

Wigan Athletic Supporters Club

Minutes

Friday 25th August

Present;

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

Apologies;

Sam Rimmington

- Coach Update – Jason Taylor gave an update on coaches and coach prices. JT and CM had met with Swans Travel earlier in the day. They are very keen to support us in any way they can. They apologised for the lateness of the Wrexham coach. They are looking at whether we can have team buses for the same price as our executive coaches for longer journeys when those teams are at home and we are away.
- Club update – CM met with Ben Goodburn on 29th August (notes added into minutes to report to committee). See notes from the meeting below:

Things going well

- Relationship with Club is very positive. Diane Winnard - using us really well as volunteers e.g. flags, heritage project, sensory project. Jamie and Jay are linking in well with us.e.g requests from the manager re: flags/past players, new newsletter content, sharing social posts.
- Commercial - SC have spent approx £9K so far with commercial team.
- Links with CT continue. Quiz nights raised £200 so far this season.
- Total of 18 coaches taken to away games. 5 full coaches this Saturday. Travelling with the SC for all 5 games would've saved £28 per person compared to competitor.

Points for action

- South stand bar - no sound at all via televisions. Sodexo ran out of money to complete. They've had a quote for £4.5K but require the club/SC to invest. Ben and Andy Birch investigated and agreed to upgrade the sound asap.
- Experience in SS bar. Need more support from club in terms of players visiting the stand for short interviews. We can facilitate this but currently no one from the club visits the bar on match days.
- WAFC Travel - concerns continue about inappropriate methods used to gain members at £5 per person. Aiming to appear "official" to persuade fans to join including misrepresenting the SC when contacting sponsors. BG was supportive and agreed that a charter needs to be in place for fan groups.
- Past Players association – we are awaiting a date from Jamie and Shaun for the PPA first meeting. We would like Ben to come to represent the club and talk to the former players about getting them on board.

We have also written a double page spread for the new Latics Monthly and the club have asked us to sell copies in the bar at £6 each.

- Upcoming events – Quiz Nights are going well with £200 donated to the Community Trust this week,. A fans forum will be run by the club for all season tickets holders and Jamie Allen will ask us to get involved.
- Future events – We are hoping to run a dinner in March – 25 years since we left Springfield Park – memories. Jason will speak to Roberto for dates and CM to book the room.
- FSA update – all documentation has been sent to Nic Cave for our conversion to a Supporters Trust and we are awaiting next steps. AP gave an update of recent forums he has attended

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NONE

Next Meeting – Friday 22nd September 6pm in Whelan's