**Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch**

**Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 6th January 2022**

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.;

**Present**: Dave Brown (Chair), Terry McCarthy, John Bowman, Howard Atkinson, Ken Hullock, Andrew Dobinson, Peter Smithson, Paul Irving, Simon Clarkson, Mike Carruthers

**1. Business of the meeting**

i. December meeting minutes were approved.

ii. **Record of committee decisions made via WhatsApp** since December meeting:

None this month

ii. December action notes reviewed.

**2. Reports**

Committee officer reports were received and reviewed.

DB reported that c180 shirts have been sold.

**Agreed:** DB to order 100 more shirts. **Agreed:** DB to amend website ordering so that buyers are asked to opt-in to branch emailing

JB sought views on the copy deadline for HTB! 320.

**Agreed**: Copy date of January 28th.

TM reported contact from a fledgling supporters group in the North East.

**Agreed:** TM to suggest to them they be a ‘twig’ of CUSCLB.

PI suggested that we select a forthcoming away match where group train travel from London is possible (Oldham or Tranmere?) and organise activity on the day e.g in Manchester or Birkenhead.

**Agreed:** PI/MC to develop the idea and report back.

PI reported Jon McL suggestion of London Haunted Pub tour**.**

**Agreed**: PI to identify date.

TM updated the committee following the recent CUSG meeting.

**Agreed:** TM to share CUSG meeting dates with KH so that VHTB! can be used to invite member questions which TM can take to meetings.

**3. Agenda items**

**I & ii. January branch meeting and future branch meetings & CSC room bookings**

Committee considered the value of the monthly social meetings at CSC in the light of the on-going impact of COVID.

**Agreed:** Not to schedule monthly meetings for the rest of this season, but to identify specific opportunities for social gathering at CSC or other London venues.

**Agreed:** Organise a branch event at Birkbeck Tavern prior to the Orient match on 26th Feb. **SC** to ask Nigel Clibbens to attend.

**iii. Funding Application.**

**SC** presented the application from CUFC for a contribution of £2,000 to the refurbishment of the Sunset Suite (to be re-named the Glass Bar).£1000 of thisis additional approval with £1000 remaining from original allocation.

**Agreed:** Branch will donate £2,000 to CUFC. SC to inform Nigel Clibbens and liaise with AD.

**iv. Tickets and Travel**

TM reported his concerns that ticket demand for the Barrow and Harrogate away games may exceed those made available to LB.

**Agreed:** TM to email members ahead of ticket issue to assess demand and if necessary, organise a ballot among members to allocate tickets.

**v. Roma celebration planning**

To February agenda (DC)

**vi. New member fee**

PS noted that existing LB rules mean that any person joining the branch from Jan 1st 2022 will be given membership for the remainder of 21/22 and all of 22/23 season.

**4. Any other business**

**i. Date of next meeting – 3rd February**

**ii. Academy Goal of the Month**

**Agreed:** Academy GOTM to be decided by committee outside this meeting. Andy Hall will upload (to You Tube) a video of the goals nominated by academy coaches and committee members will be given a log-in to view and then register vote via committee WhatsApp. Noted that Dec 21 and Jan 22 may be combined as a single month.

There being no other business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 9.30