

CTSA Chair Report - 2022 AGM

Good evening, thank you all for coming.

It has been an eventful close season with a change of ownership and first team management. I'd like to go on record and thank the previous ownership for all they have done over the last 6 years including taking us through a very challenging period during the Covid pandemic. On behalf of the CTSA I wish Ziya and Erdem all the best for the future. We have also had a change in 1st team management. John provided us with some great memories, none better than defeating Leeds here 3-0 in the FA Cup. There is still an FA investigation ongoing so I won't say anything more other than we again wish John all the best for the future. We now welcome WAGMI United and in particular Preston & Eben to the club.

Every supporter will have their own opinion on how they feel about the new owners. I can only talk about my experiences with them. This started at the end of April where having only just landed from the US and settled in to his hotel Preston invited me to discuss the situation the club faced in regards to the allegations with John Yems. I felt this demonstrated his intentions to engage with the fans straight away and it was fantastic to see him spending time talking to fans outside Redz before and after the last home game of the season. Since then the fan engagement has been promising as they find their feet running a football club for the first time. The season ticket prices are fantastic and the numbers sold so far is great to see. Myself, Mat & Steve met again with Preston in early May and we were joined by WAGMI's football adviser Logan. At this meeting we agreed the chairperson of the CTSA will have monthly meetings with the new CEO when appointed. I am also delighted to announce that Mat will be on the clubs board representing the fans. In the CTSA boards opinion Mat is the ideal candidate having experience running his own business, being on the terraces and having strong relationships with sponsors too. We feel Mat will represent the supporters well but will also add value to the board with his experience. To have a seat on the clubs board is fantastic and we are grateful that WAGMI recognise how important the supporters of Crawley are to the club. We have also welcomed Kevin & Dan to the club in recent weeks. They have experience working with some fantastic young players in the game and I'm excited to see how they take our club forward.

From a CTSA perspective it has been a fairly quiet 12 months as we exited COVID guidelines and got back to some sort of normality. We are grateful to Steve & Louie for organising this years football festival which was great to do again. We raised £900 for 3 great causes and we look forward to a bigger and even better event next year. Along with Mat we have welcomed Reuben Watt onto the board. Reuben is looking to raise

our profile and improve communication. I have said at the previous 2 AGM's I am looking to step down as Chairman as I can't give the time to the Chairpersons role it deserves. This is still the case so if there is anyone out there who would be interested in joining the board or being chairperson please do get in touch. Thanks again for coming and I'll see you at a game soon.