



Arsenal Scotland Supporters Club

Notes of the Management Committee Meeting at The Constitution, Edinburgh at 11.30 on 20th February 2016.

Attendees:

Stevie Clark (SC) – Chairman
Dave Harrold (DH) – Secretary
Chris Durling (CD) - Treasurer
Tich Wighton (TW) – Fife Rep
Chris Alexander (CA) – Away Ticket Officer/ Fife Rep
Ryan Mills (RM) – Edinburgh Rep
Martin O'Donnell (MO'D) – Ticket Manager
Danny Coyle (DC) – Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Rep

1. Apologies for Absence:

Mark O'Connell – Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep
Mike Buchanan – Home Ticket Officer/Edinburgh Rep
Paula Grafton (PG) - Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep
Caz Moir - Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Rep
Charles Brooker – Borders and South of Scotland Rep
Colin Shanks – Website Manager
Andy Black - Aberdeen and Northeast of Scotland Rep
Del Sharkey - Glasgow/West of Scotland Rep

2. SC thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed DC to the meeting.

3. Action Points from the meeting on 8th November 2015.

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| (a) | Silver cards – still under review. | MO'D – said 5 Silver Cards were being used. |
| (b) | Coach Trips – still under consideration. | Reg Reps – DC said this was still coming up in Aberdeen, its up to the RRs if they want to arrange. |
| (c) | Annual Group Trip | SC – plans in place |
| (d) | Charity fund raising | all – discussed later |
| (e) | 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. | Admin – done |
| (f) | Charity: CD proposed that ASSC contributed £50 to the charity Parkinsons UK which CA had been supporting - agreed. | CD - done |
| (g) | 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.

CD – done

RRs - done

- (h) 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.

DH - ongoing

- (i) SC pointed out that the current system would remain in place until any new process was ratified at the AGM.

MO'D – discussed later

- (j) 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. **MO'D, CA, MB - done**

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

- (l) 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?

TW, CD – done

- (m) 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.

DH – discussed later

- (n) 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. **MC – ongoing**

4. Chairman's Update

- (a) SC said the Annual Trip had been arranged for the Crystal Palace game.

5. Treasurer's Update

- (a) CD reported that the club had a healthy bank balance, this was partly due the club having 500+ members.

- (b) CD asked for suggestions for a charity donation from the club.

AP: all

- (c) CD said there had been an attempted fraud on the club account, no money was lost.

- (d) CD announced that he was standing down at the AGM. CD agreed to put together a Job Description to outline the duties of the Treasurer.

AP: CD

- (e) CD made the point that, in his opinion, the Treasurer role should be done in isolation he thought it was a bad idea for the Treasurer to hold 2 roles in the club.

- (f) SC thanked CD for his excellent work which has put the club in a very healthy financial position.

6. Secretary/Membership Update

- (a) DH reported that there were now 509 members and he was still getting 2 or 3 enquiries a week.

- (b) Discussion followed regarding closing the membership for the remainder of the season. This was due to the difficulty satisfying the current members requests for tickets.

- (c) It was agreed that it would be made known to any potential new members that they will not have ticket rights for the remainder of the season but their membership would carry through to the end of the 2016/17 season.

AP: DH

7. Ticketing Manager's Update

- (a) MO'D said there was no appetite to change the ticketing process so he had shelved his paper on it.

8. Regional Reps Update

- (a) DC said the ASSC Aberdeen region was very strong.

9. SANDS Charity

- (a) DH said that he had been asked if ASSC would be interested in 2 signed Theo Walcott shirts. After discussion it was agreed the shirts would be posted on the ASSC FB page to auction them.

AP: DH

10. AGM Plans

- (a) The AGM would be held in Aberdeen to coincide with an Arsenal PL game.
AP: DC
- (b) DH said the club Constitution needed amending he suggested that proposals for ASSC Committee places must be proposed and seconded by members.
AP: DH
- (c) DH said that the club officials would need to consider whether they wanted to stand next season.

11. AOB:

- (a) None

12. Date of Next Meeting:

- (a) To be arranged before the end of the season.

Dave Harrold
ASSC Secretary
13 March 2016