

Cambridge Fans United



Then, Now, Forever

AGM – Monday 25th April 2022

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1. Apologies for absence.

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2. Minutes of CFU AGM 2021.

Available on CFU website: www.cambridgefansunited.org/cfu.html

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3. CFU Annual Report.

Andrew Stephen, CFU Chair



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4. Membership report.

Terry Wilby, CFU Membership Admin

Apologies for not being there in person, Covid has finally got me.

At the AGM in July 2021 the membership was 326. This was an increase on the previous year due in the main to the change in membership prices earlier in the year.

The upsurge has continued, and currently membership is 363.

Breakdown of the 363 is:

- 109 are Life members,
- 168 are Adults,
- 58 are OAPs,
- 27 are young adults (16 to 25).

Historically membership increases during times of crisis. Currently CUFC is a stable operation. Who knows what the future holds? It would be really good to increase the number of young fans becoming members, after all, they are the future, and as the saying goes, we are only custodians, and trying to make sure there is a club to support when we are gone!

Most of you will have seen the emails I send out, roughly 1 a week or before matches. If I get an Undeliverable message I will attempt to contact you by phone or text, so it is important to make sure the details on our system are up to date. The emails give a link to your data on the system so you can change it yourself, or send me an email and I'll change it for you.

If you find something you think members might like to see in the email then please let me know so I can include it.

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5. Treasurer's report.

Paul Moffat, CFU Treasurer

Cambridge Fans United Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

Note	Unrestreited funds			Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	Designated funds		General		
	Lottery £	Coconuts £	funds £		
Income					
Income from Members and Sponsors					
Members pledges			6,630	6,630	5,741
100 years of Coconuts - funds introduced		4,713		4,713	
Income from fundraising activities					
Lottery subscriptions	18,231			18,231	17,226
Merchandise			(480)	(480)	709
100 years Coconuts - books and shirts		954		954	1,068
Other book sales - net			(26)	(26)	163
Faces in the crowd - net			513	513	-
Advertising income			71	71	-
Easy fundraising			238	238	145
Raffle income			32	32	-
Sundry income			20	20	554
Away coach - net			100	100	(80)
Total income	18,231	5,667	7,098	30,996	25,526

Expenditure					
Insurance			176	176	559
PPS	42		295	337	264
Independent examination fee			1,020	1,020	1,020
Bank charges			473	473	113
Website costs			64	64	136
Subscriptions			75	75	-
CUFC vouchers for promotional activities			1,000	1,000	-
Trophies			127	127	-
Donations	16,686		1,437	18,123	17,313
Prizes	6,713			6,713	7,350
Mobile phone	174			174	-
General expenses	11			11	40
Total expenditure	23,626	-	4,667	28,293	26,795
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year	(5,395)	5,667	2,431	2,703	(1,269)
Corporation tax				-	275
Transfers	734		(734)	-	-
Balances brought forward at 1 September	35,369		87,167	122,536	123,530
Balances carried forward at 31 August	30,708	5,667	88,864	125,239	122,536

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Cambridge Fans United Limited
Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	294		284	
Cash at bank		<u>134,773</u>		<u>129,545</u>	
		135,067		129,829	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>(9,494)</u>		<u>(7,053)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>125,573</u>		<u>122,776</u>
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The funds of the Club:					
Share Capital	7		334		240
Unrestricted income funds			88,864		85,746
Designated income funds	6		<u>36,375</u>		<u>36,790</u>
			<u>125,573</u>		<u>122,776</u>

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6. FED report.

Dave Matthews-Jones, Fans Elected Director

- **Supporters Club / Cambridge & District Sportsman's Guild/ VP Club/ Abbey Action**
- **CUSA**
- **CFU / Supporters Trust**
 1. Bring Club and Community together
 2. Be independent of the Club, but work with it
 3. Raise funds for the Club
 4. Bring Cambridge United fans together
 5. Represent the views of fans to the Club
 6. Gain an influence for fans over the future of the Club, and safeguard it from harm
 7. Support the Club in all ways possible.
- **Fans Elected Director**
- **CUSP**
- **Supporters Liaison Officer**
- **FANS LED REVIEW**

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7. Election of CFU Trust Board.

New nominated members: Anouska Wright.

Members standing down, by rotation, willing to continue: Nigel Browne, Terry Wilby.

Members continuing: Alex Nix, Andrew Stephen, Ben Philips, Carl Badcock, Colin Proctor, Dave Matthew-Jones, Emma Smith, Gina Heath, Leanne Huff, Margaret Pearson, Paul Moffatt, Robert Osbourn (+Frank Pearson, Secretary).

Members who resigned during the year: Martin Chapman

Frank Pearson will continue as CFU Secretary.

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8. Away Travel report.

Gina Parkin, CFU Away Travel

Our aim was to provide an alternative option for fans to travel to away matches. We have succeeded in running 26 coaches to all away games, apart from Stevenage and Rotherham in the Papa Johns Trophy (as not enough interest). We have been able to achieve this without making a financial loss. **We would like to thank our sponsors for their support over the season: East Sussex U's, Robert Osbourn, Worcester U's and the CUFC Lottery.**

We took advice on our pricing policy from other football clubs who run away travel (Carlisle were particularly helpful) and our coach company Greys of Ely, and elected to charge the same price per seat for everyone.

We put in place a Permission to Travel Form for 16 & 17 year olds after taking advice.

Travelling during Covid brought some additional challenges. We checked vaccine passports or passengers without had to provide proof of a negative lateral flow test, reported via the NHS App, 48 hours before travel. Lots of people informed us they had covid a couple of days before travel and sometimes on the day. Full refunds have been issued to people reporting that they or a family member had covid.

This season we have sold in excess of 1450 seats and had over 300 different people using the service. We have used an 85 seater double decker on 8 occasions, and took 4 coaches to Newcastle including a double decker. We hope to build on this next season.

Finally, thanks must go to our 300 plus passengers for using our service, Grey's of Ely for being so professional and flexible with our bookings, Tamzin Beck for helping Dave Matthew-Jones and myself with the stewarding of the coaches, and to Colin Proctor and Robert Osbourn for their help stewarding the Newcastle coaches.

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9. 100 Years of Coconuts report.

This year 100yearsofcoconuts is celebrating its tenth anniversary. It was originally created to commemorate the club's centenary 2012.

At the beginning it was set up to be only an online museum, however since its conception it has evolved into far more than just a website. We need to thank the contribution and help of many supporters since then for its evolution. We are also grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for providing the funding that allowed its rapid progress.

In addition to being online it now boasts the following –

- a permanent location located in the Supporters' Club
- it holds one of the largest collections of Cambridge United programmes. Looking in particular for Abbey United and pre-1970 programmes
- it holds one of the largest collections of Cambridge United shirts some of which are on view in the Dublin Suite
- it has a large collection of Cambridge United memorabilia which has been donated
- it has also expanded into using social media via Facebook, twitter & You Tube
- published a series of books that tells the story of Cambridge United written by Andrew Bennett
- created the Former Players Association
- organises the Hall of Fame inductees and functions
- help with queries via other historic groups, ex player families, supporters, media and other sources
- United programme articles - Memories Down Cut Throat Lane Way, "10 to tackle" quiz
- still maintaining the 100yearofcoconut website

Moving forwards the group are looking to –

- take part in a project to design a new badge working in collaboration with the club
- produce a fifth and maybe sixth Celery and Coconuts book
- continue scanning the Light Blue copies held by the club and uploading onto the web site
- continue uploading Andrew Bennetts match reports onto the website
- hold another Hall of Fame function in ~ Nov 2022
- investigate the future possibilities concerning the Church of St Andrew the Less
- transfer Coconuts monies from the CFU account back into the Coconuts on
- continue doing all current list of activities

What we need –

Resource to help with the above and for people to write articles for the website. For the website to be constantly updated it needs writers to submit factual items. We are told there are lots of writers but never seem to have anything being given to us.

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10. Lottery report.

Re-launched in October 2021 – Membership was 196

Current Membership – 272

Two weekly Draws - Must Win Monday, The Abbey Accumulator for £2

Finances as of March 2022

- Total £34,218.85
- Prizes £22,176.89
- Costs £1,298.56
- Dist £10,743.40

Benefits to supporters

- Provided a new fibre link around the ground
- Purchased new seat for blocks C, E and Executive box
- Provided funding for the NRE tannoy replacement speaker
- Purchased a new all terrain emergency wheelchair
- Purchased a new bucket stretcher
- New direction signage at the ground
- Scoreboards big success and very popular with supporters
- Flagpoles when teams come onto the pitch

Benefits to the community

- Cyrenean Allotment Group donation
- Abbey Action Foodbank donation
- Christmas Dinners

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11. Any other business.

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Thank you for your attendance!