**Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch**

**Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 7th March 2022**

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.;

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

**Apologies**: Ken Hullock, Mike Carruthers

**1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

i. **February meeting** minutes were approved.

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

1. Academy Goal of the Month for February won by Nick Bollado

2. A Roma shirt was donated as a raffle prize for the Fan’s Forum and a second shirt was presented to Paul Simpson at the event.

3. £95 was allocated to fund a banner for the Academy to use initially at the forthcoming Manchester tournament. SC to ensure invoice is sent to AD

4. The March committee meeting (this meeting) was postponed from March 3rd to March 7th due to the CUSG Fans Forum at Brunton Park on March 3rd. Noted that following the message from Terry M on the branch WhatsApp, a total of £220 of raffle tickets for the Fans Forum were purchased via TDS by branch members, with members also among the prize winners.

ii. **February action** notes reviewed and **March action notes agreed**

**2. REPORTS** Committee officer reports were received and reviewed.

**i. Business not on agenda**

**40 Club Draw for February**; winners were Messrs Walters, Tembey (C) and Driver. **KH** to report result via branch WhatsApp and VHTB!

**Roma merchandise.** **DB** to advise Nigel Clibbens that The Terrace Store should use the correct text alongside the image – not the Tot W quote.

**London Haunted Pub Tour** – **PI** to arrange a tour on 24th March and liaise with **KH** so that details are in VHTB on 14th March.

**CUSCLB Matchday Travel** WhatsApp group. **TM** to set up this group as a place for London and SE-based members to plan and coordinate travel – especially train travel.

**North West Branch**. **Agreed DB** to support Craig Milne with advice in developing a branch for members in that area.

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

**i. CUSCLB End of Season Awards (**Champagne Moment and Player of the Season).

Shortlist to be discussed at April meeting. **MC/TM** to establish availability and cost of awards (as per those given last season. **SC** to book one table for CUSCLB at CUFC Awards Dinner

**ii. AGM 8th July 2022**

**DB** to talk to Jason Casey regarding the St Bride Foundation as a venue. <https://sbf.org.uk/>

**iii. Tickets and Travel**

* **Barrow 19th March. SC** to talk to Barrow SLO to identify suitable meeting/ticket distribution pub.
* **Rochdale 29th March.** Meeting/ticket distribution pub is the Cemetery Hotel 470 Bury Road, OL11 5EU
* **Tranmere 2nd April. SC** to check with the Tranmere SLO if Prenton Park fan zone is suitable for away fans. Pub option is the Sportsman. **DB** to talk to Craig Milne about a Walk and Talk that can involve LB members.
* **Walsall 15th April.** Meeting/ticket distribution venue is the Park Inn which is adjacent to the stadium and the railway station. Trains from London will be via Marylebone and Birmingham Moor Street – times to be confirmed.
* **Harrogate 23rd April. TM** will send an email to members on 21/3 to establish who wants tickets. **MC/SC** to identify a suitable meeting/ticket distribution pub.

**iv. Roma celebration planning**

**Agreed:** No events to be organised.

**v. Roma Hit the Bar! content. DB/JB/MC** meeting 8th March to develop content plan for a special HTB! Articles etc. will be shared with CUFC media team who are assisting with contacts for interviews with ex-players and club staff. Carlisle-based committee members may be asked to conduct face to face interviews. Content to be finalised by May 10th with distribution c two weeks later c23rd May.

**vi. Summer Trip**

**Following discussion, Agreed** that Bratislava is no longer an appropriate venue and that we investigate Rome as the replacement on the same dates. **DB/HA/MC** to draft an email to be sent to those on the Bratislava list.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**i. Date of next meeting – 7th April**

**ii. Whatever it Takes – Northampton home match 12th March**

CUSCLB to donate £250 to CUFC for the purchase of junior tickets (11-18 year olds) for Northampton Home match. **Agreed: TM** to inform the ticket office.

iii. **Agreed: TM** to advise CUSG that the balance of the ring fenced funding for Murphy’s (£448) that was provided to CUSG can now be released to be used by CUSG for their purposes.

iv. The Chairman reported that with Simon Clarkson having stood down as Vice Chairman, it was proposed that John Bowman be co-opted as Vice Chairman. Election for the post will take place at the AGM. This was **agreed.**

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