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GENERAL MEETING OF THE WOLVES DSA Tuesday 07th May 2019

International Suite, Billy Wright stand, Molineux

Present	Appointment
Steve Daniels (SD)	Chairperson
Darren Cash (DC)	Vice Chair
Dennis Green (DG)	Secretary
Graham Lakin (GL)	Treasurer
Nigel Driver (ND)	Committee Member
Rob Grocott (RG)	Committee Member
Tony Grocott (TG)	Committee Member
Alan Lake (AL)	Committee Member
Andy Pike (AP)	Committee Member
Guy Weaver (GW)	Committee Member
Martyn Willis (MW)	Committee Member
Gary Woodward (GWO)	Committee Member
Jim Annis (JA)	DSA Member
Mick Annis (MA)	DSA member
Barbara Daniels (BD)	DSA Member
Adam Colley (AC)	DSA Member
Harry Colley (HC)	DSA Member
Roy Flavell (RF)	DSA Member
Richard James (RJ)	DSA Member
Leigh Moseley (LM)	DSA Member
Ryan Weaver (RW)	DSA Member
Pamela Webb (PW)	DSA Member
Ashley Woodward (AW)	DSA Member
Guests	
Nicola Annis (NA)	Member Parent
Belinda James (BJ)	Member Guest
Sidney Webb (SW)	Member Guest
Laura Wright (LW)	Disability Access Officer (DAO)
Apologies	
Alex Flavell (AF)	DSA Member
Teri Ann Griffiths	DSA Member
Nicole Lane (NL)	DSA Member
Lin Quirke (LQ)	DSA Member
Jordan Woodward (JW)	DSA Member
Kev Ward (KW)	DSA Member
Record of Decisions	
(a)	Action (b)

<p>1. Welcome to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair, SD welcomed everyone to the full meeting, including several new DSA members. For the benefit of the new members present, the Chair introduced himself, as did the other DSA Committee members <p>2. Apologies & Minutes from the previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were 6 pre meeting apologies notified to the secretary. <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair read through the minutes and requested member's comments, there were no items raised, DG updated the following items <p><u>Item 3 New DSA Patron</u></p> <p>DG added that Morgan Gibbs White is a new DSA Patron.</p> <p><u>Item 6 DSA Fans Parliament Rep</u></p> <p>DG confirmed that Tony & Rob Grocott represent the DSA.</p> <p><u>Item 8 Away Fans drop off for disabled supporter coach(es)</u></p> <p>DG stated that requests for drop off, for away disabled supporters must be submitted, in advance via the ticket office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair requested those members attending the last meeting to agree them as a true copy, GW proposed and ND seconded, all agreed. 	<p>Closed</p>
<p>3. Wolves Disabled Accessibility Officer, (DAO).</p> <p><u>Wembley Trip</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LW gave a brief report about the Wembley Semi Final trip, on April 6th. She had been in touch with Wembley prior to the trip to sort out a suitable drop off point for disabled supporters travelling by coach. There was only one safety issue reported, during the game concerning a smoke flare that ended up under a wheelchair but the rest of the day went smoothly. 	<p>Closed</p>
<p><u>Car Parking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LW informed the meeting that she has contacted disabled supporters requesting that anyone with a car parking pass, for the Stan Cullis car park should contact her if they were unable to attend a game and therefore do not use their pass. This will enable her to contact other registered disabled supporters and allocate the pass to them. There was a brief discussion reference 2 or 3 DSA Committee members attending a meeting, to be arranged with LW, to discuss disabled car parking arrangements for the 2019-20 season. SD suggest he, plus 2 other Committee members attend the meeting, GW and MW, volunteered to attend, date, time and venue to be confirmed by LW, DG will attend as a non-participating member. DG reminded the meeting that the DSA will be invited to be part of the Consultations, during the stadium redevelopment. 	<p>LW ongoing</p> <p>LW ongoing</p>

Season ticket Renewal forms

- There was a short briefing regarding the 2018-19 Season ticket renewal forms including reference to an error in the wording of a sentence linked to the DSA and the Wanderer car park. The sentence had been worded incorrectly, e.g. intimating that it was £8 to join the DSA. The wording should have indicated that it was £5 to join the DSA and that it was £8 to park on the Wanderer car park. She will ensure that the error will be explained to anyone ticking the relevant box.
- TG asked what car parks were provided by Wolves FC, LW added that full details could be found on page 12 of the Accessible guide, available on the Wolves website.

LW ongoing

Closed

Liverpool Away Coach

- After a couple of false starts, a wheelchair accessible coach has been arranged, for 21 supporters, jointly by Wolves FC and the DSA. There followed a boisterous discussion reference ticket allocation, travel arrangements and the Wolves ticket office policy for arranging an accessible coach with Leons, the contracted coach provider. LM stated that the confusion with arranging the coach was disorganised and confusing. To answer LM's observations more details were explained during the following discussion. The initial decision, by the DSA Social Committee, not to organise a coach, was made on April 15th, due to the limited provision of 12 wheelchair spaces, by Liverpool FC and the possible lack of members requiring transport, to make the paying for a coach, not financially viable. However, due to comments and feedback from some DSA members, GW contacted LW to offer some assistance, in enquiring if there was enough demand to generate a coach, LW agreed. Consequently SD, confirmed to GW to hastily enquire if there were sufficient DSA members to arrange a coach, i.e. a minimum of 30 supporters. DG was tasked to send out a time limited e mail, to which only 16 members stated their interest. Due to the financial implications and the lack of appropriate numbers it was again decided not to organise a DSA funded coach. LW decided to step in to research if there were other disabled supporters, possibly non DSA members to supplement the 16 that showed an interest, to arrange a coach. Leons stated that they could not provide an accessible coach. GW approached LW, to enquire as to whether he could assist by enquiring with Birmingham International, the regular accessible coach provider for previous DSA trip, to see if a coach was available. This was successful so a coach was organised, at a cost of £19.50 per person. It was agreed, via SD and LW that any shortfall/ in the cost of the coach would be shared by the DSA. After this discussion SD added that on previous occasions, when the DSA does not organise a coach, the ticket office stated that they would provide an accessible coach if there was sufficient interest from disabled supporters. RJ added that he would travel on a suitable coach if one was provided, BJ also stated this. In concluding the discussion, SD stated that he will address the provision of an accessible coach, for next season, via a meeting with the ticket office management.

Ongoing

4. Treasurers report.

- GL gave a brief overview of the DSA accounts, details can be found in a copy of the Treasurers report, attached to these minutes.

Closed

5. Memberships.

- DG informed the meeting that, to date, there were now 206 paid up members. He added that the renewal date for 2019-20 memberships

<p>commenced on the day of the DSA AGM, Saturday 8th June, full details would be published in the near future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP enquired as to the progress regarding the Secretary organising some assistance in managing the increased workload, due to the increased number of members and the associated processing of memberships. DG added that he had contacted a prospective committee member, who has agreed to assist, even if they are not voted onto the Committee. DG will keep the members updated after the AGM. 	<p>DG ongoing</p>
<p>6. Fans Parliament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TG informed the meeting that there were no updates from the Fans Parliament, as here had not been a recent meeting. However, the Parliament has been restructured consequently there were less meetings. 	<p>Closed</p>
<p>7. Social Committee.</p> <p><u>Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GL presented a summary from recent DSA Social committee meeting, please find attached copy of the report. He also outlined a comprehensive list of proposed social events and possible away coach trips, details will be announced in the future 	<p>Closed</p>
<p>8. Any other business.</p> <p><u>2019-20 season Disabled car parking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item was discussed during the briefing from the DAO. 	<p>Closed</p>
<p><u>DSA Annual General Meeting, (AGM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DG informed the members that the DSA AGM will be held at the Good Year Pavilion, Stafford road, W'ton, WV10 6AJ. Members are requested to arrive at midday for the meeting to commence promptly at 12.30. Full details will be sent to members asap. DG added that 7 Committee members are due to retire or renew their Committee membership, this includes the Chairman and the Secretary, again full details will be sent asap. DG briefly explained the differing time periods Committee members are in post, i.e. Chair, Vice Chair Secretary and Treasurer for 3 years, Committee members 2 years. There are 3 amendments, so far, proposed for ratification at the AGM, details will be forwarded to members prior to the meeting, for members to view. 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><u>DSA Player of the season 2018-19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DG informed the meeting that 80 members voted in the DSA Player of the season ballot, out of a total membership of 199 members. The winner and therefore player of the season is Raul Jimenez, (the full results are published at the end of the minutes). DG further explained, for the benefit of new members, that it is hoped that, as in previous years, allow the presentation of the DSA Player of the season trophy to be presented prior to a home game, at the start of the new season. If Wolves agree to this, 2 Disabled DSA members, plus a family member, friend or carer will be drawn from a ballot of those supporters that voted for Raul and form the trophy presentation party, please find detailed results attached to these minutes 	<p>DG/LW Ongoing</p>

<p><u>Level Playing Field Survey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DG informed the meeting that a LPF representative had contacted him reference a survey called “My Matchday Experience”, for disabled supporters to complete. It is hoped that this survey will provide data, especially concerning Disability abuse, on match days. It is hoped the LPF can use the data, to highlight issues to the relevant authorities, at a high level as possible. GW suggested that DG contact LPF requesting an appropriate e mail to forward to the members, all agreed. GW further suggested that LPF be contacted and asked to provide accurate information reference accessibility provision at sporting venues, e.g. Cricket, Rugby etc. This may give the Social Committee more options for arranging future social events. 	Ongoing
<p><u>Premier League Disabled Accessibility Group, (PLDAG)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SD informed the meeting that he will be attending a meeting of the PLDAG for a briefing about accessibility at Premier League football matches. He briefly outlined possible discussion points concerning actions to be taken over inadequate accessibility provisions, contravening a previously published Government green paper. SD requested a proposal from DSA members present for him to attend the meeting and present the views of Wolves DSA, GWo proposed, DC seconded all agreed. 	SD/Ongoing
<p><u>Midlands DSA Together, (MDSAT)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW gave a brief update of the current position regarding the group. He added that the last meeting, it was decided to change the name of the group, to reflect its main aims, which are to address divisions within some of the group members DSA’s and to make it a more social/informal meeting.. After some discussion it was decided to rename the group, Allies in Access. MW explained that 2 of the clubs, with major issues, concerning their DSA’s, Birmingham and Walsall are working hard to resolve their issues, e.g. Blues 2 separate organisations are moving closer together, Walsall’s 2 organisations are communicating with each other, however, although Aston Villa 2 groups are talking, there are still serious divisions. 	Closed
<p>10. Venue, date & time of next meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSA AGM, Saturday 8th June, Good Year Pavilion, Stafford road, W’ton, WV10 6 AJ, arrive midday for 12.30 start. Committee only July 2019, date to be arranged, DG will liaise with LW. <p>11. Meeting Close.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman thanked members & guests for attending, meeting closed 20.15. 	Ongoing

Dennis Green

Secretary

Wolves D.S.A social committee meeting report

Tuesday 7th May 2019

The social committee have been busy over the last few months starting with away games which are suitable for our members, to date we have taken coaches to West Ham, Crystal Palace, Chelsea, Manchester City, Everton, Burnley and to coaches to Manchester. Martyn did a very good job organising a trip to the Grand Theatre to see the pantomime, this was attended by 54 D.S.A members.

Our Christmas Bash was also well supported. In early January 61 of our members had an outstanding night at Monmore Green dog racing which including a 3-course meal. In the middle of March a 10 pin bowling competition at the Hollywood Bowl, Bentley Bridge, again this event was well supported by 25 members. On 28th April we held a fishing competition for 25 of our members, our Chair Man Steve Daniels caught 24 fish and walked away with his trophy and Rob Grocott won a prize for the heaviest fish.

Treasurers Report

There has been a steady flow of new members through the season which we hope will continue into next season.

As you all properly know Wolves D.S.A managed, after a lot of hard work to gain some lottery funding which enabled the social committee to gain £10,000, this has been used to hire coaches to away games and other events that have been mentioned above with many being fully funded by our D.S.A. We cannot apply for more funding till end in October, so it means we must be very selective how we spend the remaining money. We will make a bid for more funding in September.

At present I hold £137.90 in cash and our bank balance is £6,779.74.

WOLVES DSA PLAYER OF THE SEASON 2018-19

PLAYER	VOTES
Raul Jimenez	28
Matt Doherty	18
Diogo Jota	11
Joao Moutinho	10
Willy Boly	5
Conor Coady	5
Ruben Neves	1
Rui Patricio	1
Adama Traore	1
Votes Returned	80
Members not voted	119

As of 03/5/2019

RAUL JIMENEZ IS THE DSA 2018-19 PLAYER OF THE SEASON