

Arsenal Scotland Supporters Club

Chair:	Dave Harrold
Secretary: and Ticket Manager:	Martin O'Donnell
Treasurer:	Alan Speed
Membership Manager:	Mike Buchanan
Edinburgh & Lothians Regional Reps:	Ryan Mills, Jamie Lynch, Peter Burnhill, Liam Finn
Grampian & North East Regional Reps:	Caz Moir, Linda Collie, Colin Shanks
Glasgow and West Scotland Reg Reps:	Gav Glover, Eric Mutasa & Ant Maley
Fife Regional Representatives:	Chris Alexander and Tich Wighton
Ayrshire:	Ally Richardson
Perth, Dundee and Angus:	Jason MacDonald and Billy Mitchell
Dumfries & Galloway:	Mikey Boyd

Notes of meeting

For Management Committee Meeting - 20.00 on Tuesday 25th January 2022 via Zoom

Apologies received from Ant, Billy, Chris, Liam and Mickey.

Guest attendee – Member Karen Cassidy (Kilmarnock)

1. Actions since we last met on 7th December 2021

- Peter and Gav attended the last Supporters Clubs Meeting – Zoom with Arsenal which included Jack Wilshere.
- Good blogs about the Christmas donations. Sent these to Arsenal. So hopefully may appear in a matchday programme.
- Team Lukas – prize draw went very well with Ian George winning the main prize. £1,080 was raised and sent to member Martin Thomson.
- Dave has been shortlisted by Arsenal to be the next representative for UK and Ireland Supporters Clubs for the Fans Forum. Announcement from Arsenal expected on 27th January 2022.

2. Welcome to Peter Burnhill and Liam Finn as additional Reps for Edinburgh and Lothians.

3. Comms update. Volunteers to assist?

Peter will draft short description of tasks we would like help with in respect to :-

- A website editor
- A website technician

Martin will issue request to the full membership to seek volunteers.

4. Supporters Clubs Meeting – Zoom with Arsenal – Next one this Thursday 27th – Linda and Mike to attend with Martin. Jason has dropped out but willing to attend a later SC meeting.

5. Ticketing Update – *Martin with reports from Mike and Chris.*

So far, no issues with ticketing although Man United and Leeds had to go to a ballot draw. Spurs away was balloted but game postponed in any case. New date awaited. Still issues with tickets being delivered by Arsenal to us in reasonable time.

6. Financial Update – Treasurer - Balance to date – was £6,900 on 7th December. Current balance - £6,040

7. Membership Update – Mike has reported the membership is currently 506.

8. Constitution Update - Ongoing – Dave has done a draft on this. Martin to update this weekend and circulate for comments before asking Peter to place it on the Website. AGM will be asked to approve.

To include a recommendation that the future executive members (Chairman, Treasurer and Club Secretary) normally come from within the management committee and past committee members.

And to include an item about holding 'Virtual' meetings to formalise those paragraphs in the Constitution.

9. Next Chairman – As Dave announced his intention (as planned) to step down as Chairperson at the end of this current season at the 2022 AGM. Applications for the next Chairperson are welcome now.

Dave and Martin will prepare some notes about what the Chair does and it will be circulated on the email to the full membership this weekend. Ideally candidates will be gathered for a deadline at the end of April with a vote prior to the AGM at end of May.

10. Banner – 'Still' waiting on a decision by Arsenal on the Banner design. [Note: at the Supporters Club zoom meeting on 27th Jan – Mark Brindle advised that Arsenal had referred 'Banners' to something called the Branding Team who were looking into having some sort of rolling scroll digital banner wall where everyone's banners would be seen. So 'maybe' we can get our own design on that.

11. Harry Clarke sponsorship at Ross County. Harry has been put on loan at Hibs.

It was agreed that Mike will ask Ross County if 'Our' sponsorship could be converted in some way to the benefit of Ross County's supporters. Maybe offer our Sponsors matchday event to a local Ross County supporters group and at least one of the signed shirts to a raffle for charity. In return all we would ask is for a sponsors mention in the matchday programme.

No plan this season to sponsor HC at Hibs!

12. Future Events?–

- Martin has asked Mark Brindle if we can invite Keiron Tierney to a short zoom event. Discussions ongoing but not a positive response so far. Ryan is going to try and follow up KT on Instagram. Maybe Harry Clarke too.
- Quiz Night? Liam noted he was interested. Maybe in the Summer?
- Football Tournament? 5 A sides? Ryan and Tich going to find out if Fifes Finest 7's is happening this year and we enter a team.
- Mike looking into a summer golf tournament. Outdoor covid protocol , maybe outside buffet, etc
- Try to set up more socials once covid protocols feel better.

13. Date of next meeting – Propose **Tuesday 8th March 8.00pm**

Martin O'Donnell
Club Secretary
27th January 2022