



## **ARSENAL SCOTLAND SUPPORTERS CLUB**

### **MINUTE OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Saturday 02 February 2018, 14.00 hours, Louie Brown's  
Bar, Dalgety Bay**

#### **Present:**

Mike Buchanan – Chairman/Home Ticket Officer (MB)  
Martin O'Donnell – Ticket Manager (MO)  
Chris Alexander – Away Ticket Officer (CA)  
Linda Sharpe – Grampian & North East Rep (LS)  
Tich Wighton – Fife Rep/Facebook Admin (TW)  
Caz Moir – Club Secretary/Grampian & North East Rep (CM)

#### **Apologies were received from:**

Mark O'Connell – Glasgow Rep  
Jamie Lynch – Lothian Rep  
Alan Speed - Treasurer  
Dan Coyle  
Ryan Mills – Lothian Rep  
Eric Mutasa – Glasgow Rep

#### **Welcome**

MB welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance

**Confidentiality of Exec and Committee Communications**

CM asked that Management and Committee members do not share information discussed within the group with members unless it has been agreed by those included in the communication. MO noted that this may apply to discussion around ballots with members pushing for information on their status. Those present agreed there is a need to be firm in maintaining confidentiality and cautious about sharing information informally.

MB noted that Ballot Draws should be carried out by Committee members only to maintain confidentiality.

## **Ticketing**

MO noted that a number of members are requesting tickets to Cat A games only and some members who have never requested tickets to any games are requesting Cup Final tickets. This has been noticed in past seasons as well as the current season. It was therefore agreed that in order to apply for a Cup Final ticket, members must have previously requested at least 2 games over the last 2 seasons. It was agreed that no conditions be applied to requests for Cat A games in the meantime.

There was some concern that Season Tickets available to ASSC have not been utilised enough to be cost effective. This may be due to a less successful season and less enthusiasm for tickets. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the AGM before making a decision. The opportunity of a further Season Ticket being available shortly was considered but this is not currently required due to the limited use of current Season Tickets.

CA advised that the introduction of receiving screen shots from members as confirmation of making payments to the ASSC account has improved the flow of the ticketing process.

Guidance on applying for and allocation of tickets will be updated on the Website to reflect the above decisions.

## **ASSC Committee/Representatives**

CM asked for confirmation of all committee members/representatives and their titles to ensure the website could be accurately updated.

CM also noted a comment and action from the AGM when a member raised the lack of Regional Representatives (Reps) in attendance at the AGM (2 out of 9 as identified on the website at that time). MB also noted the poor attendances at Management Committee meetings in the past season.

Assurance was given at the AGM that “reasonable expectations” would be agreed and shared in order to allow current and potential reps to make a considered decision if they wish to commit to the role. The expectations were agreed and will be circulated initially to current local reps for information and action. These expectations will be retained as a reference document.

MB noted that Dan Coyle, Grampian/North East Rep has relocated to Falkirk. CM advised that following request from active members in the area to note interest to become a new local Rep or to nominate potential Reps. A significant number of members nominated Linda Sharpe. CM advised that Linda had been fulfilling this role while she had been unavailable over the Festive and New Year period and asked that she now be considered as a Grampian/North East Rep – this was agreed.

As Dan is keen to remain on the Committee, MB suggested that further discussion on this with Dan could be had once all Reps had time to consider the reasonable expectations.

MB discussed Merchandising responsibility. Agreed MB will manage this for the time being.

## **Membership Policy**

MB opened discussion regarding a specific date being agreed where if a new membership is issued that it would carry through to the following season. It was agreed that new members joining from 01 March will carry through to the next season.

## **Rangers Raffle**

MO enquired as to any progress made on using the Rangers signed football and signed Gazza book for fund raising. These items had been given to Glasgow Reps to action but no update was available. MO had asked another Glasgow member to look into this. MO will check with him for an update.

## **Charity Plans**

MO asked if there had been any decision on choosing a Charity nominated by members. MB advised that there had been 2 nominations made by Dave Harold and Alison Hawke. CM advised that following a communication regarding approval of sponsorship from AFC, it was agreed to seek clarification if this included local charities. AFC have now confirmed that there is no restriction on this practice. CM will now contact both members regarding this.

## **Future Meetings**

CM suggested pre-planning possible dates for meetings to encourage better attendance. MB suggested a further Management Committee meeting in early May. This will be hosted in Aberdeen. Discussion on scheduling of AGM resulted in agreement to hold this in late July/Early August. The AGM is due to be held in Glasgow. All agreed that Alfredos was not a suitable venue for the AGM and it was agreed that CM would

start looking at alternative venues in Glasgow. MO suggested a venue previously used and will check and share details with CM as one option. CM gave assurance that meetings will be scheduled in accordance with the Constitution in the 2018/19 season.

## **Accounts**

Treasurer, Alan Speed was not present but provided a copy of the accounts up to 19 January 2018 along with an update. Alan reports that since that date he has paid off the Club Credit Card and the up to date balance will be around £14,000.

## **AOCB**

MO announced his decision to take a step back from attendance at meetings but would be happy to continue as Ticket Manager. This was acknowledged and accepted by those present. MO noted that he was always available to offer advice but feels it is better for the Club if others take the lead.

There being no further business, MB closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Date in early May to be confirmed at a venue in Aberdeen.

