Bath City FC Board Meeting

Monday 20 June 2022

Hybrid

**Attendees:** Jon Bickley (Chair in room), Nick Blofeld, Cheryl Bradley, Christopher Flanagan, Peter Headington, Shane Morgan, Andrew Pierce, John Reynolds, Paul Williams, Jane Jones

**Observers**: Carole Banwell, Chris Coles

**Joy Saunders** joined the meeting for the Redevelopment item only

Nick welcomed Jane to her first Board as a Director and thanked her for her contribution already in making real progress with establishing the Bath City Women’s Team.

1. **Football update**

**Men** Paul provided a good update on progress with players for the new season and Jerry was pleased with how things are developing. 14 players were signed and 2 tbc, plus 2 youngsters potentially joining. The re-signing of Alex Fletcher was particularly good news and really welcomed by the Club/supporters.

The pre-season games were briefly discussed and will provide some good tests, and the Bath Uni pre-season will be a welcome return. The Open Day 24 July should give good interaction with players and young supporters.

**Women** Really good progress has been madewith good conversations in many areas, including great co-ordination with the Foundation. Timing is good to re-introduce a Women’s Football Group to help support Jane, Carole and Peter.

**Action:** Jane, Carole and Peter to think/plan how best to bring in more resource (Supporters Society/Club reps?)

**Pitch** Handover going well so far, we could always do with more volunteers

1. **Re-Development**

Discussions continue with potential partners, and also Greenacre.

**3. Finance**

**Finance report**

Paul circulated and discussed the finance report and is reasonably happy with where we are and how things are flowing through.

**Partial Loan Repayment/Debt extension**

This has now been concluded.

**4. Working Group updates**

**Community/Foundation**

**i Bath City Youth**

Some good progress with BCY, there is some enthusiasm to connect better with the Club, help sell season tickets and generally engage with us. Peter is working up a revised MoU/SLA just to clarify our position.

**ACTION:** MoU/SLA to be agreed/signed by BCY (and Foundation agreement to also be updated)

**ii. Ops/SAG/Capacity/Alcohol**

**Ground/maintenance:**

The Grandstand was inspected and BANES representatives were happy, capacity tbc but it should go up. There was also a positive outcome with the EICR inspections not having to be so regular.

**Alcohol sales** - John R is now helping review and assist with the development of the catering unit that was bought and that we can adapt – it is on the sloping ground in the South East corner of the ground (Popular side).

The **floodlights** remain a problem and we are looking at the most cost effective way to replace/upgrade them, using central grants where possible to cover most of the cost. Paul is leading on this and a plan is to follow.

**iii. Commercial**

The team has made good progress in many areas and the CSR angle is beginning to bear fruit. Novia’s involvement in Women’s Football sponsorship, at a significant level, is a great step forward.

**5. Society & Supporter Updates**

**Society:** congrats to Jon for being re-elected and Jane for being elected to the Club Board. The AGM went well and some good discussion points were raised, thanks to the Board members and Chris C who joined it. One motion carried was the need to proactively plan for succession on the Board, the Society Cttee. will now pick up on that. The survey results were also explained more clearly, showing if and where any sentiment had changed in the past 5 years – generally the same priorities remain, although it is a slightly smaller/more limited audience who participated this time.

**ACTION:** Christopher F to bring forward a draft succession plan proposal to the Board. Early input from the Board, to understand day to day operations, will be very useful.

**Supporters:** generally positive about player announcements so far. Coach away travel costs remain an issue, and we discussed briefly why it isn’t really a commercial/sponsorship opportunity.

**6.** **Actions from the Last Meeting to be Carried Forward:**

**ACTION:** Single payment method across the ground still tbc – Andrew and Carole to revisit this

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted:

**7. AOB**

* Chris C raised the question of ceIebrating our 5 years of community ownership, as we have come a long way and achieved quite a lot! Maybe this can be linked to a volunteers “thank you” evening bbq?

**8. Date of Next Meeting:** Moved to 25 July due to heat.