Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 3rd April March 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Brown (chair), John Bowman, Andy Hall, Terry McCarthy, Peter Smithson, Simon Clarkson.

Apologies: Ken Hullock, Kris Foster, Graeme Harker, Andrew Dobinson, Anna Jensen.

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. **Matters Arising**

i. March meeting minutes were approved.

ii. Record of committee decisions made via WhatsApp or E-mail since last meeting:

1. AJ amended March minutes as agreed.
2. Ben Gunn Goal of the Month award agreed.
3. Purchase of trophies agreed and actioned on the basis that these can be stored and used in the future if no annual awards are made this season. (see item 3i.)

ii. March action notes reviewed.

2. REPORTS

Officer reports were noted.

<u>i. Information</u>

AH stated that the new website is easy to change and he welcomes suggested amendments and updates from so committee members.

Agreed: that the social media competition was now inappropriate and that the football purchased as a prize should be used as a 40 club prize.

Noted that CUFC has drafted a “Supporter Social Media Policy” for all supporters groups to consider, which will be discussed at CUSG on 14th April. **Agreed:** Discuss social media policy at May meeting.

Agreed: In the light of the excellent work of the Carlisle Collective to interview players from the 1970’s, AH will seek interviews with players from the 1980’s onwards.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

<u>i. Implications of relegation</u>

<u>End of season awards</u>

Agreed: Following discussion it was agreed that we will not make end of season awards.

<u>Branch response to requests from media</u>

DB asked that we agree guidance for himself and other committee members who are asked for and agree to, give comments to the media. Committee were clear that there is no 'branch view', so comments must be prefaced by a clear statement that their views are personal and not intended to represent the diverse views among our 370 members.

Agreed: AH will draft and circulate guidance for agreement.

<u>ii. Matchday</u>

TM reported arrangements for the final three away matches:

Morecambe - Saturday April 12th - KO 15:00.

Pub: William Mitchell, Glentworth Rd, Morecambe, LA4 4SZ.

Ticket Distribution - T McCarthy - 13:30 - 14:30.

Accrington - Monday April 21st - KO 15:00.

Pub: The Crown, Whalley Rd, Accrington, BB5 5DQ.

Ticket Distribution - T McCarthy - 13:30 - 14:30

Cheltenham - Saturday April 26th - KO 15:00

Pub; The Kemble Brewery Inn, 27 Fairview St, Cheltenham, GL52 2JF.

Ticket Distribution - T McCarthy - 13:30 – 14:30

Agreed: Relegation may well lead to a number of matches where away tickets are limited and so **TM** will review branch arrangements for ticket allocation and report to the June meeting with proposals.

<u>iii. AGM date and venue</u>

Agreed: Date of Saturday 19th July. DB to investigate venues including the former Finborough Arms (now Yogi's Kensington) and Windsor and Eton Brewery.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

<u>i. Date of next meetings</u>:

May 22nd at 19:00 via Zoom

<u>ii. Any other business</u>

Mascots

DB thanked SC, AJ and RV for their hard work in delivering the branch Mascot arrangements which have been such a success this season.

Agreed: SC and AJ to review the plan and process for the 25/26 season and report to the May meeting. **DB** to talk to Ruth Vamadevan.