Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 22nd May 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Brown (chair), John Bowman, Andy Hall, Terry McCarthy, Peter Smithson, Simon Clarkson Ken Hullock, Andrew Dobinson, Steve Batey.

Apologies: Anna Jensen.

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. **Matters Arising**

i. April meeting minutes were approved.

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

1. AD had purchased £100 worth of Eden Valley Hospice raffle tickets as agreed
2. AJ's expressed concerns at lack of diversity in the Club's season ticket poster passed on to Nigel Clibbens who said he would act.
3. SC had purchased branch season tickets as agreed.

ii. April action notes reviewed.

1. SC and AJ to liaise on mascots. TM happy to buy mascot pack and make sure it's delivered for away matches

2. REPORTS

Officer reports were noted.

i. Information

AH proposing Zoom interviews with former players. These could include a few branch members. DB suggested a Zoom meeting for Carlisle fans.

Agreed: AH to come back with proposals via WhatsApp.

Ii Treasurer

AD reported that approximately £16,000 would be available for good causes at end of the branch year. AH suggested we should keep paying for live matches at the CSC.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. AGM

DB suggested the AGM should be via Zoom and Tom and Patty invited to join. DB said that MC had suggested having the AGM before an away match, of which there will be quite a few in the London area. It was agreed that this would be more suitable for a social event.

Agreed: AGM to be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 10th July via Zoom. **DB** to invite Tom & Patty. It was also agreed that we should have a committee meeting in July soon after the fixtures are released.

ii. Matchdays next season

It was agreed that a discussion regarding ticket availability for branch members would be put back to the next meeting when we would have the full fixture list. TM thought that next season there would be fewer than half a dozen away matches where fewer than 1,000 tickets would be available for our fans. SC pointed out that a number of clubs were likely to sell tickets online only rather than pass them to Carlisle Utd to sell.

TM suggested that we sponsor fixture cards which CUSAT had ceased sponsoring. TM said he'd speak to Kate Rowley.

Agreed: TM to speak to Kate Rowley and pass on information about cost of fixture cards

iii. Membership fees

PS submitted a paper setting out details about membership, which is at an all-time high, and included pros and cons of raising fees or keeping them at the same levels.

Agreed: To keep fees at current levels for the 25/26 season. DB confirmed that this does not have to be ratified at the AGM.

iv. Social Media Policy

Agreed: Defer until the next meeting.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Date of next meeting:

July, after next season's fixtures released.

ii. Any other business

74/75 T Shirts

DB indicated that sales of shirts had dried up and that we had not been charged by the club for the shirts we had taken to sell ourselves. We were yet to make a donation to charity as we had agreed.

SC suggested that we should make the charitable donation on behalf of both ourselves and the club.

Agreed: DB to email Suzanne Kidd with the offer to make the donation.

AH passed on offer from Paul Simpson to do a Zoom event when his book is published in November.