

LCFC DSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23RD JUNE 2022

The meeting commenced at 19.33

The meeting started with a minute silence for departed members

THOSE PRESENT

Sandra Fixter (Chair), Brian Toon, Bernard Rice, Eddie and Judith Smoraczewski, Sarah Mitchell Holland, Quym Greaves, John and Wendy Knight, Clive Mawby, Tony Mitchell, Chris Pryke, John and Jackie Saunt

APOLOGIES

David Gamble, Rosemary Keeber, Stuart Robinson, Victor Shornyk, Neville Turner, David Markley, Paul Hatton, Alan Herbert, David Schofield, Anne Barwell.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

- a) SF apologised for not having done the Handbook. She is waiting for information from LCFC.
- b) The problems with the disability toilets has largely been resolved but CM said there was still a problem in Block H. JS said that if anyone finds a problem, message her and she will contact Anna Dickman.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by C Mawby and seconded by Jackie Saunt.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

SF reported that for everyone it has been a difficult couple of years. Some people have not attended matches due to shielding and some have not returned at all. She has worked with the Club to extend their season tickets.

The DSA Committee worked throughout lockdowns via Zoom meetings and when we could. In person.

The DSA is represented by SF on the Premier League Disability Advisory Group. They are involved in many issues. Most recently they have been dealing with the problems of disabled fans travelling abroad. They often meet with the Premier League to discuss such issues as disability seating and clear viewpoints at matches. Anna Dickman is now the Disability Officer and she has been very helpful to the DSA. She just deals with disability matters. QG commented that although she attends every match and always sits in the same space she cannot get a season ticket. JS will contact AD on her behalf **ACTION JS**

SF also said that we have, in the past, held quiz nights, bingo nights and quizzes which have been very successful but when we tried to arrange a trip to Cadbury World there was no interest. We really need a Social Secretary to research activities and encourage support for them.

She finished by saying that we have lost many members in the last few years and we would like to attract new members especially those who are interested in taking an active role.

TREASURERS REPORT

BR reported that he had produced three years of accounts as we had not been able to hold an AGM due to Covid. He had produced a full breakdown of income and expenditure and an asset register.

BMM ACCOUNT The DSA gets some interest on this account which was £1.74 for the year. The previous year interest was 75p. The balance of the account is £17,561.45.

CHARITABLE ACCOUNT Balance £5,126.99

We have not been able to hold a quiz night for two years due to lockdown. No money was raised during this time apart from membership. However the accounts had to be done despite Covid.

The Bank now charges £5 per month. BR said that the banks do not want group accounts because of the extra administration such as change of signatories.

CM suggested that we should look at different accounts. QM commented that a Community Account depends on few transactions otherwise there are charges. Accounts drop off if payments are not made regularly.

INCOME

£1656.32

TOTAL HELD £23086.71

EXPENDITURE

The website was paid for by SF and reimbursed by B

Auditor £100

A phone, shredder and printer/photocopier were purchased last year.

The Small Lottery Licence has to be renewed annually.

Access cards were paid for.

A duplicate payment error was made by BR. This has been repaid. This will show in this year's accounts.

The Auditor is concerned that we hold such a large amount of money.

A discussion followed on how we could spend some money. CM asked if we could use some money to enhance the Sensory room when it's built. SF explained that we were originally looking at turning one of the boxes into a sensory room but we were not allowed to. The Club are now paying for it. She went on to say that we want to buy seats near the disability entrances for people arriving early. The new disability entrance in the West Stand was paid for by the Club. CM asked if we could subsidise future membership subscriptions but SF said we prefer to earmark it for future bigger projects.

CM asked the dates of the Financial Year. BR said it was the February 1st to January 31st. CM then asked if Membership renewal could be done in December. JS said that was not possible it was the busiest time of the year and we have to do it in January. CM asked if membership could be aligned with the AGM but BR needs time to prepare the accounts and get them audited.

Jackie Saunt proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting be accepted, Quym Greaves seconded and it was carried unanimously.

LCFC REPORT

There was no representation by LCFC at the Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was agreed in the past that not all Officers of the DSA should be elected for their 3 year term at once. SF said this presented a problem as according to the rules we were all due for re-election this year due to Covid. Therefore, Sandra Fixter, Eddie Smoraczewski and Sarah Holland had resigned and could be elected for 1 year. Brian Toon, Bernard Rice and Judith Smoraczewska would stand for 3 years. CM proposed that this plan should be adopted and it was seconded by Jackie Saunt. The motion was carried unanimously. CM suggested all officers be elected en block. This was agreed.

CM then proposed a vote of great thanks to the Committee for their work during a difficult time. There was unanimous agreement.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

SF proposed that instead of having a charity partner for a year we would make an annual donation to local disability charities. This was agreed. Chris Pryke suggested Able Camp as this year's recipient. This is a charity which sends disabled young people camping in Wales. This was agreed by all.

PRIZE DRAW

The draw was made at the AGM and the winners were as follows;-

£250 Laura Sharp

£50 James Robinson, John Savage, Caylen James, Philip Potter, and Richard Stephens

The extra £25 draw for those attending was won by Jaquie Saunt.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A discussion was held about future events. Now the Holiday Inn has taken over the Blues Bar the DSA will approach them with a view to holding events there [ACTION SF](#)

The Committee were asked why events could not be held at the KP Stadium. The reason is that catering costs are extortionate and we would have to charge too much.

It was agreed that we would try to arrange a Christmas quiz night and possibly a bingo night. CM would like to meet Brendon Rogers. SF and JS met hm on a tour of Seagrave Training Ground. He is amenable to meeting fans. SF said we would like to arrange a trip for Members to the new Training facility and that all those who attended the AGM would be first on the list.

There was a query as to why there are no longer any supporter buses on Matchdays. It is because there are not enough people using them to justify the expense. There is one from Nuneaton for away games. Some groups of supporters hire their own minibuses.

CM complained about the Police van in the Middle of Raw Dykes Road on match days that prevents people turning right and that Burnmoor Street is closed at the end of the game. He was informed that all traffic issues are under the direct control of the Police and we and LCFC have no say in what they decide.

CP asked if there would be coaches for all away games next season. He was told that there will be at least one accessible coach for all games and seats are taken out to accommodate wheelchairs. The coach can be booked at the same time as you buy your ticket.

CM asked why we are charged an admin fee for buying tickets on the phone. He said people want to buy tickets from the ticket office in the shop he said "if they can sell scarves they can sell tickets" All disability queries are now being handled by Anna Dickman.

WK asked if it was possible to get on site disability parking. She was advised to contact Anna.

CM said that as the roads are closed and supporters have to arrive so early for the match there should be somewhere warm and dry where the elderly and disabled can wait before they have to take their seats. It will be discussed with Anna at a Committee meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9pm