

Minutes of Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club AGM

Meeting held at the Shipwright Arms, Tooley Street, London on Friday 21 July 2017

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from P Abbott, R Eagles, T Reed, G Castro, A Allsop and J Leonard.

2. Chairman's address:

Stuart thanked the committee for the effort put in during the year and in particular Dave Slape, Peter Woodfield and Roy Eagles. Stuart said it had been a very smooth year for the club apart from the chopping and changing of travel arrangements due to late switching of matches for television.

3. Matters arising from 2016 AGM:

(i) At the last AGM it was noted that the committee would amend the Rules to add the Webmaster as a permanent committee member. Any Rule change requires the agreement of an AGM and it was agreed that the Webmaster be added as a permanent member of the committee and that Rule 27 be amended to reflect this.

(ii) Dave Slape asked about the latest position with Expro. Stuart said nothing further had been heard on the matter since it was last reported at the AGM last year.

(iii) Approval of the minutes was proposed by Stan Armett and seconded by Dave Gilson.

4. Secretary's report:

Dave Slape reported that the membership stood at 219 at the end of last season (16/17). Subs paid were £2,873 and the Golden Gate up to the same date had brought in £445.50. The secretary's expenses were £932.72. Dave Slape said he would like to thank Peter Woodfield, Stuart Earl, Peter Bartlett, Roy Eagles, Steve Ray, Peter Abbott and Morris Jacobs.

Dave Gilson queries if anything could be done to cut back on posting and Dave Slape replied that posting was kept to a minimum but that some people still wanted the magazine posted to them/

A vote of thanks was given to Dave Slape for all his work over the last year.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Carol apologised for the typographical error at the bottom of the financial statement. Carol reported that there were a lot of events last season based around the 50th anniversary, arranged by Roy and attended by many former players. With most of these the club paid part of the guest's expenses when the attendance of members did not cover the full expense of the function. . A few people still owe money for match tickets/ travel (£87.50) and for meals (£157.50) but that this should be collected within the next few weeks. A copy of the financial Statement for 2016/2017 is attached to these minutes. At the end of the season there is a slight deficit of £1,685.70 although this will reduce slightly one outstanding money is received.

The HSBC account amount has changed slightly since the statement as the season tickets have been purchased.

Stuart said that he had received an invitation for the Club to apply for a Corporate Credit Card in the name of London Wolves Limited, which it was agreed by all would assist the Club when purchasing match tickets, train tickets and for major events. Due to a misunderstanding the wrong figure was input on the application form and it was declined with the suggestion to apply again in 6 months time. The card would give cashback of between 1 – 1.5% on purchases which would help raise funds for the club. For the club to proceed use a credit card it would need the amendment of two Rules numbers 30 and 32. As any rule change requires approval at an AGM the proposal was that Rule 30 be amended to delete the first sentence and Rule 32 be amended to add words to the effect of:-

“In the case of a London Wolves Corporate Credit Card the need for two signatures be waived”.

The amendment to Rule 30 was proposed by Dave Gilson and seconded by Stefan Leonard and the amendment to Rule 32 was proposed by Kevin Henworth and seconded by Stan Armet. Both proposals were carried unanimously by the meeting.

Stan Armett raised the issue of the Wolves Former Players dinner and the apparent cost to the club. Carol replied that the outstanding money has now been collected but not before the accounts were finalised. There will be a small loss of £50 on this event.

6. Travel Secretary's report:

Peter reported that we ran trips to all 27 home games and 17 away games. He thanked Morris Jacobs who provided transport to a number of midweek games. The highest attended trips were:

Home – Sheffield Wednesday (33) Burton (29) and Brentford (29)

Away – Newcastle (23) and Liverpool (23)

There was a slight increase in the average number travelling to both home and away games.

Fare prices varied throughout the year because we have to compete with other travellers in order to get the cheapest fares. The fare for home games varied between £16-£25. Train companies demand immediate payment once the booking is confirmed. Bookings with all train companies can be made up to 3 months in advance, but this is not always possible with matches being re-scheduled.

The outstanding money from 2015/16 has now been collected with two people owing money from 2016/17. Overall there was a loss of £348.05 due to the club part subsidising some of the more expensive long away trips.

We have renewed 6 club season tickets under the “Early Bird” scheme for the 2017/18 season at a cost of £2,702. A loss of £1,212.50 was made from the sale of match day tickets and we would probably not have purchased 6 tickets for this season, but for the potential rebate from the club if the season ticket target was met.

Members have also purchased 13 away season tickets.

Peter thanked the Wolves ticket office, particularly Dave Wood, in meeting our requests for match tickets last season and thanked Dave Slape for his help during the season.

TRAVEL SECRETARY'S REPORT

- We ran trips to all 27 home matches plus 17 away matches last season. There was mainly a good train service from Euston and from other London stations. Thanks are due once again to Morris Jacobs who provided transport to a number of games.
- Highest attended trips: Home Sheff Wed 33 Burton 29 Brentford 29
Away Newcastle 23 Liverpool 23
- There was a slight increase in the average number travelling to both home and away games.
- There was a deficit from trips of £348.05 as the Club part-subsidised some of the more expensive long away trips.
- Fare prices again varied because we have to compete with other travellers in order to get the cheapest fares. The fare for home trips was normally between £16- £25, depending on how early I can make the booking. Train companies require immediate payment once booking confirmed. Bookings with all train companies can be made up to 3 months in advance, but this is not always possible with matches being re-scheduled.
- The o/s money from 2015/16 was collected. Two people owe money from last season, which I am chasing up.
- 6 club season tickets were purchased on Wolves 'Early Bird' scheme in April 2016 at a cost of £2702. A loss of £1212.50 was made from the match day sale of the tickets. Thanks are due again to members who loaned their season tickets to the Club when they were unable to attend home matches. We have renewed 6 Club season tickets for the 2017/18 Season on the 'Early Bird' scheme.
- There were 13 away season tickets purchased by members.
- There has been no increase in match day prices for next season.
- Thanks were on offer once again to Wolves ticket office, particularly Dave Wood, in meeting our requests for match tickets last season. Thanks also to Dave Slape again for his help during the season.

7. Social Secretary's report:

Roy reported that it had been a good year on the social side. A smaller than normal Christmas event went well as did a mid-season "Seagull pie" event. The big success was the end of season meal at a pub outside of Wolverhampton.

Roy reported that more events will be planned during the coming season, including a possible event in London where some of the London based former players can attend.

Roy also reported over £100 had been raised for the club from the sale of key ring torches.

A vote of thanks was given to Roy for his efforts over the season.

8. Newsletter Editor's report:

The next newsletter should be with Dave Slape within the next two weeks. It was commented that the last few editions have been excellent particularly the 50th anniversary edition which Stuart said was one of the best ever produced.

9. Website Editor's report:

Peter Bartlett reported

(i) website costs.

In summary the website case is £190.00 but income from adverts of £522 gives a net surplus of £332.00. Peter is trying to get a deal with a new ISP which will cost approximately £450 for 5 years. Peter is to look further into this to get the best deal he can.

(ii) Website Activity

Social Media. We have around 2,900 followers on twitter and Jack and other runs a facebook entry which is used for news info and for others to contact us.

e-news. Contains amongst other things, travel from Peter, fixtures and Roy's events. The e-newsletter goes to all members who have given Dave an email address. Several friends, guests and former players also receive it.

LondonWolves.com / larchive.Londonwolves.com. Peter offered his thanks to members who sent photos of the various events over the last year to go on the website particularly Pete and Steve Carvell, Carol and Peter, Dave, Peter Abbott, Mark Fehan and Roy.

10. Election of Officers:

After all the committed confirmed their willingness to continue to stand, Dave Gilson proposed that the committee be re-elected en bloc. Seconded by John Wyatt. Proposal carried unanimously

11. Membership Fees:

No proposal was received to amend the membership fee.

12. Any other business:

Peter Bartlett raised the issue of sponsorship of Wolves Women. London Wolves have sponsored Anna Price (nee Perks) and the team for the past three seasons and last season they won promotion. It was proposed that we continue sponsorship for another season at a cost of £500. Proposed by Peter Bartlett and seconded by Carol Randall. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:32.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS LONDON SUPPORTER'S CLUB 2016 – 2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Fares	£19,622.35	Fares	£19,970.40
Match Tickets	£17,226.80	Match Tickets	£17,287.10
Season Tickets	£1,489.50	Season Tickets	£2,968.00
Membership	£2,873.00	Magazine Expenses	£1,360.00
Website Sponsorship	£364.49	WebSite	£32.36
Fares/Match Tickets 2015/16	£35.00	Chairman's Expenses	£16.00
50 th Anniversary Dinner	£395.00	50 th Anniversary Dinner	£847.00
Badge Sales	£130.00	Secretarial Expenses	£932.72
Goalden Gate Draw	£445.50	Travel Secretary Expenses	£237.43
Bank Charges	£4.00	Fleece Jackets	£480.00
Donations to Club	£29.92	Wolves Women Sponsorship	£500.00
WV1 Restaurant	£900.00	WV1 Restaurant	£900.00
Postage	£20.47	Catellani Restaurant	£99.00
Train Competitions	£153.00	Membership Cards	£20.00
Fleeces	£438.56	Taxi Fares for Guests	£50.00
Key Ring/Torch Sales	£100.00	WFPA Dinner Molineux	£569.00
Card Holders	£18.00	Xmas Meal Bluebrick	£14.19
WFPA Dinner Molineux	£315.00		
Programme Sales	£26.91		
TOTAL INCOME	£44,587.50	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£46,283.20

At the end of the season we have a deficit of **£1695.70**. There is **£87.50** still outstanding for Match tickets.

HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT AT 18/08/2017 = £3963.27