

ATAC COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 14th January – 208 Hotel, Perth

IN ATTENDANCE

Simon Kellas (LA), Freda Matthews (ASOF), Tam Coyle (WESTA), Hamish Husband (WESTA), David McDougall (HTA), John Kaylor (PTA), Tam Ferry (EASTA), Simon Johnstone (ETA), Darren Summers (KTA)

MATTERS ARISING

Points Harvesters / Abuse of SFA Staff in Kiev

The SFA have said that 500 out of 3000 tickets were not uplifted in Kiev, implying that there are a lot of points harvesters. SFA staff in Kiev had been on the receiving end of some abuse from those denied tickets. The committee condemned this behaviour and it was agreed that SFA staff had done an excellent job under stressful conditions. Ultimately it is up to the SFA to deal with offenders and on this occasion a letter was sent to those who failed to collect tickets.

The committee accepted that some of these no-shows may be done altruistically on behalf of friends or club members, but reinforced that the correct mechanism is to contact the SSC directly with special ticket requests or problems.

Concern was expressed that North Stand tickets for the Georgia home game will be £27, unusually high by SFA standards for this class of opposition. It was agreed that the SFA's pricing policy was not clear.

action > TC to contact SFA requesting clarification of ticket pricing policy for remainder of campaign.

Racist Abuse at France Game

ATAC has assisted the SFA in this matter and seat numbers of the alleged offenders have been passed on to the SFA, and it is their responsibility to take action.

WHYTE & MACKAY

TF, HH, TC & JK are meeting with W&M on 29th January to discuss plans for 2007. It was agreed that in future there would be 2 or 3 ATAC points of contact to ensure a better line of communication for both parties.

INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB ISSUES

The next meeting of the Fans Group is scheduled for May in Cardiff. SJ and TF will attend for ATAC.

SJ said that Paul from ETA had suggested a No Team GB campaign website be set up and that he would be willing to do this. It was agreed that this should have input from the English and Welsh groups, and that a new flashier badge and logo were required. HH said that ATAC had to be ready to give a quick response as and when media interest arose. *(PM Note: HH gave a good quote to the Scotsman!)*

60 DAY RULE

FIFA have responded in detail to the formal request of last year, but nothing has been received from UEFA. Sources have reported that the Italy game will be in Bari or Rome, and that Italian cities were all keen to host the Tartan Army. *(PM note: Bari!)*

action > SJ to email Kevin at FSF about membership of FS!

FAN EMBASSIES

The fan embassy in Kiev was not a great success, mostly because of the location. It was agreed that the best location would be in a central hotel or bar and would have to be manned by volunteers. The committee debated the merits of having embassies and discussed future plans. There was agreement that the relevant local consulate and Kirkwood at the SFA should be consulted.

action > ??

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

11-a-side: Applications will open shortly with a deadline of two weeks. The matches will be played from Feb to May, with the final in June, provisionally at Forfar.

Action > TF

7-a-side: The tournament will take place on Saturday 30th June. Bids will be solicited and a decision on the host will be taken at the next meeting in April. JK demanded the return of the trophy under pain of torture.

RESPONSE TO PERTH LASSIE

JK has emailed the woman with assurances that the offenders were not members of PTA. The matter is now closed.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next ATAC committee meeting will be on Sunday 15th April. The AGM will take place on Sunday 1st July, following the 7s.

AOB

Credit Union

The committee discussed the possibility of setting up a TA credit union. Following discussion it was agreed not to pursue this.