Bath City Board Report

1900 Thurs 2 February 2023

Hybrid

**Attendees:** Nick Blofeld, Jon Bickley, Cheryl Bradley, Peter Headington, Jane Jones, Shane Morgan, Andrew Pierce, John Reynolds, Paul Williams, Pete McCormack

**Apologies: Chris Coles**

Jerry Gill attended for the first item.

**1. Football Update**

**Men’s**

Jerry gave an update on player fitness and where he sees potential for loans. Alex Fletcher’s progress is encouraging and he has been attending training sessions and matches.

Results have been disappointing over the last 5 games, with injuries forcing players out of position, but Jerry reported team spirit as good and a belief we can build momentum over the last 19 games. Losses have been due to key moments rather than overall performance and game analysis has highlighted opportunities for improvement.

Jerry left the meeting.

Jane left the meeting at 20:00

**Women’s**

There was no report this month but huge congratulations to the team for a remarkable win against last season’s run-away winners (who chose not to be promoted).

**2. 3G Pitch**

The planning application will be ready to go in by Monday, but will be put on hold until the necessary internal comms have gone out.

**Action:** Nick/Jane – to arrange comms on 3G & update on potential developer position.

**Action**: Nick to amend Peter H’s note into a “paper” for the Society on their questions over the strategy on 3G.

Due to exploration of funding avenues and timings it is less likely that the pitch will be done this summer. Planning permission would help attract funding but it’s important to make sure no-one is taken by surprise by reading about it in the public domain before via the Club.

On the back of the 3G plans, the Club’s largest lenders have agreed to extend their loans for another 12 months assuming all the other lenders agree. This needs to be confirmed by the auditors’ deadline of 28th February, although an extension may be possible if necessary.

**Action:** Nick & Pete – phone the smaller lenders asap to get agreement.

**3. Finance**

Latest financial update circulated by Paul ahead of the meeting.

We now have data/graph showing daily energy usage, which highlighted the extent to which usage increases dramatically on match days to 700 kwh, although floodlight usage is not the biggest issue. We have started turning things off whenever possible (eg fridges) and will monitor the impact.

Still a couple of sponsorship payments outstanding.

**Action:** Peter and Stuart, Paul and Pete to chase up.

**Action**: Andrew/Jon to prep season tickets for 2023/24

Waiting to hear from potential shirt and stadium sponsors – likely to be next week when Carole returns from holiday. Otherwise, we will get the relevant Sponsor Draw underway.

Money has been donated to cover the 3G planning application.

The scaffolding company has gone now as they needed more space. We will be following up with Curo as the parking agreement with them ends shortly. They have been using the parking more for at least 4 days a week recently.

Excluding football, we’ve made £65k more in rental income than this time last year. However, we do need cash injection to see us over the next two years.

**5. Operations, SAG, H&S**

**Licensing**

The consultation period has ended, with no objections we’re aware of. The fire brigade sent a questionnaire, it seems they might have thought reference to a “bar” meant a new building. We’re expecting to hear the decision tomorrow and assuming it is positive, we can be ready for the next Saturday game. We’ll be using an existing catering unit, which is ready to go other than moving some things around and adding signage. The John Reynolds lounge will also be open to sell drinks for all supporters before the match and during half-time, which can now be taken back into the ground. TR Hayes users will also be able to take drinks into the grandstand.

**Burst Pipe Reparations**

The insurance assessor has agreed the work can be done so we’re just waiting for a date for Jem to start work. There was a £1k excess.

Jem also sorted out the heating in Charlie’s & Randall’s after years of British Gas saying it couldn’t be repaired.

**6. Community**

**Action:** everyone to read the Foundation SLA circulated and feedback any comments directly to Jane asap.

**Bath City Youth**

No further progress on SLA yet, Nick awaiting new Chair.

**2000BC**
Average crowds so far are exactly the same as for same number of games last season: 1,138

**Family day**

Roper Trust is funding attendance by St Michael’s school pupils and their parents as part of the Community Family Partnership. Dates of all 'special matches’ tbc asap.

**7. Society Cttee & Supporters Club**

**Society**

With the Succession strategy agreed the tangible detailed individual plan is now being worked up. Pete Mc will talk to Nick about it offline.

**Supporters**

There are concerns over team performance with chants of “Jerry out” for the first time at the last match. Meet the Manager was good but had disappointing numbers (c15 in the room and c15 online). Next time it might be good to have other guests as well, eg the team captain.

**8. Minutes of the Last Board Meeting**

Date of meeting needs correcting.

**Actions Carried over:**

* Paul to nominate a date in Jan/Feb for the Club AGM & set it up.
* Working Group tbc (led by Carole, Jane and Jon?) on the celebrations of 5 years of community ownership, create an end of season event - discussion took this more in the direction of an investment case event.

Minutes of the Board Meetings for December 2022 and January 2023 were agreed.

Proposed: John Reynolds, Seconded: Shane Morgan

**9. AOB**

Paul and Quentin attended the League EGM. Two things to note:

1. The FA is insisting all clubs have someone who has training in trauma management. Physio Sarah took the relevant courses last year, which are valid for 3 years.
2. The League is working on a strategy document, for which consultation events are being held for CEOs/General Managers/equivalents in various regions. We are invited to the one which will include Hungerford etc.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 6th March