

Wrexham Supporters Trust – Minutes of Board Meeting

Held On: Tuesday, 01 May 2012, commencing at 19:45

Venue: The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

Present: Pete Jones (PJ), John Mills (JM), Mark Williams (MW), Terry Heath (TH), Brian Cameron (BC)

Apologies: Brian Cameron, Gavin Jones, Rob Parry, Spencer Harris, Richard Owen, Dave Jones, Chris Wright, George Powell, Huw Davies

Chair: Pete Jones

1) Approval of minutes and matters arising

- Approval of minutes from 17th April 2012:
 - Proposed as correct by JM and seconded by TH
- Confirmed that no meeting took place on 20th February 2012 as no quorum present

2) Chairman's Report

- Covered under agenda items

3) Treasurer's report

- Investments in Wrexham Football Club £270,000
- Funds available £208,400
- Membership numbers 1,939 after issuing of March renewals

4) Football club updates

- MW provided update from meeting at Wembley last week and update on Play Off tickets sold to date for the home and away semi-final
- MW provided update on commercial activities to date
- JM to assist MW in rolling out online club and integration with a payment system
- PJ to coordinate list of 15 volunteers to meet at ground to help assist distribution of season tickets application forms at the Play Off home

5) Community shares

- PJ thanked RO, DJ, James Mathie and Dyfan Jones for the work involved with the launch
- RO has received feedback from HMRC regarding our EIS application.
- TS to summarise feedback from audio recording from launch meeting

6) Annual general meeting

- Trust resolutions to be presented at next meeting on Tuesday, 8th May
- Issue of under 16s membership status in view of queries raised by members at Community Share launch was discussed.
 - RO to discuss with James Mathie regarding being able to own shares but not having vote rights
 - MW suggested an alternative of issuing a loan note that converts to a share on a person's 16th birthday

7) Youth membership

- JM to contact Lee Jones to issue Youth membership cards

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TH left the meeting at 21:30

8) Formation year

- PJ presented newspaper evidence supporting foundation date of 1864 comprising:
 - Records exist of the first AGM taking place in 1865
 - Records exist of a first football being purchased in 1864
 - An article exists from the 1879 Welsh Cup Final that refers to the Chairman of Wrexham Football Club, which has been existence for 15 years
 - There is a question mark over the 1883/4 season that resulted in the club being expelled from the English FA following crowd trouble in an FA Cuo match with Oswestry. The club continued to play again using the name Wrexham Olympic with the same playing squad and administrative staff
 - PJ suggested that the board propose this as a resolution at the upcoming AGM

9) Revising sub groups

- PJ has consulted James Mathie and proposed that a working group is formed to review structure of sub groups between the club and Trust with representations from Supporters Direct, club board and trust board. Seconded by BC, motion carried unanimously by the board

10) Wembley planning

- Coach transport
 - Pickup points across North Wales have been identified
 - Waiting to confirm prices for away transport
 - Glyndwr have allowed use of car park for main Wrexham pick up point

11) Sub group updates

- Fundraising: Snowdon forms have been printed, price for Atilla the Stockbroker event set at £5. Nightingale House brochure agreed.

12) Any other business

- Turf Shop: waiting on outcome of brewery inspection
- WST Board maxed out of space: JM to review alternative storage options
- Club rebranding exercise has taken place by a Trust member and will hand this over at the home play off game on Monday
- Cooperative Community fund project manager has contacted us for a meeting to discuss options and the possibility of allowing the club to participate in the Co Op card share your dividend scheme
- MW has been invited to make a presentation on Football Clubs as a Co-Operative at the Cooperative IWA 2012 AGM in Cardiff on 6th July. PJ to forward MW contact details and co-ordinate with RO
- Partners link up: We have received enquiries via the website over the last few weeks after recent Golden lion announcement. JM to follow up as necessary
- JM will be launching an affinity partners section of the web site shortly

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There being no further business the meeting was closed by PJ at 22:55