

# **AGENDA**

Management Committee Meeting - 20.00 on Wednesday 27th October 2021 via Zoom

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

1. Apologies received from:
  - Colin Shanks
  - Ally Richardson
2. Report since last meeting in September.
  - Comms review – Ongoing – *Peter, Gav, Eric?*
  - Comms succession plan to replace Peter – Maybe 2 webmasters?
  - Supporters Clubs Meetings attendance – next one due 28<sup>th</sup> October (this Thursday zoom at 7.00pm) – Who wants to attend with me?
  - An official Instagram account has been set up for Arsenal Scotland (*by Ryan Mills*)
  - We arranged 'ASSC business cards' to hand out when necessary. 1000 distributed to the management committee and still 500 left.
  - Good articles added to the website – matchday experiences, that sort of thing !
3. Dave stood as a candidate for the newly set-up Fans Advisory Board at Arsenal to represent all Supporters Clubs in the UK. Sadly Dave was not selected but the appointed candidate is Mick Padfield of Arsenal Dover, who is a very good friend of our club.
4. Presentation to Bob Wilson for his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Plans are looking good to meet up with Bob Wilson and his Wife Megs to mark his birthday and 15 years as our Honorary President. Mike and Alan have prepared an engraved quaich and Dave has got a quality Malt Whisky to present to Bob on the Watford game on 7<sup>th</sup> November.
5. Financial Update – Treasurer – *Alan*
  - Balance to date – was £9,497 on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Been quit a bit of account activity on tickets since then.
6. Charity Donations:
  - Willow Foundation £2000.00 plus £245.00 raised from the Bob and Pat Rice zoom – this has been paid to the Willow Foundation.
  - A proposal has been made to raise funds/make donation for long standing Member Martin Thomson's son Lukas. Jamie to lead on this one.
  - This has raised discussion on whether fundraisers and donations should be case specific to a deserving member of the club, rather than general donations to large charities. Discuss!

- CCLASP – Shall we again donate Christmas selection boxes to CCLASP and local hospitals? If so, we need to start buying them soon.

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

So far, no issues with ticketing:

Tickets sourced to date

- Hibs – 16, WBA – 2, Chelsea – 15 (1 unsold), Man City – 17, Norwich – 14, Spurz – 20, Brighton – 23, Wimbledon - 0, Crystal Palace - 14, Aston Villa – 13, Leicester – 26, Liverpool - 43\*, Watford – 16\*. (\* = anticipated)
- 219 tickets purchased so far! Roughly £8,500 worth!

8. Membership Update – Mike has reported at the end of September that the membership stands at 492 which is 97 members up from the 395 we had listed at the AGM in May.

9. Regional Reps Updates

- How can we help? Anything needed from ASSC
- We wrote to McGinty's Bar in Aberdeen on 5<sup>th</sup> October to request our Charlie Nicholas shirt back – no reply so far.
- Local pub venues? Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh.

10. Banner – A design has been sent to Mark Brindle at Arsenal for approval. We are chancing our arm a bit going for a 6m long banner (as it was before) but we are aware that Mark was aiming to standardise these to 3m, which is far too small. There are other recent 6m banners by other supporters' clubs, so we are being gently persuasive.



11. Danskin Plaque at Burntisland – This has been repainted.

12. Merchandise – Menu on website – This is ongoing - *Peter, Mike – might need a mini zoom to go over this.*

Also

- Red/white and Blue/Yellow masks bought. 25 pairs. Sales disappointing after initial response to the idea.
- New proposal for new car stickers which we agreed last meeting to include with next seasons membership cards to all members as free issue. They self seal to glass so can be peeled off and reused without damaging the windows. Order to be placed shortly at a budget of £500. We will store them until next June.

13. Future Events –

- Quiz Night?
- Matchday Chat? WhatsApp? Edinburgh Chat seems to be going really well. How are other areas doing?
- Football Tournament? 5 A sides? Should we be planning for next Summer now?
- Fantasy Football trophy – Pair of Cat C tickets? – *Tich*?

14. Any Other Business.

15. Date of next meeting – Propose Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 8.00pm?

Martin O'Donnell  
Club Secretary  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2021