

Minutes of the February 2015 BCFCSA Meeting – 2/2/15

Present – Les Pegler, Richard Williams, Mike Ishmael, Dave Hayes, Mark Jones, Matt Johnson, Ian Thomas, Glynne Roberts, Peter Davies, Peter Crew, Geraint Parry, Dafydd Hughes, Dick Rigby, Anora Rigby, Pete Jones, Dylan Owen, Ceri Roberts, Linda Roberts, Ian, Daniel Jones, David Jones,

Apologies –Phil Rigby, Einion Williams

Les P – “A warm welcome to everyone, this is the biggest turnout we’ve had for a bit”

1. Treasurer's Update

As noted previously we have two accounts, the current account and the business reserve account. The current account will fund everyday expenses and the business reserve account will fund our contribution to the club’s next project, the completion of the Menai side stand.

The current account contains **£2,328.01**

The business reserve account contains **£8, 922.74***

* £2,500 from the business reserve account has been earmarked for the BCFCSA's contribution to the terrace at the Antelope End, therefore at present the amount of money raised for the Menai stand project is **£6,422.74**.

If the club do not require the £2,500 for the terrace the entire amount in the business reserve account will be put towards the Menai stand project. The cost of each stand unit is £9,500 so we aim to raise money for the Menai stand project in tranches of this amount.

All bills have been settled.

2. Dilwyn’s Update

Please accept my apologies for not attending the meeting. As you are probably aware it is transfer deadline day and I may be needed to deal with transfer issues. On this matter, it’s more likely that players will be leaving.

Income – It’s unlikely that the Book People will renew their sponsorship of the ground, therefore it is vital that we increase our income from the ground.

Terrace – The problem were outlined at the last meeting. I will be liaising with WJ to see if the original plans can be altered or amended. We need to make a decision about our next move.

Les decided to put this matter to the floor. Here are the various thoughts of the meeting.

“We’ve already decided what to do at the last meeting, this will represent another delay on top of other delays.”

“18 Months ago it was agreed that we would have a terrace so that’s what we should have.”

“A terrace would be cheaper.”

“We need more seats for European matches and U21 matches.”

“I feel let down by it all.”

“I feel sorry for all the people that have raised money.”

“It’s hard to make a decision without plans.”

“In the long-term a seated stand might be better.”

“Europe is only one match.”

“The classroom is the pressing issue, where will this be?”

Meeting - “Next to the stand is probably the best place.”

“We were raising money for the “Peoples’ Terrace” not the “Seated Stand”. A terrace is what we should build.”

“A seated stand could help give us a bigger profile.”

“The U21s might be useful but what about the fans that come every match.”

“A terrace might create a link to Farrar Road.”

“We need to be careful what we wish for. Our money might not be enough if other things don’t happen.”

“We need to raise the profile of the club because we are not as well known as we used to be in the English system. Our facilities can be a way of increasing our profile.”

“We may need to compromise to get the best situation for our money.”

“We could ask for a hybrid situation with a seated stand and some terracing.”

Meeting - “The last idea could be put to Dilwyn.”

3. Peter Crew’s Update

We held a January sale for advertisers and had some takers. The university are well on board with us.

We have introduced leaflet rack in the club house. This may not be the most exciting thing but at least it shows that sponsors can advertise. The club website will also now include adverts that include offers.

4. Merchandise

We will be holding a sale from Saturday onwards.

The scarves have been selling well and we have paid the invoice this week.

We have been promised a resolution of the woolly hat problem. The supplier has promised to solve the problem shortly.

5. Bricks

We have had a few issues with our last delivery but they will be sorted out shortly.

6. Books

At the moment things are ticking over, the writing process is progressing and I'm chasing MEPs for possible funding.

7. Football Supporters' Federation Membership

We continue to be affiliated to the FSF. Our membership fee is now due.

8. 200 Club

The club would like more people to join the 200 club as it's down to 69 members.

Meeting – "The club should do more to advertise the 200 Club2

9. Pier events – Risk Assessment

We have received a letter from the town clerk regarding our proposed pier event in the spring. We will be required to undertake a risk assessment of our proposed plan.

10. "Varsity Match" - Stewards Required

A match between Bangor and Aberystwyth University will take place on 18/4/15 and the club would like us to provide volunteer students.

11. Sportsman's Dinner

We're doing our best to secure Nigel Adkins. Obviously this depends on available dates and Nigel's potential job opportunities. We have a provisional date in March in mind but this may suffer a last-minute cancellation. In this case we may need to pay over the odds for a replacement. We look on this event as a fans' based event.

Other possible candidates could include Iwan Roberts, Osian Roberts, Owain Tudur Jones and Ray Stubbs.

12. Bangor City Council Grant

Thanks to Coun. Nige P we are now aware that the City council are offering a grant of £500 to a cause in Bangor. We fit the criteria for the award and it could be put towards producing the book. We have obtained an application form. The decision will be made in November.

13. AOB

Dafydd H – Have thought of catering for Groundhoppers?

Les P – We need to visit the archives at the university.

Geraint P – Have we thought of contacting Sky or BT Sport to see if we can feature on their programmes.

Mike Ish – Would the committee be interested in purchasing a catering van? We could use it mainly for the 6-a-side pitch but we could also use it when there's segregation. There can be loads of kids and families around the 3G pitches and they're not always bothered to come down to the teabar to get drinks.

Meeting – This sounds like a good idea, we should keep an eye out.

Date of Next Meeting – 2/2/15