



Coventry City London Supporters Club (CCLSC) – Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday 9 February 2017, 19.30pm – Calthorpe Arms, London

Present

Charles Tomkins, Ian Davidson, Simon Fahy, Martin Garrett, Rod Dean, Rob Parker, Jay MacDonald, Colin Henderson, Robin Ogleby, Kev Mofid

1. Apologies for absence

- Barry Chattaway
- Rob Stevens
- John Bryant

2. Approval of minutes from 20 October 2016

- These were approved without objection and will be uploaded to the CCLSC website.

3. Matters arising

- Keyring payment – Barry will bundle the cost with engraving for a single payment
- Charles will send latest CCLSC accounts to Colin for approval by 19 February
- Charles has paid Sara but not Julian for their winning competition entries from last season – Robin to send Charles Julian's address as no address on record for Julian
- Peter Dipple won the signed football at the 40th Anniversary Dinner – CCFC sent it to Colin but he was on holiday so it got returned. Colin to chase up with Royal Mail and then organise to get it to Peter.
- Colin has a CCLSC photo album, collated for the Anniversary Dinner, available as a spare.

4. Recent fan behaviour and the impact on team

- Ian D sent newsletter copy and encouraged comments from members to gauge opinion on recent events to see whether we need to have a wider discussion at the AGM
- A lengthy discussion ensued and the general consensus from all who responded and who were present was that CCLSC should remain neutral and release no statement on the matter – this is in line with our current constitution
- Key callouts from member replies –
 - All but one of the respondents agreed that CCLSC current stance of staying neutral on the ownership/fans behaviour and protests was correct and should stay the same
 - All respondents said they would like new owners for the football club
 - All but one of the respondents did not support disruption during the game/throwing flares etc

- All respondents felt protests before /after the game were reasonable and acceptable

In summary, the committee discussed the item on recent fan behaviour and feedback from members on the issue and decided that the CCLSC's position regarding it's neutral stance regarding making comments regarding issues outside of the running of CCLSC, remains the same as agreed at the AGM in July 2016.

5. Secretary's update - Jay

- Rob P will upload October minutes, constitution and today's minutes to website as soon as possible

6. Treasurer's update – Charles

- If it is required for cashflow purposes, Colin and Charles have kindly offered to fund our bank balance for Wembley tickets as a short term loan
- Charles – latest accounts to be provided ASAP to Colin for review/approval
- Charles informed that there was a £90 surplus as a result of the 40th Anniversary Dinner

7. Website update - Rob S

- Rob S provided some of the below information prior to the meeting; Simon also advised regarding the old website:
- The travel section is up and running
- Over Easter, the membership section will be completed
- Good progress on the news section and pub guide
- Old website redirected to new website at <http://cclsc.org.uk/> to avoid £60 per year operating costs which were due for renewal

8. Travel update – Simon

- New travel page is working well as it populates database in backend so helps booking tickets and general reduction in administrative effort
- Due to Wembley, the away game at Sheffield United on 1 April will be postponed
- The last game of the season away at Scunthorpe on Sunday 30 April. Due to the Midday kick off, no train leaving London gets in on time so no CCLSC travel will be booked
- Simon is still searching for a Travel Secretary replacement but stressed the importance of it being a member who travels regularly
- A suggestion of Rob P assisting with Communication allowing Ian to organise travel was suggested but finer details to be confirmed

9. SCG/SBT update – Colin

- The SCG has been disbanded – future supporters group and any CCLSC involvement is to be confirmed – parked for further discussion at the AGM

10. Communications and SBI update – Ian

- Newsletter still sent on 1st of month where practical and includes the weekly away pub/ground guide
- SBI member Martin Weston contacted CCFC about a possible friendly with his local team Holsten Kiel (Kiel is twinned with Coventry) – Ian to send further details but Tim Fisher has provisionally said yes to this proposal

11. Ticketing (including Wembley)

- Simon F to send survey on tickets via e-form to gauge opinion on how many tickets members will require
- Committee agreed that it will be for standard ticket with no concessions and no special requests – these were expected to be mid-priced and behind goal at Wembley
- As a backup, Colin to potentially approach CCFC for dispensation for a block booking for CCLSC and to administer (depending on soon to be released ticket process from the club)
- Barry is already receiving ticket requests for Wembley and it is clear the interest for this from CCLSC/SBI members will be high
- Charles to confirm membership as at 7/2/17 to ensure only current members can benefit from Barry's efforts to secure tickets
- Charles will provide assistance to Barry with Wembley ticket requests due to the additional workload this will undoubtedly cause
- Ian to update membership list
- Members will have to pay before tickets are released to them to ensure positive cashflow
- SBI member requests to be accommodated if possible
- Simon – We should have standard response for ad-hoc ticket requests post-23/2

12. Player of the Season update

- Barry sent out email to members in advance of meeting to gauge opinion on POTS for this season as he's finding it increasingly hard to get members to vote
- The main issue was that Bigirimana has a large lead at present despite being absent for a large number of games (448 points with the closest challenger Jordan Willis on 330)
- A general discussion ensued but we agreed to continue as per normal
- Results however might be swayed by individual performances at the Wembley final due to the number of members attending
- Presentation was suggested for the Walsall game on Saturday 22 April - Kevin to speak to Tynan Scope at CCFC
- Colin to approach Alistair Laurie to present the award this year

13. Affiliations update – Martin

- FSF and APFSCIL still active and encouraging participation in their various events and campaigns – contact Martin for further information
- Darts - Martin to send darts email round for participation
- Virgin campaign for electronic boards at train stations was non-starter and meeting wasn't worth it
- Barrow won newsletter of the year and we finished in top 3

14. Social update – Kevin

- 40th Anniversary was dinner was successful and very well received
- We raised £1,026.90 for the Alzheimer's Society and we received a letter of thanks from them
- Kev to look at further social events such as a curry night around the end of the season – a suggestion of the Thursday 18 May, which is just after the 30th anniversary of the 1987 FA Cup Final, provisionally for 20 people but Kevin to send details to all members

- 2017 Q&A event – plans are underway for this event and further details will be released in due course
- Horse racing – Kevin to send committee meeting message in the next few days to propose some dates/venues for a social
- Wembley pub - Ian to investigate however a suggestion was made about using the Calthorpe Arms on the morning of the final and heading to Wembley from Kings Cross – further details to be confirm when known

15.Any other business

- None

16.Date of next meeting

- Next committee meeting at Calthorpe Arms on Thursday 6 April

Meeting closed at 22.07pm