

Bingley Bantams Supporters Group (Rules)



1.0 The Supporters Group Year and Audit

1.1 The Supporters Group year shall run from 1 June to 31 May. Once in every year a financial statement of the Supporters Group shall be prepared by the Treasurer and be made ready for presentation at the AGM

2.0 The Management Board

2.1 The Management Board shall comprise of the 3 officers, (Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman), who must be adult members and shall be elected by the membership of the Supporters Group.

2.2 The Management Board members will be fully subscribed members and be prepared to be actively involved in the activities of the Supporters Group.

2.3 Nominations for election to the Management Board proposed and seconded in writing or by email must be in the hands of the Secretary seven days prior to the appropriate meeting.

2.4 The Management Board will elect a chairman from amongst its elected members.

2.5 The Management Board shall have the power to co-opt members to serve on the Management Board to fill any vacancies on a temporary period, the length of which shall be determined by the other members of the board. Should the elected members fall below three (3), an Extraordinary General meeting shall be called to fill the outstanding vacancies.

2.6 Any Management Board member who fails to attend three consecutive Management Board meetings without reasonable explanation shall be deemed to have resigned.

2.7 The Management Board shall meet as and when necessary to discuss business.

2.8 The authority to pledge the credit of the Supporters Group to the extent of funds available and to enter into contracts or agreements and to make payments by or on behalf of the Supporters Group, is vested solely in the Management Board. The Management Board shall not commit the Supporters Group beyond the assets of the Supporters Group.

2.9 The Management Board shall have the power to create sub-Management Boards for specific purposes.

3.0 General Meetings

3.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Supporters Group shall be held in each year at such a time and place as the Management Board shall determine, but within six (6) months of the end of each financial year.

3.2 fourteen days prior notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Supporters Club shall be given to members. Seven days prior notice will be given for Extraordinary General meetings.

3.3 At the Annual General Meeting of the Supporters Group, each Management Board member may offer themselves for re-election, or resign. Co-opted members will automatically retire but may offer themselves for re-election. In the event of more than 3 adult members wanting to be on the Management Board then a ballot will be held and the 3 with the highest number of votes will be deemed to have been elected.

3.4 Extraordinary General Meetings of the Supporters Group shall be held at such times as may be determined by the Management Board, or by written request of a minimum of 30, or 75% of adult members, whichever is the lower, of the Supporters Group.

3.5 At any meeting, voting shall be by show of hands or by ballot paper, whichever procedure is deemed more suitable by the Chairman. The Chairman shall have no vote at any meeting, except in the case of a tie.

3.6 The Management Board may invite any person to attend its Annual General or Extraordinary General Meetings in a non-voting capacity.

4.0 Management Board Meetings

4.1 The Supporters Group Management Board shall meet at least four times in each calendar year, at such times and places as the Management Board shall determine.

4.2 The Management Board may invite any person to attend its meetings in a non-voting capacity.

4.3 Questions arising at a Management Board meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

5.0 Membership

5.1 Membership is open to any person who:

- a) Is a supporter of Bradford City FC; or
- b) Has an interest in the game of football in Bradford; and
- c) Agrees to be bound by these rules and the constitution; and
- d) Is not subject to any football related ban or disciplinary action.

5.2 The Management Board will decide and issue a form of application for membership. Members are to pay an annual subscription of such a sum and payment method as the Management Board shall decide.

5.3 Every candidate will complete the membership form and agree to make payment as decided by the Management Board.

5.4 All applications and proposals may be considered by the Management Board at their discretion to decide whether the candidate should be accepted for membership.

5.5 Membership shall be renewable annually from 1 May each calendar year.

5.6 In the event of a member making payment to the Supporters Group for an excursion fare, match ticket or other organized event and subsequently failing to turn up, any repayment of the monies received will be at the discretion of the Management Board.

5.7 The Management Board shall have the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any member who shall infringe any rule or whose conduct shall, in their opinion, render him/her unfit for membership, subject to the ratification of the next meeting of the Management Board. Before any such suspension the member concerned shall be given the right to explain his or her conduct to the Management Board. A suspended member shall forfeit all rights of membership during suspension. No expelled or suspended member will be entitled to the return of any part of his or her membership fee.

5.8 No member may use the name or title of the Supporters Group without the authority of the Management Board.

5.9 Other than travel arrangements made by the officials authorised for that purpose, no financial liability will be accepted by the Supporters Group for any transport arranged by the member or any group of members, nor will any such arrangements fall within the scope of any insurance cover arranged by the Supporters Group.

6.0 Officers

6.1 The Management Board shall appoint a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

7.0 Quorum

7.1 The quorum at Management Board meetings of the Supporters Group shall not be less than two (2) members (one of which must be the Chairman or Secretary).

7.2 The quorum at Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall not be less than 4 members or 50% of the membership, whichever is the lower.

8.0 Finance

8.1 The Supporters Group shall have a general account at a bank to be determined by the Management Board.

8.2 Separate accounts may be opened for specific purpose at the discretion of the Management Board.

8.3 The Management Board shall appoint another Management Board member as Assistant Treasurer for the accounts to be prepared for the Annual General Meeting, should the need arise.

9.0 Alterations

9.1 Alterations to these rules may only be made if the assent of a majority of those Management Board members present and voting at a Members Board Meeting specifically convened for that purpose alone.

9.2 A resolution for the alteration of the rules shall be received by the Secretary at least seven clear days before the meeting of which clear notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary to the Management Board and shall include notice of the alterations proposed.

9.3 Any such amendment shall subsequently be adopted or amended or repealed at the next general meeting of the Supporters Group by 75% of the members present who are entitled to vote.

10.0 Expulsion from the Management Board

10.1 Management Board members may be suspended or expelled from the Management Board for refusing to comply with the provisions of any of these rules or for any other cause deemed by the Management Board to justify such suspension or expulsion.

10.2 Any expelled Management Board member will be ineligible for re-election for a period as determined by the Management Board. The decision will be given to the expelled member in writing, along with their right to appeal against the expulsion.

11.0 Relationship with the Football Club

11.1 The Management Board will represent the views of the membership by means of meetings with the football club if and when requested by the club

11.2 The Supporters Group will be represented by one or all of the officers of the Management Board at such meetings.

12.0 Unspecified Matters

12.1 Any matter not covered by the above rules shall be dealt with by the Management Board.