

Minutes of the May 2015 BCFCSA Meeting – 5/5/15

Present – Les Pegler, Richard Williams, Mike Ishmael, Mark Jones, Matt Johnson, Peter Davies, Peter Crew, Dylan Fernley, Geraint Parry, Dick Rigby, Anora Rigby, Linda Roberts, Daniel Jones, David Jones, Einion Williams

Apologies – Phil Rigby

1. Treasurer's Update

As noted previously we have two accounts, the current account and the business reserve account. The current account funds everyday expenses and the business reserve account will fund our contribution to the development of Nantporth.

The current account contains **£1,147.91**

The business reserve account contains **£9,532.62**

All bills have been settled, including an invoice from Brodwaith. The reasons for the severe looking depletion in our current account funds will be outlined in point 3.

2. Peter Crew's Update

The club are in discussion with an interested party about stadium sponsorship. We are trying to secure a new shirt sponsor at present.

We have added some new sponsors and had some renewals, some potential sponsors are in the pipeline.

Arriva are interested in running a bus to every home match next season. The route will be extended to include Coed Mawr. They may even run away trips to Llandudno and Rhyl if there is a demand.

Wrexham, Hibs and Newport County have all expressed an interest in playing us during pre-season. No firm commitments have been made as yet.

3. Club Matters

Joint Meeting – On 13/4/15 the BCFCSA committee met with the BCFC board to ascertain the implications of the licensing issue. It was generally agreed that the meeting was productive and there is great potential in this type of meeting structure. There should be more joint meetings in the future.

Funding – The funding situation is difficult. At the moment the club's fixed costs (rent, rates, bills, wages etc) are considerably more than the income drawn in. Basically speaking the club desperately needs to draw in more income. Two methods of doing this would be gaining new directors and ensuring the club facilities are used more frequently. The funding issues obviously impinge upon the playing budget.

Players – At present six players have re-signed. The players are Ryan Edwards, Damian Allen, Sion Edwards, Les Davies, Leon Clowes and Sam Hart. The BCFCSA funded the Hart and Clowes signings

and this explains why our current account is relatively depleted. To help with the funding situation the BCFCSA have agreed to pay £600 per month rather than £500.

In terms of our squad we are facing a similar situation to the one we faced two years ago (12 /13 senior players with youth on the bench) therefore it is likely that more players will leave than arrive.

Terrace – Dilwyn anticipates that the job should start within weeks. We have costed concrete, equipment and labour. We need to contact the company producing the rail seats as there is the great possibility that we could become the sector leader.

If all the pieces of the jigsaw are put into place we could have something fantastic but it is a case of “now or never”. We simply have to get started on the terrace, people would be happier if they saw something being built and we have a chance of getting all the publicity associated with being a sector leader. Just to underline, WE NEED TO GET THINGS STARTED.

General – Our funding situation requires assistance. Basically speaking the club needs more people to get involved.

Firstly, the from the BCFCSA angle. Basically speaking we need more help. We would like more people to come to our AGM in July and volunteer their services for one of the available positions. New volunteers would be able to bring forward new ideas and new expertise. The more people we have involved the more ideas we can develop and the more potential solutions we can find, this situation would automatically help the club. The joint meeting with the club’s board would also mean that your ideas and expertise could be very important for the whole club not just the BCFCSA. This is a fantastic opportunity to help the club you love.

Secondly, the BCFCSA would like to encourage more people to become directors of the club. Basically speaking the club is facing an almost critical juncture; at the same time the club faces funding issues the board is shrinking due to retirements. Therefore it is vital that the club gains new directors. New directors aren’t just required to help with funding issues they will also have the chance to provide new ideas and offer their expertise. If anyone can think of a suitable candidate they should contact the club or the BCFCSA committee.

4. Merchandise

We have received a stock of polos and hoodies from Brodwaith. Our new stock, as well as our normal stock, will be available at the Carnival. We will hopefully also have bucket hats and baseball caps available.

The stock has sold well throughout the season. We only have three shirts and a polo shirt from the Macron stock we ordered.

The BCFCSA would like to thank each and every customer that visited the club shop. All money raised via the club shop helped both the BCFCSA and the club.

5. Bangor Carnival – 6/6/15

We will have our usual stall, the stock is ready, we need volunteers.

6. Events

Sadly the Iwan Roberts evening has been cancelled due to a lack of interest, this season hasn't led to much enthusiasm.

There is a potential monthly Northern Soul night.

Jump have agreed to play in the clubhouse, we just need to fix a date.

Hopefully more people will get involved after the AGM and we'll be able to produce more ideas for events.

7. Duck Race

The date of the duck race will be arranged according to the tides. It will be held on a Sunday, potentially 17/5/15

Not all the forms / money have been returned therefore we need the remaining forms in as soon as possible.

8. AOB

Les P – We've made enquiries to the Menai seafood festival regarding the car parks and had a positive reaction. It will be held on 22/8/15 this year.

Ish – Ethan has two events coming up and would like the tea bar to be open and volunteers to help.

1. 10/5/15 – 2 Women's Cup Finals, 2. 16/5/15 U6s / U7s Tournament

Ethan and I would also like to organise an adult's 7-a-side tournament.

I have e-mailed the cycling Tour of Britain organisers to offer our facilities but I've yet to hear back.

Mark J – Have we thought about alerting the FAW about other clubs' Licensing application?

Dylan F – How many students actually took advantage of the £1 entry in the last home match? John Dexter Jones was telling me that he stopped in Penmaenmawr on the way to the last match. When he told people that he was going to watch Bangor they didn't seem to understand what was happening. Is there an incentive we can offer to locals?

Ish – Have we considered conducting a survey regarding 3G pitches on our website?

Date of Next Meeting – Dependant on club matters, could be late May or early June

