



WALSALL FC DISABLED SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 19:00

VENUE – BENTLEY MOOR CLUB, BENTLEY DRIVE, BIRCHILLS, WALSALL, WS2 8RY

ATTENDEES

Ian Buckingham
Lesley Buckingham
Tony Richards
Dave Beckett
Jacqui Keen
Stef Tomes

APOLOGIES

No apologies

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2018 & MATTERS ARISING

- No comments about the last committee meetings minutes

CONSTITUTION & SIDE POLICIES

- The Committee have received a draft copy of the constitution, no amendments were made and it was unanimously agreed that it be adopted at inaugural AGM (subject to a vote of the members) Policies
- The following side policies Draft Constitution were to be considered. Other than amending the word Society to Association, no other changes were recommended and were unanimously adopted
 - Committee Membership & Conduct
 - Disciplinary
 - Election
 - Standing Orders for General Meetings
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 - Social Media (MC version)
 - Social Media (General version)

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership remains free and the new membership application form designed and is now two sides. A large print copy will be available at request. The new information is as follows:
 - Name; DoB (only to be used to identify those old enough to vote on DSA matters); Postal address; Email address; Consent to receive emails from the DSA; If the applicant considers themselves to be disabled (plus optional nature of disability); If a carer, family/friend or interested in helping those with a disability
 - Information may be used to determine future projects, developments and objectives
 - The form may be signed by a person other than the applicant
 - The membership application is now GDPR compliant
- Membership approval
 - This was deferred until the next committee meeting where applications are to be approved, current numbers will be confirmed and the discussion of a recruitment drive in the form of a questionnaire will take place

TREASURER

- Current bank balance is £1171.91
- Income/Expenditure for ponchos
 - The current balance after the purchase of the ponchos (not considering HomeServe's donation) is £1171.91.
 - There is still HomeServe's donation of £540 and another donation of £45 due into the account.
 - The total donations and unpaid pledges for the waterproof ponchos is £1438
 - A letter has been drafted up for everyone that made a donation and they will receive this in due course.
 - Printing for logos on the ponchos was £54
- A form is to be filled out to take to the bank. This will be taken to Chris to sign take him and Ian off of the bank account and the new three names to be added.
- Football cards have now been purchased. It will be a £1 stake with £20 prize and £20 going back to the DSA

FUNDRAISING & PROCUREMENT

- Wheelchair ponchos
 - Firmcare mobility has been happy to help and gave the DSA a discounted price on the ponchos. They have expressed they are happy to help in any way the DSA needs. Normal retail for ponchos is £900. The DSA paid £640.
 - The printing company only charged for the printing of the badges onto the ponchos.
 - At the previous home fixture 12 people had already agreed to use the ponchos thus leaving 3 spare.
 - An email was sent to WFC in regards to holding a presentation at the Accrington Stanley fixture. The club agreed but suggested a time for 2:30. The Committee agreed this was too early and that WFC is to be asked to delay the presentation until 2:45. After the exchange of emails, the recipients of the ponchos, HomeServe and Saddlers mascots, two committee members plus the HomeServe representative would attend the presentation and this would raise the profile of the DSA
 - Joe Masi of the Express and Star intends to run a article on the poncho presentation
- Use of excess funds raised
 - It was estimated funds/pledges received would exceed poncho costs by £700
 - The committee are currently researching the purchase of inflatable cushions, blanket, fleeces for the ambulant disabled
 - Enquiries will be made of disabled persons what they want from the DSA via the website and Social Media
 - The Committee members are in agreement that there is no rush to spend the remaining funds
 - The Committee considered the purchase a wheelchair for occasional use of fans though this will be further discussed. This will cost around £250 and subject to whether WFC will store the wheelchair
- Legends Quiz Night
 - Former players who have confirmed their attendance on 7 December include Mark Reece; Gary Childs; Chris Marsh; Stan Bennett; Keith Ball; Nick Atthey; Jimmy McMullan; Alan Baker; Tommy Watson; Martin O'Connor. Former WBA Martin Bennett will also attend
 - Questions for the quiz are currently being drawn up
 - Enquiries are on going on the cost of the disco. An email will be sent to committee members with figures
 - Swifty has confirmed he will be in attendance
 - Santa will be making an appearance and will gift all children in attendance with a selection box
 - An anonymous offer for the cost of food has been made. Jacqui and her husband will be providing the catering
 - Numerous prizes have already been generously donated and more are yet to be donated

SOCIAL MEDIA

- New Facebook Group
 - The new Facebook page is up and running with the previous one now closed down within an hour of the new one going live
 - There are 43 members to date with 35 new members (excluding Committee members)
 - Ian will email members on social media changes
- Website Information and posts concerning DSA matters
 - The Committee agreed that a rough date be set for the AGM as Wednesday 3 April 2019 at Bentley Moor Club
 - Email to be sent to Darren Anslow with details of both Tony Waterfield's charity evening and the legends night for publication on the DSA website
 - News stories are to be published via the DSA website promoting all such items

LIAISON & MEETINGS WITH WALSALL FOOTBALL CLUB

- Matters to raise with WFC
 - Ponchos
 - Legends Quiz night – WFC attendance, prizes for raffle/auction
 - Parking – provision of more spaces & charges for 15 Sept v Doncaster Rovers

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Questions for the questionnaire for disabled supporters was deferred to the next Committee meeting
- Date for the next Open Meeting in the Savoy Lounge at Bescot is scheduled for 7 November at 7:00pm. The calling notice needs to be issued by 10 October

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Arranged for 10 October 2018 at 7pm at Bentley Moor Club