



WEST HAM UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB

AGM

MINUTES – 03/10/2026

Attendees:) Paul Christmas (PC), Marion Boswell (MB), John Lefranc (JL)

Apologies: Colin James (CJ) Christine Bull (CB)

Item	Notes	For action by	Deadline
	Everybody was advised that the meeting was being recorded. A total of 8 members attended the meeting, which included 3 committee members. PC confirmed that he would chair the meeting. The meets started with PC advising that we require a number of people for the meeting to go ahead. However, as in previous years it was agreed by those present to go ahead.		
	<u>Chairman's Report</u> PC as acting chair passed on his thanks to our previous chair Andy Read. Andy has put a lot of work into the		

	club and our thanks from the committee and members is truly appreciated. We are a small club and do what we can. PC acknowledged his thanks to the previous committee. Key achievements is keeping the club going. We have been in the UCL building for one complete season and are currently still utilising this facility. We are aware of the lack of TV's. Regarding our charities we no longer support Richard House as they closed their facility. We have E13 events working with us in trying to get ex players to visit the club. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> Please see website for full report A member asked that following the financial report they were concerned that we have the cash but the email sent out regarding support for the club was conflicting. PC advised that money was not an issue and this subject would be covered in the Matchday bar section. <u>Matchday Bar Space</u> We have a good relationship with UCL and they have not charged us any rental fee. We have discovered that UCL have absorbed some costs over the last year on our behalf. This is why we are trying to get more people to use the bar as UCL cannot continue to do this. We also have to pay for security and employment of staff. At previous locations we had a minimum spend to make things viable for all. We had a number of people on our membership waiting list and to try and increase people attending the bar this has been opened for all to		
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	apply. We do receive a breakdown of figures from Gather & Gather (catering company) and can see so far this season we have made a loss. G&G's prices are extremely high. A minimum spend has been agreed with G&G and we will have to cover any losses incurred. We are aware that evening games are not supported as well as Saturday games. We do have 3 Saturday games coming up so are hoping to break even or make a profit. We do appreciate that not having TV's is a big issue. We have tried to resolve this with UCL but keep hitting a brick wall, but will continue pushing them. The club is going forward and operating, but ideally require more people to attend the bar. Having ex players attend the bar and giving talks did not really work. What we would like is for ex players to attend and just mingle and talk to members. Unfortunately, the game against Stoke City on 28th November we will not be able to open as UCL have an exhibition and require the space we currently use. A member said that it took so long to get a drink after the game and was aware that some people left as they could get a drink quicker elsewhere. PC said that we are aware of this issue and are looking at an option of ordering and paying for your drink before you leave for the game and it will be ready for you on your return, similar to how theatres work. Another member suggested advertising more and letting walk ins into the club. PC advised that as we are a member's club we need to know who is coming into the building. Also, UCL have let us use the building as a members club and with the reputation we have with some supporters we cannot just let anyone in.		
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	Another request was made for an alternative lager on draft. This will be looked into. It has been our intention to try and get our own premises and a lot of work has been done in the background to try and achieve this. We are in discussions with various people but have NDA's in place so at present time cannot disclose any more. However, at the end of November we are hoping to update members as to what we have been doing. We want to try and replicate what we had at Castle Street. <u>Fan Advisory Board</u> PC explained that the supporters club is one of 12 groups represented on the FAB, which meets up 3 times per year with the West Ham board and highlighted the groups' role in influencing ticket prices, concessions, and other supporter issues. The FAB put a lot of pressure on Tara Warren who then left the club, followed by Karen Brady and David Sullivan. The first meeting for this season is scheduled for 13th October in the club and not via zoom.		
	<u>Election of Officers</u> Mb proposed that PC as chair, which was seconded by JL. The members present all agreed to this. On the constitution there are a number of vacant positions on the committee, however, at present we		

	would like to keep the numbers as they are. However, in future there will probably be a need for a bigger committee. The current ,committee is: Paul Christmas – Chair Colin James – Treasurer Marion Boswell – Secretary John Lefranc – Membership Secretary Christine Bull – General Committee Member		
	<u>Membership Report</u> We currently have 901 members and no longer have a waiting list. A notification via social media has been sent out inviting people to join. The membership fee was kept at the same price for this season. We do have international and junior members		
	<u>A.O.B.</u> On social media, there is another page on Facebook called West Ham United Supporters Club, we must stress this is not us! Our page is West Ham United Supporters’ Club and has the refusing to fade and die badge. PC advised that we have contacted 2 people to become president and vice president for the club and hopefully this will be announced in due course.		
	Meeting Closed		

