

Arsenal Disabled Supporters Association

Committee Meeting

held on Thursday 1st October 2020 – MS Teams Meeting at 6.30pm

Present: Anne Hyde (AH)
 James Warren (JW)
 Steve Foord (SF)
 Gordon Moser (GM)
 Karen Holton (KH)
 David Pullen (DP)

	Item		Who to Action
1	Apologies for Absence	Redmond Kaye (RK) Nicole Evans-Dear (NE-D) Ly Voong (LV) Allan Mabert (AM) Christopher Clelland (CC)	
2	Approval of minutes of previous meeting	The minutes from the meeting held on the 27 th August 2020 were approved.	
3	Matters arising from previous meeting	<p>AH is waiting to hear back from Anthony Joy regarding the 'Thank You' from ADSA.</p> <p>The raffle had been extremely well supported and had raised £330.</p> <p>AH had investigated Zoom and MS Teams and as MS Teams had a text facility which was beneficial for the deaf and hard of hearing, it was agreed to use MS Teams moving forward.</p> <p>The colour contrast and text facility on the Arsenal website has been raised with Alun Francis on the 25th September. Awaiting a response.</p> <p>The club will endeavour that season ticket holders will retain their seats post Covid 19. They will be guaranteed for the 2021/22 season definitely.</p> <p>If a supporter could not attend a match mid-week the ticket could be transferred, be put on ticket exchange or be donated to Teens Unite.</p>	

		<p>If a carer is not part of your support bubble then it would be up to the supporter to decide whether they attend the match but they should be meeting the current government guidelines – see the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Stewards will have been trained and that where possible clear visors will be used.</p>	
4	Secretary	AH welcomed Karen to the committee who had agreed to take on the role as Secretary.	
5	Life Membership	Following the change in the ADSA Constitution to include Life Membership, AH proposed that this was offered to Anthony Joy for the past four years of working with the club to improve facilities for disabled supporters. This was proposed by JW and seconded by GM. AH to write to Anthony.	AH
6	Vice Chairman	<p>The ADSA Constitution states that a Vice Chairman should be elected by the Committee. AH proposed Allan Mabert who agreed. This was proposed by JW and seconded by SF.</p> <p>Karen Holton was co-opted as Secretary. This was proposed by DP and seconded by GM.</p>	
7	Whats App	It was agreed to limit the conversations and keep to reasonable hours where possible.	
8	Donations to Charities	After a discussion, GM proposed that we selected one charity each year. The suggestions were The Willow Foundation, Arsenal Foundation, RNIB and Positive About Down Syndrome. It was agreed that Positive About Down Syndrome would be this years charity and that £150 would be donated. AH to write to the charity and to arrange for N-ED to pay this.	AH NE-D
9	Committee Members – Job Roles	AH had distributed the document with all the different job roles on the committee. This is to be discussed via email and the final document to be approved at the next meeting.	All
10	Social Media Update	CS had posted some pictures on Instagram and Twitter was now up and running again. Flyers can be tagged into Twitter and sound bites. It was agreed to look into how we can have an article about ADSA in the Match Day Programme.	AH
11	Membership Form	DP had produced a new form and after discussions some amendments to be made. DP to distribute to committee for final approval at next meeting.	DP
12	ADSA Banner	AH thanked GM for arranging a logo. However, Arsenal Supporters Club who arrange the banners, wish to have all Supporters Clubs to have similar banners in red and white and produce the artwork. AH had been sent the artwork and the cost	

		will be approximately £150 + vat for the banner. It was agreed to proceed with this purchase and AH to arrange.	AH
13	Strategy	It was agreed that two items will be focused on: (a) Arsenal Disabled Supporters page on the Arsenal website. AH and JW had met with Alun Francis and it had been decided a small working group to be formed. CS to join working group. (b) Alexa Skill for Arsenal Commentary for the blind and partially sighted - This had stopped and AH had emailed Mic Connetta who is responsible for Digital Experiences to find out the reason.	AH
14	Any Other Business	None	
15	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 27 th October at 7pm.	

Meeting closed at 7.45pm