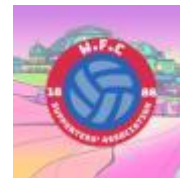




WORTHING FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes for the Committee meeting held at WFC on
22nd April 2024 at 7.00pm



	Item	Action	By Whom	When
	Keith Mitchell, the General Manager had been invited to the meeting but was unable to attend and did not provide any written updates to the previous questions. See Appendix A.			
1.	Apologies for absence: Jacco Mulder.			
2.	Attending Gary Cohen, Colin Edwards, Gordon Caplin, Ange Tanner, James Easton, Spencer Webb, Paul Garrard, Pete Vale, John Loveland.			
3.	Correspondence No correspondence had been received from the Club, but Barry and Keith have "chatted" with a number of Committee members in an ad hoc way. None of the issues noted in Appendix A have been addressed.	Contact the Club to pursue	John.	When the liaison process is confirmed.
4.	Minutes of the previous Committee meeting	Confirmed at the meeting.	Gary	
5.	Matters arising. John had introduced himself to Barry at one of the Men's games, but received a negative response. Barry said that he did not see the need for a liaison role and would prefer to phone up Gary and have "a chat." Having reviewed costings and found that the minibus being offered has a mechanical fault, it has been decided not to purchase it.	John to send an introductory email to Keith highlighting the benefits to the Club in have a structured relationship for communication.	John	27.5.24
6.	Chairman's Report. Gary has called Barry regarding the WFCSA constitutional changes re membership and indicated that we could review it.			
7.	Treasurer's Report. Gerry is still pursuing access to Natwest online banking and proposed that we aim to go paperless.	Complete changes to the Bank Mandate.	Gerry and Ange	27.5.24
8.	Membership. The separate WhatApp group has been set up and members aim to meet in May develop our approach to recruitment this season, including membership benefits, how to increase membership and the practicalities of carrying out recruitment in the new season. It was proposed that the Membership Fees be increased: £10 Adult £5 Children up to 16. £25 for a family membership of 2 adults and 2 children.	Agree the new badge design and purchase badges. Membership meeting to be held in May.	James Ange	27.5.24 By end of May

	Proposed by James, seconded by Jon, carried by majority vote.			
9.	Fixture Posters. We need to look at 'gaps' in our area of delivery. Ange to find previous list and email to Committee for updating, then send to Paul. Also noting from the last meeting that we wish liaise with the Club to add the logo to next season's posters.	We need a list of the current areas where deliveries are made, then to email all members, asking for help to fill the gaps.	Paul Colin	22.4.24
10.	Sponsor A Goal & 50/50 Paul handed over £112.50 for the Sponsor a Goal.			
11.	Player of the Month/Season and Milestone Awards. The Award pictures and score sheets for 2023/24 so far are in Appendix B.			
12.	Worthing Football Club Ltd Liaison. John has not received any contact from the Club so far, but Keith WhatsApped Ange to say <i>"I will be at the next one so I can stick to the plan of quarterly club updates and info"</i> . This is the first time we have heard of a proposed "quarterly update" so assume if the AGM (11.2.24) was the first one, the next should be in May....	As above in Point 5.		
13.	Promoting the WFCSA. Including Rebel Yell, the WFC Programmes, use of email updates. Membership Badges James confirmed the cost for the Badges. He proposed the purchase of them, Spencer seconded it and it was passed by majority vote. Designer Shirts We are in profit on sales so far (after payments to the Twins and the WFF) and are keen to sell as many of the remaining shirts as possible. Ideas are: Ask Keith if they can be sold at remaining matches - James. Get a Photo opportunity presenting a cheque with the Twins and sell from their shop over Summer. James See if we can get at stall at the Worthing Festival. Pete.	James to purchase the badges.	James	27.5.24
14.	Decisions Made Under Point 9 of the Constitution/Financial Proposals. None			
15.	AOB WFCSA Away Travel for Supporters. Gerry made a number of proposals to develop this service and these were discussed. Items covered included: That Gerry will produce a formula for costing to cost coach tickets, to provide consistency: 80% occupancy, diesel at £0.30 per mile, standard cost for the coach, any extra costs (e.g. Dart crossing), and additional £1 per person to pay for entrance for the driver to the game. Pete, or the person doing the live broadcast for the game should have free travel, but this should come	An "Away Travel" group of James, Gerry and Gary are to get together to do some number crunching around the practicalities of the scheme, get it agreed by the Committee, then this can be provided to Membership Group to include in the "Member Benefits" side of things.	James, Gerry and Gary	27.4.24

	from the WFCSA funds, rather than the coach income, as it a key service provided for people who are unable to attend the game. There will be a loyalty scheme for WFCSA members, including a code for 48 hours before to book a seat (noting that if members regularly try to book a seat for none members their privilege will be removed.) When members have used the coach 5 times, they will receive a 15% credit based on the last 5 times (this cannot be 'cashed out', it will only be a credit against coach travel.) All fees (the donation etc.) will be in the advertised price, rather than added later, with a comparison to car and train travel costs. The small number of cash payers will need to pay up front into a fund as a kitty, then their payments processed through Ticketpass - this means they will get all of the benefits of the other members. The Club will be required to pay up front for any seats they want. If they then do not want them, we will attempt to resell them and refund on any resold. The calculation of the coach seat ticket pricing will be carried out by the Treasurer. Gary will continue to source the coaches using his contacts and experience. James will arrange access to the Ticketpass system for Gerry. It was suggested that an "Away Travel" group of James, Gerry and Gary get together to do some number crunching around the practicalities of the scheme, get it agreed by the Committee, then this can be provided to Membership Group to include in the "Member Benefits" side of things. End of Season Celebrations. It was confirmed that the £120 provided by Lee Smart would be used to contribute to the Women's Team end of season celebration. Pete proposed that we combine this with the WFCSA celebration, too, including a contribution towards entertainment (e.g. a DJ) which was agreed.			
		Contact the Women's Team and check they are happy to share their evening (10th May)	Ange	1.5.24
		Draft a message to WFCSA to invite them.	Ange	1.5.24
		Email the Invitation to all members.	Colin	3.5.24
16.	Meeting finished: 8.15pm	Date of next meeting 27.5.24 at 7pm.		

Appendix A. Issued raised by WFCSA with the Club.

Question/Issue	Date WFCSA sent message	Progress	Status
No correspondence had been received from the Club regarding the release of shares, which was discussed last year (2023) confidentially with Barry Hunter and not minuted. Whether this action has been taken is unknown.	27.6.23	None	Open
Report put to the WFC Board proposing a "Fan Advisory Board" or equivalent rejected by the Board and delegated to Keith to take forward.	29.6.23	None	Open
An email was sent to Gary by Keith with a document that the WFCSA was being asked to sign. However, it appeared incomplete and Gary responded at the end of February, requesting the extra information. (See Appendix A.) No response has been received.	22.2.24	None	Open
A number of questions were raised at the AGM.	11.2.24	Chased on 16.3.24. A single "holding" email response on 18.3.24. See below.	Open
"...The first relates to how the WFCSA and WFC Ltd might communicate effectively going forward. The Recommendation agreed was "That the WFCSA works with Worthing Football Club Ltd. representatives to develop the agreed protocol for communication and provides feedback to the Membership on progress and outcomes." One of the members of the Committee has volunteered to lead on "Club Liaison" (John Loveland) and we have the WFCSA Hotmail account, for example, with the thought that a single point of contact (whether person or email, for example) for both organisations might be helpful? If you would share your views on an approach the would work well for you and your team, that would be great.	16.3.24	A single "holding" email response on 18.3.24 "I have spoken to Gary about the points raised at the recent Q&A with the Board at the WFCSA AGM and will be responding to him directly in an email shortly. I will ensure my response includes the points you have detailed in your email, thank you.	Open
The second was a proposal by a WFCSA member (Robert Pepper) as follows: Object: To encourage Worthing Football Club and Supporters to consider joining the "Fair Game" campaign. The Recommendation "That the WFCSA requests that WFC consider https://www.fairgameuk.org/fair-game-clubs " and provides feedback to the Membership on progress and outcomes" was accepted by majority vote at the meeting, so we would be seeking feedback from the WFC Board on their views in joining that campaign.	16.3.24	A single "holding" email response on 18.3.24 See above	No answer.
The last is a request that nominated members of WFCSA, at the various end of season presentation events held by WFC be invited to	16.3.24	A notification of the event of less than a week's notice was	Completed.

attend and present the "Player of the Season Awards" (which are supplied by WFCSA.)		given, so a "draw" for the WFCSA member to do it was not possible. The presentation was made by Trevor Smart and Stephen Stapley as long standing members of the Association. The Women's Event has been confirmed for 10th May and all WFCSA are invited to join in.	
We also gather from Barry's email that you will be providing some updates on questions raised at the Q&A session, too?..."	16.3.24	A single "holding" email response on 18.3.24 See above	Open
Safety Issues Raised by Supporters			
People are being allowed to stand in front of the South Stand, when it should be a walk way only (raised at the Q&A session). Feb 2024	Feb 2024	Shared with the Club on 6.5.24	Open
There is no crush bar for the West stand: a supporter saw people push forward then fall down the steps into a "pile of bodies". Fortunately, no one was badly hurt, but it's an accident waiting to happen. April 2024	April 2024	Shared with the Club on 6.5.24	Open
Some of the segregation layout arrangements affect travel distance and access to lateral gangways, so the top step on the uncovered East Stand should be kept clear in these cases. April 2024	April 2024	Shared with the Club on 6.5.24	Open
Some of the segregation layout arrangements would make evacuation of the ground in 8 minutes practically very difficult, especially when the red tunnel is in use. April 2024	April 2024	Shared with the Club on 6.5.24	Open
Some of the segregation layout arrangements and the TV gantries will decrease the capacity the ground. April 2024	April 2024	Shared with the Club on 6.5.24	Open
Chatting to some of the regular stewards they say they have not done a fire/evacuation drill for the whole season. April 2024	April 2024	Shared with the Club on 6.5.24	Open
Despite bag searches, flares/smoke bombs have got through - e.g. Lucas Covolan picked up the one thrown on the pitch at the Maidstone game and threw it to one side. May 2024	May 2024	Shared with the Club on 6.5.24	Open

Appendix B.



Presentation to
Katie Cooper for
50 appearances by
Mike Doyle, her
player sponsor,
before the
Ashford Town game
on
Sunday 14 April,
2024



Presentation to
Chloe Winchester for
50 appearances by
Spencer Webb and
Gerry Donohoe
before the
Ashford Town game on
Sunday 14 April, 2024



Presentation to Ollie Pearce as
the Player of the Month for
February by Roy Spencer
before the Farnborough Town
game on
Tuesday 12 March, 2024



Presentation to Danny Cashman
as the Player of the Month for
March by Keith Smith
before the
Weston-Super-Mare game on
Saturday 20 April, 2024

WORTHING FC SUPPORTERS Player of the Month - February, 2024

Please place a cross / tick against your best player of the last month.

1	RICKY AGUIAR	2	ROCO REES
14	DANNY CASHMAN	4	JAKE ROBINSON
	FINLAY CHADWICK	5	JOE RYE
1	JOEL COLBRAN	2	ODEI MARTIN SORONDO
16	JOE FELIX		BAILEY SMITH
2	JOSH JEFFRIES	2	OLLIE STARKEY
8	MICHAEL KLASS		OLLIE STARKEY
	REUBAN LIVESEY-AUSTIN	13	JACK WADHAM
1	GREG LUER		NICKY WHEELER
	JOAN LUQUE		KANE WILLS
103	OLLIE PEARCE	4	OLLIE WRIGHT

The player with the highest number of votes cast will be named as

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WORTHING FC SUPPORTERS Player of the Month - March, 2024

Please place a cross / tick against your best player of the last month.

2	TOBY BULL	2	ROCO REES
68	DANNY CASHMAN		JAKE ROBINSON
4	JOEL COLBRAN	2	JOE RYE
1	FINLAY CHADWICK	3	JACK SPONG
1	JOSH CHAMBERS	2	CAMERON TUTT
	BRAD DOLAGHAN	6	JACK WADHAM
1	DYLAN FAGE	4	NICK WHEELER
56	JOE FELIX		TOMMY WILLARD
	REUBEN LIVESEY-AUSTIN	4	KANE WILLS
	GREG LUER	1	OLLIE WRIGHT
	KODI LYONS-FOSTER	1	ALFIE YOUNG
23	OLLIE PEARCE		

179 votes
cast

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