

Arsenal Scotland Supporters Club

Notes of the Management Committee Meeting at Alfredo's, Glasgow at 16.00 on 30th April 2016.

Attendees:

Stevie Clark (SC) – Chairman
Dave Harrold (DH) – Secretary
Paula Grafton (PG) - Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep
Caz Moir (CM) - Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Rep
Danny Coyle (DC) – Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Rep

Apologies for Absence:

Tich Wighton – Fife Rep Ryan Mills – Edinburgh Rep Martin O'Donnell (MO'D) – Ticket Manager Mark O'Connell – Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep Del Sharkey - Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep

1. SC thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

2. Chairman's Update

- (a) SC said that 16 members attended the Annual Trip, the low number was due to the kick off time and day.
- (b) SC expressed thanks to DC for the organisation of the regional banners.
- (c) SC said that he had enjoyed being Chairman of ASSC and he thanked everyone for the support he had received.
- (d) DC thanked SC for his contribution to ASSC.
- (e) SC said he would like to record his special thanks to Del Sharkey for all his work for ASSC all agreed

3. Secretary's Update:

- (a) DH said that the Job Description for the role had been drawn up, candidates were being sought. There were a few names in the frame. It was agreed that the chosen person must have a financial qualification.
- (b) DH said that he had given notice to the treasurer that from the end of this season alternative methods of purchasing tickets would need to be found. His credit card would be closed down. It made sense if a card was used from the current BoS account the new Treasurer would have better control of the finances.
- (c) After discussion it was agreed that the following would be put to the AGM.
 - Reduction (for 1 year only) of the membership renewal fee to £15.
 - Donation to The Willow
 - Donation to a local charity members to suggest.
 - Partly funded family coach trip to a match.

It was difficult to decide on how much to donate because the MC was not aware of how much was feasible without damaging the clubs finances.

4. AGM plans:

o To be held in Aberdeen, date to be determined once the 2016/17

- fixtures were announced.
- All roles were up for re-election, current holders would need to decide if they were standing again.
- DH would put something on FB and the website and email all members about the specific vacancies at Chairman and Treasurer.
- Nominations for all roles needed to be made not less than 21 days before the AGM

5. AOB:

- (a) Effect of the Arsenal Review
 - SC said that there were changes needed but most points were already in place.
 - DH said that it would have a big effect on membership procedures, all members would have to register with the Arsenal and the Membership/Renewal Form would need updating.
 - MO'D had written saying that there a few changes needed to the ticketing process – he would prepare a report.
 - DH said that the review was very specific about the supporters websites, FB and Twitter accounts. This needed attention.
- (b) Distribution of match tickets:
 - It was felt the burden on the Ticketing Team should be shared.
 - After discussion it was agreed that, wherever possible, Regional Reps should distribute match tickets.
 - Wherever possible tickets should be posted.
- (c) Revised Constitution
 - Draft approved to be put to the AGM.
- (d) End of Season do at The Emirates
 - DH said we had 11 requests to attend, 10 had been allocated to ASSC by Arsenal.
- (e) End of Season Arsenal Scotland do Henry Winter
 - DH said that Henry was happy to do a Q & A, the suggested date was just before the CL started. CM and John Powell had 'volunteered to help organise.
 - Possibly part funded by the club.
- (f) Player of the Season/ Satisfaction Survey
 - DH said that he would be emailing all members via MailChimp and SurveyMonkey – same as last season.
- (g) MO"D had written asking that Del Sharkey should be thanked for all his work for ASSC, especially his fund raising all agreed.

Dave Harrold ASSC Secretary 2 May2016