't work in every case.

BC – Jorg has started fantasy football so if anyone wants to join get in contact

Once again last season we had 25 SBI members join us at the various pubs for pre-match drinks. We had SBI members join us at 8 different away games and at 6 games at the Ricoh.

Highlights from last season included the Good Friday game at Peterborough where we were joined on the train from Kings Cross by Danes Per, Jesper and a couple of their Norwegian friends Roar and Steiner. Finland-based Dave Long also joined the group at the Brewery Tap with his family.

Steve Pittam, from Dubai, who was over at several games last season, was meeting up with his friend John, who is an Arsenal supporter, at Manchester Piccadilly before the Oldham game. Steve offered Chris Anderson, who was on the same London train as Adrian and myself a lift to the ground. John couldn't believe that the CEO would travel with supporters. "It wouldn't happen at Arsenal" was the quote of the day.

Jorg Nannestad and members of the Norwegian Sky Blues met at a bar in Oslo to watch the televised Burton and Sheffield United games. Photos were published in the newsletters.

I have had a number of comments back praising the work we do at CCLSC for our international-based Sky Blues. Many include special thanks to Barry for collecting the match tickets for SBI members. This is a service they particularly appreciate. Indeed a couple of SBI members had insisted on paying membership subscriptions, despite being told it was complementary. We should not underestimate the SBI members thirst for knowledge and what is going on at the City.

Communications report – Ian Davidson

I would like to report that once again the monthly newsletters and regular emails for tickets and pubs have been well received. I think that they show we are a vibrant supporters club.

Special emails were also issued about the Tony Mowbray and Chris Anderson Q&A forums, the Jimmy Hill celebration and more recently about the 40th Anniversary Dinner.

The email now goes to 298 in the UK, up from 264 at last year's AGM, and a further 241 SBI members around the world. We also created a "paid members" only email list which we will use for targeting special events and communications.

The newsletters continue to be opened by around 50% and the ticketing and pub emails see significant opening levels depending on the match in question. The analytics received do not include some of the work addresses that block analytical reporting. As an example, some committee members claim they open the emails, but the analytics do not show this.

Whilst this percentage might seem low Mailchimp report that similar organisations would typically get a 20-25% opening rate.

I would like to once again thank Barry, Simon and Robin for their regular contributions to the newsletter throughout last season. Special thanks should also go to George, who contributed his *George's View* column, in the last few monthly newsletters last season.

As the new website continues to be developed we will be able to tailor communications to paid-up members, those who have expressed an interest in CCLSC and join us at the pubs, or those that just want the newsletter and not other communications. I would recommend again this year that we continue to send out communications to this wider audience, as it continues to generate more interest and members.

Pubs

Our policy of going to real ale pubs away from the ground again proved popular with both regulars and occasional Sky Blues supporters who joined us. The policy adopted a couple of years ago of going to a pub near the ground for evening games was met with some success. It also worked at the final game on the Sunday lunchtime before the Oldham game.

Away days this season will include a welcome return to one of our favourite pubs over the last few years, the canalside Red Lion at Fenny Stratford in March for the MK Dons game. There will be return visits to the Lamplighter, the only good thing that came from our "time" at Northampton and a second return to Woodies before the "Real" Wimbledon game on Valentine's Day in February. Let's hope the return to the Bugle Horn at Charlton, in October, is a happier one than the 1-4 defeat on the last day of the 2007-8 season that saw Leicester, rather than us, go down to League One (how times have changed). A note of caution here however, Punch Taverns has recently put the Bugle Horn up for sale, so we need to check closer to the game.

There will be first trips for several years to Bristol Rovers, Oxford and Bolton. Pubs away from the ground serving real ales and food are being investigated for these games.

It does mean that once again we have lost some of the "best" pubs we visited last season. We have been well looked after for several years now at the Borough Arms in Crewe and the Victoria Inn at Colchester. We will miss the (rather large) roast dinners made just for the CCLSC travelling group at the Corner Pin in Doncaster and the Old Cottage Tavern at Burton, who many will recall provided rolls free of charge on that Sunday lunchtime when many pubs in the town centre were closed by the police.

It was only a single trip to Blackpool and the many who made the trip last March will miss the Bloomfield Tavern but it will be a welcome return, for the third season running, to the Syd Little pub, the Strawberry Gardens, for the Fleetwood game in early September.

Last season we returned to the Gluepot at Swindon, after the landlord of the GW at Swindon has been prosecuted for food hygiene issues. The Gluepot policy of not allowing children into the pub did mean that our group was split up with some returning to the GW. So, subject to the police not monitoring social media, we do plan to go to the Gluepot again this season and hope that the weather is good to us and we can utilise the outside drinking area this season.

The secret squirrel arrangements before the Millwall game last season worked well. The Borough market area was extremely busy on that hot August day and we found an oasis in the cellar bar at the Sheaf for what was probably our largest gathering. Some members returned for the Sky TV game against Sheffield United and we also held a committee meeting at the Sheaf earlier this year.

Discussion

- Ian D - Low key for Milwall

Website report – Simon Fahy and Rob Stevens

Old website (Simon)

The old website is still in place and has still been used by some members to join via the Paypal link, however there is a considerable cost associated with this and so I would propose this is allowed to lapse when the fees become due towards the end of the year.

£72.86 was spent on the hosting for the old website last season, which I have not yet been reimbursed for.

New website (Rob S)

Rob has worked with other committee members to continue the new website project which has proceed incrementally throughout the year. Last year we identified several key functionalities that we said should be amongst those introduced in the first phase of the new site; these were:

- 1) Man of the Match voting forms
- 2) Train travel information and requests
- 3) Away match ticket information and requests

The forecasting competition form is now also available for download at CCLSC. The site has an embedded Twitter feed showing the latest updates which, as well as being mailed to our mailing list, are communicated to CCLSC followers @CCLSC on Twitter.

The site uses a fresh and modern design and already includes lots of photographs of CCSLC members on away trips etc – the features of the new website will make it much easier to incorporate this sort of content.

The next phase of functionality will be the ability for CCLSC members to have their own accounts within the website, enabling easier tracking of membership (this will link to a single membership database) and will enable users to self-maintain their information for things like changes of address or other contact details. Members will be able to log in to view documents like the AGM minutes, committee meeting minutes, financial statements and so on.

Discussion

- Rob P – Website is much better than in previous years and the basics are right and we are poised to focus on core areas for the forthcoming year
- Colin H – We will pull back from PayPal and get members area sorted so we can 'self-serve'

Player of the Season report – Barry Chattaway

Again I would like to thank Rob Stevens for his good work getting the MOTM voting system online; it does work very well on the website. The online system is a big help for me because it enables me to register the members' votes per game so I do have to chase some members on occasions (you all know who you are!).

I would also like to thank all the members who participated again last season and for making the Player of the Season possible. For those who have no email facilities there is always the mobile phone for texting their man of the match votes.

Congratulations went to Romain Vincelot who was our POTS for 2015/16 in one of the closest run voting we have had for many a season with the impressive John Fleck, the final totals were:

1. Romain Vincelot 589
2. John Fleck 585
3. Jacob Murphy 523
4. Adam Armstrong 516
5. Chris Stokes 391
6. Jim O'Brien 376

It looks like Reice Charles Cook, Chris Stokes and Jodi Jones could be challenging for the title next season.

With the final results for POTS being so close, should we revisit the voting for man of the match method for next season? Ian Davidson and I looked at other options so open for discussion if needed.

Also thanks goes to Kevin Mofid & CCFC Tynan Scope for organising the POTS presentation after the final home game of the season vs Sheffield United.

If re-elected I am willing to stand again for the man of the match voting.

Because we have been waiting four years for the return of our original trophy from Richard Keogh we have now purchased a new trophy which we used for the presentation this 2015/16 season.

As we are awaiting information about the return of the original trophy, I believe we need to discuss our intention regarding this issue:

- Do we still pursue the original trophy and, when/if returned have it updated with the names of those players who have won it in recent seasons?
- If we do get the original trophy back, what do we use the new trophy for i.e. a Young Player of the Season, or something else?
- If we fail to retrieve the original trophy, do we rename the new trophy and have it fully updated with the names of previous winners?
- Also we still have an outstanding trophy, engraving and salver cost to pay for when we have decided on the above issues.

Discussion

- Rob P – Let's draw a line under it and use the new trophy going forwards

Merchandising report – John Bryant

No update this year as arrangements made in previous years continue unchanged.

Discussion

- Colin H – Do we need a dedicated person assigned to this role? We will remove role of merchandising from committee for time being
- Barry C has made a suggestion regarding keyrings; we have the option of getting a key ring with the club logo on. Whilst we will have to negotiate the price with trophy supplier, if bought in bulk this would work out to a quite reasonable price per unit. Therefore:
 - Are we going to use this for the 40th Dinner for members?
 - Do we use it for members for another occasion?
 - Or do we use it for CCLSC merchandise?
- Colin H – Keyring to be complimentary for attendees at 40th Anniversary event

Coventry City Supporters' Consultative Group report – Colin Henderson

I attended a number of SCG meeting during the year where important issues including:

- the new ticketing system
- the Academy's future; and
- the potential of the Butts Arena as a new home.

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If you do not read the minutes on a regular basis I encourage you to do so. I would be happy to continue to attend meetings next year if the decision is yes. The AGM now votes on continued participation with the SCG.

Discussion

- Colin H – Do we still want representation? Colin H happy to continue attending for now
- CH – SCG need to enforce agreed right to attend board meetings

We agreed that CCLSC should be represented at the SCG for a further 12 months and Colin agreed to remind the Chair and Vice Chair of the SCG about attendance at club board meetings, including the following points:

1. whether SCG attendance at club board meetings is still the plan?
2. how frequently i.e. still once per quarter as originally envisaged?
3. who is attending these meetings from both SCG and CCFC
4. whether meetings are being held as genuine board meetings or whether it is simply someone like Tim Fisher meeting personally with Peter/Jonathan
5. when next meetings are planned, and where these will take place (plus who is scheduled to attend)
6. a reminder of how SCG members and non-members can suggest topics for these meetings, and how the meeting agenda is agreed
7. when we will hear the results / minutes etc of these meetings

Affiliations report – Martin Garrett

For 2016 read 2015, well almost! Not a lot changes in the realm of affiliations.

Football Supporters' Federation

I'm pleased to say that "Twenty's Plenty" bore fruit, whilst ongoing campaigns include "Away Fans Matter", "Fans For Diversity", and "Safe Standing" (progress on the last remaining predictably slow!). This year's Supporters Summit, run in collaboration with Supporters Direct is due to take place at Wembley this coming weekend (16th-17th July), and I'll be attending on the Saturday. Quarterly meetings of the Southern branch continue to be held at various venues around the region ('Arry's Bar at Millwall being a recent port of call) on Sundays. Unfortunately, the only one I was able to get to was the AGM at the Wallace Space Annexe in Covent Garden in May, and I'd be pleased to hear from any members who might be interested in attending on behalf of the club if a meeting was in their locality.

APFSCIL

The association 'sails on' virtually unchanged, the committee saddled with their positions despite numerous offers (pleas?) to stand down to make way for new blood (sound familiar?). On the plus side however there is finally a new Social Secretary in place, Rob Madigan (Everton), who doubles as 'mine host' for the association's new HQ, "The Horseshoe", 24 Clerkenwell Close, EC1 (nearest stations: Farringdon/Angel), the previous venue, "The Sekforde Arms", having closed down shortly after the last CCLSC AGM (though I must stress the two events are in no way linked!). Rob has so far hosted an FA Cup Final social (sadly, sparsely attended), made the upstairs bar available for large screen viewing of a number of clubs televised games, and has a European darts tour planned for November (contact me if you require more details).

Regular meetings are held on the first Monday of each month (Bank Holidays and July (close season) excepted) - 'Kick Off' 7.30, and all members are welcome to attend. Would be good to see a few new faces from time to time. Main topics for discussion continue to be travel arrangements, and matchday experiences, with 'informal discussions' continued in the bar afterwards. On a sporting note, sadly I have to report that we didn't make it past the first round of the darts cup this time round (despite the welcome assistance of Messrs. Henderson and Sauvage) going down 4-6 to Manchester City. Eventual finalists were Nottingham Forest and Ipswich Town, the former winning 6-5 on the beer leg. Once again we're up for the Website of the year award, to be announced at the August meeting, though 'clever money' is, I believe, on Middlesbrough retaining their title.

Further information can be found on the two organisations' websites as at www.fsf.org.uk

Competitions report – Robin Ogleby

This season saw 59 entrants Congratulations then to Julian Foster who receives this season's Prediction Competition Leicester City award. In November he was in 37th place and in danger of falling into oblivion but, coinciding with the City's adverse change in fortunes, since mid-January he has had a remarkable run of forecasts - ending the season with a championship winning six pointer for the 2-0 win at Oldham.

In fact, as this year's competition was a particularly low-scoring and tight affair, a good deal hinged on the final day.....a draw at Oldham would have seen Sara Robb crowned winner, and a defeat would have given the title to Connie Kehl. Sara had been on a good run during April - with consecutive six pointers for the Wigan and Millwall games - and looked set to be this year's winner until those two second half Sky Blue goals went in.

Connie, on the other hand, after being in top spot at the end of March, had a disastrous final month. This allowed previous leader, Eric Whiting, to claim third spot after he also successfully predicted the last day's 2-0 win.

A special achievement award goes to Michael Neal who notched up nine 6 pointers throughout the season.

Jorn Larsen and Steve Pittam, who had led the competition during the first half of the season, complete the top seven places. Ian Davidson, who had been in second spot at the end of March, eventually slipped down to eighth place. Stephen Harris had a brilliant end of season, leaping up 13 places during the last month - but he had left it too late to progress beyond ninth spot.

Spare a thought though for George Ogleby who, like Mogga's Men, started the season so brightly, but tailed off dramatically towards the end. It would have helped had he managed to complete a coupon for the whole season rather than one that only went up to the Blackpool away game.

The final standings, with the April (penultimate month) standings in parenthesis, are below:

Position	Name	Points	Position	Name	Points
1 (6)	Julian Foster	105	32 (36)	Ben Sprung	80
2 (7)	Sara Robb	104	33 (35)	Chris Shear	80
3 (3)	Eric Whiting	102	34 (43)	Charles Tomkins	77
4 (1)	Connie Kehl	101	35 (25)	Mark Neale	77
5 (4)	Jorn Larsen	101	36 (32)	Jamie Fox	77
6 (8)	Michael Neal	99	37 (38)	Shane Hookey	77
7 (11)	Steve Pittam	99	38 (41)	Jon Slade	76
8 (2)	Ian Davidson	99	39 (37)	Dave Clare	75
9 (22)	Stephen Harris	95	40 (40)	John Bryant	75
10 (12)	Steve James	95	41 (33)	Alan Plumb	75
11 (10)	Barry Chattaway	95	42 (47)	Albi Mozer	75
12 (5)	Adrian Hawthorne	93	43 (44)	Rob Parker	74
13 (17)	John Bains	91	44 (39)	James Bowler	72
14 (9)	Mark Davidson	91	45 (46)	Jorg Nannestad	71
15 (23)	Robin Morden	90	46 (50)	Chris Lambert	70
16 (15)	Simon Fahy	90	47 (42)	Andrea Mozer	69
17 (14)	Jim McIlwaine	90	48 (48)	Christian Mullen	68
18 (28)	Mauro Pizzolato	89	49 (51)	Matt Chattaway	68
19 (20)	Christine Davidson	87	50 (49)	Rod Dean	65
20 (13)	Chris Webb	87	51 (55)	Tony Genower	64
21 (21)	Alastair Laurie	86	52 (53)	Rune Nyland	64
22 (19)	Carl Lawton	85	53 (54)	Jim McCluskey	64
23 (18)	Chris Kakoulli	85	54 (57)	Nicola Ellis	62
24 (24)	Hannu Solanne	85	55 (52)	Leigh Davidson	62
25 (16)	Michael May	85	56 (58)	Christian Cation	60
26 (29)	Bob Mankin	84	57 (45)	George Ogleby	58
27 (30)	Bal Heer	84	58 (56)	Joshua Cation	56
28 (31)	Brian Sharp	84	59 (59)	Peter Dipple	55
29 (27)	Colin Henderson	83			
30 (34)	Robert Gauci	82			
31 (26)	Martin Garrett	80			

The entry form for next season's competition has now been distributed by email and the website. 14 entries have already been received. Once again there will be monthly progress updates via the CCLSC newsletter. Better luck next year everyone.

Social report – Kevin Mofid

The season has seen several popular events including a Q&A with Tony Mowbray and a separate event with Chris Anderson. These different events were both very well-attended (especially Mogga's, which was standing room only). Tony came across as a very enthusiastic football man and gave us a rare insight into the many aspects of his role as manager. Chris gave up his evening to give us a new perspective from the boardroom; this appeared to be a fresh approach compared with that of previous board members who have attended Q&As in the past. Thanks again to Adrian and Co for the hospitality on the evenings.

We also ran the Player of the Season presentation at the EON lounge at the Ricoh after the Sheffield United match; this event took place in combination with other supporters' groups and although there was no opportunity for speeches, we were grateful to the club, and Tynan Scope in particular, for giving us the opportunity to present the trophy to Romain Vincelot and take photographs. As mentioned by Barry, we did manage to send Romain off with the correct trophy this year which was a plus!

Our thoughts now turn to the 40th Anniversary Dinner which will take place at the Wharfside Bar of the Horniman at Hays, Hays Galleria on the South Bank, between London Bridge and Tower Bridge. There will be a special guest (TBC) and your £45 buys you half a bottle of wine, a three course meal and coffee. If you confirm your attendance before August 6th, there is a £5 discount per person. As ever, we also encourage suggestions from members for other, more informal social events such as horse racing, dog racing, a golf day, and perhaps another curry evening.

- Suggestions of a spring social were made – KM to investigate

7. Aims and objectives of CCLSC

These are public and are in the constitution – Rob S to put on members area of the CCLSC website

8. Election of Committee for 2016/17

- Simon F to do another year then stand down
- **Newly created roles**
 - Assistant Treasurer – John B has been asked and his decision TBC
 - Assistant Travel secretary – No volunteers
- All current roles filled for next year and this to be communicated in newsletter

9. Any Other Business

- Honorary membership – a discussion took place around honorary membership but a decision was made to discuss this further this year
- Ian D – A hotel next to Millwall will offer 10-15% discount to football fans – to be advertised in newsletter

10. Date of next meetings

- 2017 AGM agreed for Saturday 1 July 2017 at Calthorpe Arms
- 2016/2017 Committee meetings agreed for
 - 20 October
 - 9 February
 - 6 April

Meeting closed – 3.30pm