



Arsenal Scotland Supporters Club

Notes of the Management Committee Meeting at Alfredo's, Glasgow

8th November 2015 13.00

1. Attendees:

Stevie Clark (SC) – Chairman
Dave Harrold (DH) - Secretary
Tich Wighton (TW) – Fife Rep
Mark O'Connell (MO'C) – Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep
Mike Buchanan (MB) – Home Ticket Officer/Edinburgh Rep
Chris Alexander (CA) – Away Ticket Officer/ Fife Rep
Paula Grafton (PG) - Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep
Carole McCaldin (CMcC) – Observer

2. Apologies for Absence:

Danny Coyle – Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Rep
Caz Moir - Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Rep
Ryan Mills – Edinburgh Rep
Chris Durling – Treasurer
Charles Brooker – Borders and South of Scotland Rep
Martin O'Donnell – Ticket Manager
Colin Shanks – Website Manager
Andy Black - Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Rep
Del Sharkey - Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep

3. SC welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked CMcC for attending.

4. Matters Arising

(a) **None**

5. Action Points from the meeting on 19th September 2015

- (a) MC on the Website – done.
- (b) FB guide to be included in the welcome letter – done.
- (c) Drawing from hat extra tickets – done.
- (d) Posting of Tickets – done
- (e) Silver cards – still under review.
- (f) Coach Trips – still under consideration.
- (g) Annual Group Trip – still under review.
- (h) Ladies Trip – still under review.
- (i) Ladies FB page – discussed later.
- (j) Charity fund raising – still under review
- (k) Constitution Bar cards – done
- (l) Merchandise page on the website – done.
- (m) Banners – discussed later.
- (n) Next AGM – discussed later.

AP MO'D
AP Reg reps
AP SC

AP all

6. Chairman's Update

- (a) SC raised the topic of the ASSC Ladies page (G-Strings), this had been raised by some members of the MC. CA explained that it had involved a personal matter and he apologised for the posts he had made. After discussion it was agreed that if members wanted to open up a private FB page they were free to do so, however there would only be one official ASSC page. The G-Strings page would be closed down.

AP: Admin

- (b) CMcC to consider whether to set up a Women's FB page

7. Treasurer's Update – (report posted on the ASSC Exec page)

- (a) Charity: CD proposed that ASSC contributed £50 to the charity Parkinsons UK which CA had been supporting - agreed.

AP: CD

- (b) Regional Banners: a draft design had been done by DC, a cost of £375 per banner was mentioned. It was envisaged there would be 3 banners. SC said it was up to the RRs to proceed, he was concerned at the cost as the ASSC stadium banner had cost £170.

AP: CD

AP: RRs

- (c) Social Events; CD had expressed concern ASSC was becoming just a tickets club, it was felt that social events should be considered. DH agreed to set up a group to consider.

AP: DH

8. Secretary/Membership Update

- (a) DH reported that there were now 475 members and he was getting 2 or 3 enquiries a week.

9. Ticketing Manager's Update

- (a) SC said that MO'D was unable to attend because he was very busy.
(b) MO'D was working on the proposed balloting procedure and said he hoped it would be ready by the year end for consideration.
(c) SC pointed out that the current system would remain in place until any new process was ratified at the AGM.

AP:MO'D

- (d) CA said there was some confusion about the level of the surcharge to be added to ticket prices. It was agreed that it was £1 on top of the ticket cost for members and £10 on top of the ticket cost for non members.

AP: MO'D, CA, MB

- (e) CA said that members were still approaching MO'D for tickets despite being told they should, in the first instance, approach MB and CA.

AP: MO'D, CA, MB

- (f) TW said that there were occasions when he hadn't got the bank spreadsheet in enough time to check members eligibility, he would speak to CD about the possibility of a screenshot?

AP: TW, CD

10. Regional Reps Update

- (a) No reports available.
(b) DH asked how active the Edinburgh group was? Were there many turning up at The Constitution, did it need more support?

AP: DH, RM

11. AGM Plans

- (a) DH explained that, following criticism at the last AGM about alleged 'hand picking' of club officials, that the plan was to involve more members in the voting in of ASSC officials. A timetable would be produced.

AP: DH

- (b) SC said that the club officials would need to consider whether they wanted to stand next season. He added that he would be standing down as per the ASSC Constitution.
- (c) SC said that the AGM would be held in Aberdeen in mid August once the season had started. TW questioned this, SC said the view was there was more chance of more members attending the AGM when a PL game was being shown. TWs view was the earlier the better. It was agreed there would be further discussion on this.

AP: MC

12. AOB:

- (a) None

13. Date of Next Meeting:

- (a) To be held in Aberdeen in January to coincide with a PL game.

AP: Aberdeen and North East of Scotland Reps

Dave Harrold
ASSC Secretary
10 November 2015