

Minutes of the February BCFCSA meeting – 6/1/17

Present - Les Pegler, Richard Williams, Jonathan Ervine, Ceri Roberts, Linda Roberts, Vera Owen, Norma Jones, Yvonne Thomas, Anora Rigby, Dick Rigby, Andrew Dogan, Daniel Jones, Eifion Jones, Kevin Owen, Michael Edwards, Pete Banham, Einion Williams, Pat Jones, Geraint Parry, Ian Roberts.

Apologies - Matt Johnson, Mark Jones, Dylan Fearnley, Mike Ishmael, Rob Lewis, Glynne Roberts, Phil Rigby.

Update following last meeting

Les Pegler went over the minutes from the last meeting and mentioned that BCFCSA had sponsored academy player Harry Hughes £200 towards representing Welsh Colleges at a tournament in Italy.

1. Treasurer's update

We have £3137.49 in the current account and £6078.43 in the reserve account. We have no outstanding bills. The mid-season draw made a profit of over £1300. During the rest of the season, income will be generated from matchday raffle sales and the annual duck race, and potentially also the 'Bangor in Europe' book. Merchandise sales and matchday raffles are currently the main sources of income for BCFCSA.

2. Jay Lees, Nick Wood, Ian Dawes and Stephen Vaughan junior

The four people listed above had been due to attend the meeting but were unable to do so due to major traffic problems on the A55. There was a phone conversation with Jay Lees towards the end of the meeting (see summary after 'Any Other Business').

3. Merchandise update

In Matt Johnson's absence, it was reported that hats have sold out and that scarves are also selling well. The Bangor City retro shirts are now available from the TOFFS website. Kevin Owen asked if BCFCSA had plans to sell retro scarves to go with the retro tops.

ACTION: Les Pegler agreed to discuss this with Matt Johnson.

Daniel Jones reported that he recently bought a printing machine that could be used to print names and numbers on football shirts, and that this could be used by BCFCSA to make money.

ACTION: Daniel Jones to discuss this with Mark Jones and Matt Johnson.

4. Events

No major events are currently being planned, but it was agreed to discuss the proposed sportsman's dinner with Jay Lees during the phone conversation towards the end of the meeting.

5. Darts update

The BCFCSA darts team recently lost to the Nelson B team.

6. 'Bangor in Europe' book update

Due to Glynne Roberts' absence, no update was provided.

7. Sponsorship of under-19s bus

It was announced by Les Pegler that the Bangor City under-19s have a Welsh Cup quarter final against Cambrian and Clydach this month and that BCFCSA had been asked if they would consider paying 50% of the cost of the team's minibus hire. This was agreed unanimously and a cheque for £425 was given to academy coach Mel Jones, who expressed his gratitude for this donation.

8. Bus to Welsh Cup match away to TNS on 25 February

BCFCSA will be running a bus to the Welsh Cup match away to TNS on Saturday 25 February and supporters wishing to reserve their place need to contact Einion Williams (07969 461036). The FAW are yet to confirm the kick-off time. At the time of the meeting, it was listed as 2.30pm but there was potential for this to be changed if the match was selected as the live game on Sgorio.

9. Any other business

Les Pegler mentioned that Mark Jones was planning to do fixture cards listing the post-split matches. Several supporters suggested that more could be done to advertise upcoming fixtures

and that it would be good if the advertising board was updated more quickly. It was pointed out by Kevin Owen that BCFCSA had paid for display frames to advertise upcoming fixtures in the clubhouse but that these frames were not being used. The possibility of Bangor City advertising fixtures in the local press was discussed. Les Pegler said that BCFCSA could consider whether it wanted to take on a more proactive role in helping to advertise upcoming fixtures.

ACTION: any BCFCSA members with ideas about how to advertise fixtures to contact Les Pegler by this Friday (10 February).

Mel Jones told the meeting that Bangor City have recently become the first WPL team to reach the national finals of the FAW's futsal competition at under-12, under-14 and under-16 level. The finals will take place in Cardiff on 19 February.

Upcoming under-19s fixtures: Cambrian and Clydach (away, cup, Sunday 12 February, 2pm), Airbus (league, home, Sunday 19 February, 2pm), Newtown (away, league, Sunday 5 March, 2pm).

Upcoming reserve fixtures: Trearddur Bay (league, away, Saturday 18 February, 2.30pm), Llanrwst (league, away, Saturday 25 February, 2.30pm).

10. Update from Jay Lees

Funding from investors is in place for work on the Supporters' Terrace. Work is to take place in the close season and details will be announced soon. The area will be known as the 'Citizens Stand'. The structure has been decided but not whether it will be a standing area or a seated area. This will be discussed with the developers and DPL Fabrications Ltd has been appointed the contractor. The work will be finished by the start of the 2017-18 season.

A full refurbishment of the clubhouse will also take place during the close season.

The sponsorship agreements with Bangor University and Vaughan Sports Management last until the end of the current season and both involve options to renew or withdraw. The same is true of several other advertising agreements at Nantporth.

Money invested in Bangor City by directors is to be converted to shares so will not be treated as loans.

The directors are due to meet Sian Vaughan (daughter of Gwyn Pierce Owen, no relation of Stephen Vaughan) to discuss a loan Gwyn gave to Bangor City and also his shares. There is also to be a meeting between the board and Brian Lucas to discuss a loan Brian gave to Bangor City.

The club's license application is on track and documents are due to be submitted by the end of this month. Dilwyn Jones is helping with the process.

Bangor City has just signed a two year scholarship agreement with Coaching Connexions.

Ian Dawes currently holds a UEFA A license and needs to commence a UEFA Pro Licence course before 31 March in order to meet WPL criteria for club managers.

The board have allocated a budget to creating a part-time general manager post. The general manager will be based at the stadium and help to deal with day-to-day issues.

Jay Lees took responsibility for problems concerning the staffing of the turnstiles at the Llandudno match in the Welsh Cup and said he would look into the question of whose role it is to update the board advertising upcoming matches.

Les Pegler told Jay that Manchester City were awaiting an official letter from Bangor City to request a friendly against their under-21 side.

ACTION: Mel Jones to discuss this matter with Gwynfor Jones.

Les Pegler mentioned suggestion that attendances at home matches could be boosted by giving free passes to members of the Bangor City academy, especially as they might well attend with friends and family.

ACTION: Les Pegler to follow this up by e-mailing Jay Lees.

Jay Lees has discussed the idea of hosting a Sportsman's Dinner with Stephen Vaughan senior. Jay asked BCFCSA to say what they would like to see take place and said that the board would be happy to organize speakers.

Les Pegler asked about the materials that had been left in Sid Bird's raffle hut. Jay reported that storage containers to house the materials had been ordered and were due to arrive by the end of this week or the start of next week.

Jay Lees agreed to look into how a similar situation has arisen concerning some materials now apparently also being stored in the BCFCSA merchandise hut.

ACTION: Les Pegler to follow this up by e-mailing Jay Lees.

Jay Lees said that Ian Dawes, Stephen Vaughan junior and Nick Wood would be happy to meet with members of BCFCSA prior to Friday's home match against Connah's Quay.

Date of next meeting: 6/3/17