

Wigan Athletic Supporters Club  
Minutes  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Present;

Caroline Molyneux, Jason Taylor, Jeff Taylor, Deb Chapman, Norma Unsworth, Marie Brookfield, Adam Pendlebury, Eddie Earley

Apologies;

Adam Conroy

Rachael Davies – Sabbatical Period until end of Season 2022-23.

1. Matters Arising from the minutes

Minutes were accepted from previous meeting.

2. Football Club Update - recent meetings with Club Officials

CM gave an update on meetings with the Chairman Talal and the council. All meetings had been positive and reassured us that the ownership are committed to WAFSC. CM also met with Tom Markham who was addressing the Official Charter for WASC (see item 4).

3. Coach Update

JT gave an update that we are currently +£300 for the season on coaches. We are able to offer coaches to Reading at £25 per seat as a result which is a very competitive price.

4. Issues with WAFCTASC

Some confusion had arisen with the new club running travel bookings from Whelan's/Eavesway that we were affiliated/the same organisation. The Football Club are in the process of updating the charter for the Official Supporters Club to confirm the affiliation and benefits to both parties of having official status.

5. Recent WASC events

An update was given on the Quiz Night, Community Day with the Extra time choir which had both been very successful events for fans.

6. Upcoming WASC events

The Quiz Night on 14<sup>th</sup> April is a special one to raise extra funds for the WACT and following this it will return to a weekly quiz night with all entry fees being donated to WACT via us. Planning for the dinner is going well and we will have a one item agenda next meeting to plan for roles for the night.

7. Planning for end of season/close season - financial audit/AGM/2023-24 membership

We now have auto-renewal on memberships online on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Therefore, we will need to wait until then to open new memberships. Next year will be 40 years of WASC and 10 years of OWASC. JT has contacted the FSA to have a financial health check completed by them prior to the AGM in June.

8. Community Trust Update

CM met with the new Head of Community, Gareth Nolan last week. The Super Sleepover has been agreed in principle for August/September with them and with Tom at the club. Once the fixtures are announced we can book in a suitable date and begin full planning.

9. Committee recruitment

CM read a statement from Charlie Keegan who had expressed an interest in joining the committee. With skills in social media management and online experience, Charlie was co-opted onto the committee. Proposer Adam Pendlebury, Seconder Jason Taylor.

Lauren Chapman had attended the meeting to find out more about the committee work and is considering joining the committee for 2023-24.

Terry Knowles had contacted the Chair to inform her that he did not have time currently to come onto the committee as a full member.

It was agreed that a number of "Associate Stewards" would be held and displayed on our website to support coaches. These are currently: Ste Dempsey, Ian Wadsworth, Andrew McClaren, Becky Morton, Terry Knowles.

## 10. FSA update

AP gave an update on the Fan Led Review and that the Fans Advisory Board is still on the agenda of the FSA. AP is meeting with Jane from the FSA on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April for an update.

A.O.B  
NONE

**Next Meeting Friday 21st April 2023, 6.30pm prior to Quiz Night in Whelan's - one item agenda – FA Cup Anniversary Events.**