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**MEETING OF THE WOLVES DSA COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 16th November 2017**

**Suite 20, Billy Wright Stand Molineux**

Present	Appointment
Dennis Green (DG) Graham Lakin (GL) Aubrey Colley (ACo) Sue Colley (SC) Nigel Driver (ND) Rob Grocott (RG) Tony Grocott (TG) Andy Pike (AP) Guy Weaver (GW) Martyn Willis (MW)	Secretary Treasurer Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member Committee Member
<b>Guests</b>	
Ryan Weaver	DSA member
<b>Apologies</b>	
Steve Daniels (SD) Lin Corbett (LC) Stuart Alves (SA) Paul Richards (PR)	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Committee Member WWFC Safeguarding & Supporter Liaison Officer
Record of Decisions (a)	Action (b)
<p><b>1. Welcome.</b></p> <p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the absence of the Chair, DG chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were 4 apologies notified to the secretary.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Minutes from the previous meeting.</b></p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p><b><u>Wolves Website</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GW instigated a discussion reference the availability of linking tweets on the DSA Twitter site, to the DSA Facebook page. He stated that to inform members of tweet activity it would be beneficial to be able to link such activity to the DSA Facebook page. A short discussion took place where everyone agreed that this would be a great idea and that Wolves be contacted to enquire if training could be provided for the 5 members that volunteered to be active "Tweeters", DG will contact</li> </ul>	<p>Closed</p> <p>DG</p>

Wolves asap and keep the Committee updated, Proposed AC, seconded GW, all agreed.

### **DSA members free coach travel**

- TG reiterated his concern that an upsurge in DSA membership may be linked to the availability of free coach travel. DG stated that where possible, new members he has spoken to have been made aware that the free travel is currently time linked funded for this season only, there is no guarantee that this is a permanent benefit to DSA members. There was a short discussion about this issue but no real concerns were expressed as long as members are aware of the possible limitations with funded free travel.

DG

### **3. Wolves Website.**

- Further to the item above GW suggested that in order to save possible duplication and confusion, one member of the volunteer group should be responsible for tweeting any updates to the DSA area of the Wolves website. DG to contact SA to enquire if he is willing to do this. AP mentioned DSA member Steve Green, (SG) is a prolific tweeter and enquired if he could be given access to the DSA Twitter account to widen the opportunities to promote the DSA, proposed GW, seconded TG, all agreed, DG to contact SG.

DG

### **4. Treasurers report.**

- The Treasurer presented his report regarding the DSA funds; his report is attached at the end of these minutes, acceptance of the report was proposed by AC, seconded ND, all agreed.

Closed

- DG stated he would chase up the CO-OP bank in respect of issuing the an up to date statement

DG

### **5. Memberships.**

- DG informed the meeting that to date there are now 107 paid up members, adding that there had been a recent surge in interest, possibly due to the availability of the Wanderer car park.

On-going

### **6. Fans Parliament.**

- DG stated that there has been no date fix for the next Parliament meeting; the members would be informed as soon as Wolves Management agreed a date and venue.

PR/On-going

### **7. Social Committee.**

#### Updates

- GL presented a summary of the recent Social committee meetings, which were distributed earlier in the month to the DSA full membership; his reports are attached at the end of these minutes.

Closed

- There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed DSA coaches for future away games. Consensus was that, due to Sky Sports requirements etc., some of these games may be televised and or moved to accommodate these requirements. GL added the Social committee will monitor the situation and react appropriately.

On-going

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ND had contacted members to enquire if there was interest in attending the rearranged away fixture at Sheffield Wednesday, he had currently received 8 notifications of interest. After a brief discussion it was agreed by all that there should be a deadline of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November for a sufficient number of 20 members to register their interest to justify the trip going ahead, if not the trip will not go ahead. DG to contact all members and inform them of the deadline etc.</li> </ul>	DG/On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In concluding the discussion about away games, DG was requested to contact the Wolves ticket office to enquire if they had details of the number of disabled spaces available for Bristol City.</li> </ul>	DG/On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GL proposed that Les and Carol from the Accessible lounge be invited to attend the DSA Christmas bash. They have both been very proactive in promoting the DSA to those disabled supporters that use the facility, including distributing flyers and placing notices within the disabled areas of the Stan Cullis lower stand. AP seconded the proposal, all agreed.</li> </ul>	Closed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GW suggested that, in the absence of the DSA Secretary, the other 3 DSA Committee Officer positions should have access to the membership data base, to distribute important messages etc. SC proposed and MW seconded this recommendation, all were in agreement.</li> </ul>	On-going
<p><b>8. Any other business.</b></p>	
<p><u>DSA Vice Chair Resignation</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DG reminded the meeting that, for personal reasons, LC had tendered her resignation from her post as DSA Vice Chair. However, she wished to remain as a Committee member and continue as a member of the Social Committee. Thanks were expressed to LC for her valuable contributions in setting up the DSA, as a founder member and for all the hard work she has carried out in establishing a strong DSA.</li> </ul>	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In light of the decision of LC to resign as Vice Chair, DG highlighted that there were no details within the current version of the DSA Constitution to cover such an occurrence. A brief discussion followed with 2 suggestions tabled, firstly convene an EGM asap to discuss a replacement Vice Chair or secondly wait until the 2018 AGM to appoint a new Vice Chair. This would enable time to discuss options for any relevant amendment to the Constitution and to recruit a nomination or nominations for the position. The second option, to wait until the 2018 AGM, was unanimously agreed, proposed SC, and seconded by MW.</li> </ul>	On-going
<p><u>Laurie Dalrymple, (LD) meeting</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GW presented an in depth report of the recent meeting between representatives of the DSA and Wolves Managing director Laurie Dalrymple, held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. his report is attached at the end of these minutes. There followed a discussion regarding some of the points raised, e.g. There had been no update from LD regarding the provision of possibly 2 coaches for DSA travel to away games. GW questioned whether the early opening of the Accessible Lounge had been widely publicised. MW informed the meeting he will continue to liaise with the Wolves Community Trust, (WCT) regarding profiling of the disabled supporters and where they were sat/situated at the Molineux. MW added</li> </ul>	On-going PR/MW

<p>that he was experiencing communication difficulties with WCT and their representative, Gavin Jones, was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to illness, but he would continue to try and make contact. DG suggested perhaps someone from WCT could attend the next proposed meeting, in early 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a brief discussion reference a single point of contact to chase up issues, items previously raised, concerns etc. with PR rather than individuals contacting him. This would ensure that PR was not being bombarded with multiple enquiries, if a committee member, group or individual member requested an update the Secretary would possess an audit trail for that issue etc. GW proposed that this should be the Secretary, TG seconded, all agreed.</li> <li>• GW suggested that post the Bolton home game a review of the Wanderer car park usage should be requested and Wolves management be asked if and how the DSA can help to ensure the maximum take up of this parking option, all were in agreement. DG will contact PR</li> <li>• PR added that the closure of Waterloo road is being considered as an option to improve safety for pedestrians around the Molineux area. Also under consideration is the closure of the Wolves controlled car park exits prior to the end of a home match until a period after the match has finished.</li> </ul> <p><u>Sam Perkins University Student</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was suggested that Sam be contacted to request a summary or report of his thesis reference the experiences of disabled football supporters on match days etc., DG will contact him.</li> </ul> <p><b>9. Type, date, time &amp; venue of next meetings, (to be confirmed).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSA General meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 7.00pm</li> <li>• DSA Committee only meeting March 2018 date, time &amp; venue TBC</li> </ul> <p><b>10. Meeting Close</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The acting chair thanked all members for attending, meeting closed 20.50.</li> </ul>	<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going DG/PR</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>DG</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Closed</p>
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Dennis Green

Secretary

# Details of meeting held 15.00 - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Those present

Wolves DSA Guy Weaver, Lin Corbett, Martyn Willis, Tony Grocott  
Wolves FC Laurie Dalrymple, Steve Sutton, Paul Richards

Guy Weaver had asked Dennis to approach Wolves to set up a meeting reference New Safety Measures at Molineux and how it affected the disabled supporters

An agenda was asked for by Dennis Green through Paul Richards – none was forthcoming

- a) We all arrived and were shown into one of the Boxes at Wolves, Laurie was not present initially due to an over running meeting, Paul Richards looking at correspondence he had received off DG made it very clear to all those present that the meeting was only to be about the New Safety Measures – none of the other information submitted was to be discussed
- b) LD duly arrived and the meeting commenced
- c) Steve Sutton commenced the meeting outlining his role at the club on a match day and what was involved
- d) It was stated by SS that whatever system was put in place it was temporary at present as no one knew exactly how things would pan out
- e) It was re-affirmed by SS that this decision to close the roads was enforced on the club by the council and that it had severely reduced the amount of blue badge car parking available to supporters around the ground. There were issues at the recent Villa, however there would be no budging/relaxation at all of vehicles parking on any of the closed roads We then had a discussion about the car parks , where they were and their availability to disabled supporters
- f) it was suggested by LD that the club would dedicate individual car parking spaces for blue badge holders with special access needs and that Wolves would look at reserving these specially for the supporters concerned
- g) LD stated that the Wanderer car park was going to be made available to blue badge holders and that he thought it would be great if all these were Wolves DSA members – thus increasing the membership of the DSA. The basis of the offer is detailed below:-

The car park, on the site of the former Wanderer pub, Molineux Street, is being made available on a trial basis for the next 2 – 3 home games to blue badge holders – with the following conditions;

1. Blue badge holders will need to be members of the Wolves DSA to access this car park.
2. There are circa 60 spaces in there, which all need to be booked.
3. Booking the spaces can be done through the ticket office – cost £5 or through an email through the DSA Secretary (me) or Paul Richards who will get the ticket office to call park the person who wishes to buy the car parking space.
4. This trial is on a use it or lose it basis – although if the numbers are small then Wolves will try to accommodate the parking elsewhere and we won't be left high and dry
5. If these spaces are not taken then Wolves will say they offered the spaces and the take up was extremely low and there is no issue to answer (or something along these lines

What this meant is that Wolves had now increased the amount of disabled car parking spaces available by over 130% and given at the same time the Wolves DSA a massive opportunity to represent the views of more Wolves disabled supporters

LD was thanked for this very kind gesture

- i) SS stated that the drop off zone for disabled would be by the Asda in the layby there

h) It was also mentioned to SS that now fans were be asked to arrive earlier there was nowhere for them to go / shelter prior to the game when the weather was inclement. Steve said he would investigate if the Baroness Rachael Heyhoe Flint Accessible Lounge could be made available at the same time as the corporate lounges were open to help

SS was thanked for looking into this

j) As part of the on-going discussions from this SS stated that through the Wolves Community Trust were looking at trying to profile all the disabled fans and where they sat in the ground - it was agreed that Wolves DSA could help here with this and Martyn Willis would take this on

k) MW reported that the Stadia report for the ground had none been done since 2012

l) LD was then asked by TG about the availability of the promised away coaches for disabled supporters. LD said that he would look into this for the provision of at least two coaches and have an answer back to us within 7 days

m) GW invited LD to attend the Wolves DSA Xmas bash

Meeting was ended at 16.25

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**WOLVES DSA SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT**  
**FORDHOUSES CRICKET CLUB**

Present; Guy Weaver, Stuart Alves, Andy Pike, Graham Lakin, Nigel Driver, Jennie Alves, Martyn Willets.

Apologies; Ryan Weaver, Lin Corbett.

Pantomime at the Grand.

Martyn and Nigel have spent a lot of time recently negotiating with Sue Howell at the Grand to establish the viability of getting a block of seats for disabled members and their carers. It has been agreed with the Grand that a row of 14 seats will be removed to create space for wheelchair users and also allocate a further 30 seats for carers and family. The Grand would like our members to attend the pantomime at a quiet time.

These talks are for the 2018 pantomime as all the tickets for the 2017 pantomime have already been sold. At present ticket prices are £30 for adults and £20 for concessions plus a group discount. Stuart suggested, if we can get more funding the DSA would subsidise the cost of tickets.

Feedback from the meeting with Aston Villa DSA

The Aston Villa DSA have only recently been formed and they asked for a meeting with our DSA to see if they can get some ideas about running and organising their own DSA. A meeting was arranged by Stuart for 5 of their members to meet our DSA committee on the day we played Aston Villa at Molineux. Guy welcomed the Villa DSA and took them to the Wolves museum, where Pat Quirk gave them a conducted tour of the museum. Guy then took them into the paycare lounge where they were joined by Stuart, Graham, Nigel and Ryan, we discussed and compared what we do as a DSA. We all decided we would like to arrange another meeting in the near future, Stuart suggested it would be a good idea for Wrexham, Villa and Wolves DSA get together in the early New Year on a Thursday evening to discuss how we can develop and strengthen our DSA's. Graham presented the chair of the Villa DSA with a Wolves pennant and a certificate of our meeting. The 5 Villa DSA members were then taken to their seats to watch for the game.

### Manchester City away trip Feedback

This was a very well Supported trip to Manchester to see Wolves play in the Carabao cup; all enjoyed themselves apart from the horrendous traffic conditions. Many thanks to Dennis for taking charge of this trip.

### Albrighton moat

This was organised by Guy on a sunny autumn Sunday afternoon, 22 of our members participated in a fishing competition between 1 and 3 o'clock followed by afternoon tea. Aubrey Colley won the competition by landing 14 fish.

The afternoon went so well a springtime meeting has been arranged for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2018.

### Reading away game

A coach has been booked to go to the Reading match, a lot more members are now using the DSA transport and for the coming game an additional mini bus has been hired to meet demand.

### Christmas Bash

This has been confirmed for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the North Bank Bar starting at 7pm. Wolves are providing the food, DJ George will supply the music and Steve Daley will also be entertaining you.

Carol and Les who look after the Accessible lounge have done a lot to help develop the DSA so Graham asked if the social committee would support him, and ask them both to be our guests at the Christmas bash, all committee members agreed.

Graham Lakin  
Wolves DSA Treasurer  
DSA

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### Wolves DSA Social Committee Report 16 th November 2017.

A social committee report was sent out to most members last week, so not to bore you I will update you to what has happened over last 2 weeks.

Guy Weaver has been looking at away games that may be viable for the DSA to go to and has produced a list. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December Bristol Rovers 5:30 kick off

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January Barnsley 3:00 kick off  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February Preston 3:00 kick off  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February Fulham 3:00 Kick off  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April Cardiff 31:00 Kick off  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April Bolton 3:00 Kick off

Just to confirm our Christmas Bash is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the North Bank Bar starting at 7pm. There will be a buffet, DJ George, and Steve Daley will be entertaining you. I would be grateful for items we can put into a raffle.

Our away trips are becoming very popular and for the Reading trip we have had to hire a second coach. We have arranged another afternoon of fishing for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018.

Graham Lakin 16/11/2017.

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WOLVES DSA TREASURERS REPORT  
THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

Since our last meeting in early September it has been quite a busy time. We have been to Nottingham Forest, Manchester city and off to Reading this coming Saturday, as well as fishing trip to the Albrighton Moat, all of which have been financed by our lottery funding.

To date we have £4,430 of funding left and a further DSA of £ 2,264 giving us a total of £ 6,694 in the bank and £40.80 in petty cash. These figures include the cost of the 2 coaches that we are taking to Reading.

Graham Lakin 16/11/2017.

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