

Ravens Supporters Board Meeting - Monday 18th March 2024.

In Attendance

Christina Andrews, Nigel Beer, Mike Buckingham, Adrian Elms, Greg Jones, Paul Messenger, Andrew Miller, Roy Oliver, Ian Pettyfer, Richard Simpson, Sue Spencer and Georgie Weaver.

Guests

Mark Hammond.

Project 30,000 – Update.

- Total attendance so far is 19,350
- 4 Games to go – attendance required to meet the 30k is 2,662 per game.
- League average now sits at 2,530 (compared to 2,501 this time last season).

Sponsorship-

The board asked MH if the club felt that in accepting sponsorship from a business this meant the club endorsed that company's business.

The club does not feel that accepting sponsorship means they endorse that business.

Ongoing Health and Safety issues –

- Toilets – portacabins throughout the ground.
- The Terracing.
- Wiring on the rear of the car park end terrace.
- Roof on the car park end terrace.
- Disabled toilet being used as a storage room.

MH has already responded re the toilets, work has started to improve the hygiene, Pat has given the toilets a thorough clean and has started work on the missing locks, lighting issues, problems with the plumbing and the steps.

The board have forwarded photos provided by supporters regarding the other 3 issues to MH and he will investigate further.

MH will investigate removing the furniture being stored in the disabled toilet.

East Terrace Tea Hut –

Staffing remains the issue – it was planned to have the tea hut open at the Barnet match, but due to staff failing to attend for their shift on the day meant it was unable to open.

If supporters know of anyone looking for a part time position, please direct them to the club.

Staffing in Broomfields on Sundays when the ladies team have fixtures –

Georgie Weaver will be attending the next match and will feedback to MH re queue times etc, again the club are having issues with recruiting staff, as above If supporters know of anyone looking for a part time position, please direct them to the club.

Matchday Music –

The board informed MH that the music especially in the GB stand is too loud and that due to the poor sound system is difficult and painful to listen to, also the supporters would like to see more variation to the playlist.

Adrian has forward details to MH a company that could help with the sound system and MH will investigate the possibility of having fans request playlists etc.

Staff -

The Board asked MH as to why Jackie who has provided the club with long service was deemed surplus to requirements.

MH responded that due to changes in situations Jackie's position was no longer required.

Recent crowd trouble Home and Away -

3 stadium bans have been issued this season; further bans are pending via ongoing police investigations.

Stewards are actively removing offensive stickers and are also trying to discover them at source.

Ongoing investigation to obtain names/details of those causing trouble (via club appeal).

100+ club football course places –

We can confirm that it has been agreed with Jeff and Matt that 5 places will be available to underprivileged children for Easter and Summer course, these to be allocated by Jeff/Matt to what suits best, Jeff will deduct payment from the 100+club funds the club is holding and will provide details of cost and outstanding balance to Mike Buckingham.

100+Club –

- MH to investigate providing more physical prizes for the draw.
- Total money raised for the club in 2023 -£11,360.
- 394 members up to the end of March 2024.
- Greg to investigate seeking feedback from those who cancel their membership.
- Follow up required re advertising board.
- The board would like it on record that although members had suggested using money for the toilet renovations that they felt this was not where 100+ club funds should be used.

Kick off time for Gateshead away –

At present still scheduled for 3pm, no further details have been issued from the league, the club will notify supporters of any changes as soon as they are aware. (League have since confirmed that this will be a 12.15pm kick-off. Supporter-organised coach advised of time change)

A.O.B

Ravensbourne school car parking – MH & TRS have agreed to us using their car parking facility subject to us staffing the car park.

ST prices for next season – all board members to email Sue within 7 days with their suggestion for next seasons pricing, Sue will then forward this onto the club.

Next Meeting – Monday 13th May.