



Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on: Monday 7th January 2013, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

Present: John Mills (JM), Mark Williams (MW), Alan Fox (AF), Huw Davies (HD), Jenny Cantwell (JC), Marc Jones (MJ), Dave Jones (DJ), Spencer Harris (SH), Keith Roberts (KR), Terry Stott (TeS) – from 20:25

Apologies: Pete Jones (PJ), Gavin Jones (GJ), Anita Robinson (AR) Tom Stanford (TS)

Chair: John Mills

1) Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting 17th December 2012

- Outstanding actions:
 - Loan note letters – awaiting feedback from Supporters Direct
 - Draft business case for community shares awaiting feedback from Supporters Direct
- Approval of minutes:
 - Proposed as correct by DJ and seconded by KR. Accepted by unanimous vote of members present at the meeting.

2) Chairman's Update

PJ was absent on a course.

3) Treasurers Report

- MW provided the following update on Trust finances:
 - Current funds: £240,000
 - Members: 2,034, including associate and life memberships
 - Investments in Wrexham AFC Limited: £415,000
 - Total raised since formation: £780,000
- MW advised that draft management accounts for 2012 have been completed and await auditing
- KR was preparing to succeed MW as Society Treasurer.
- HD had e mailed membership renewals.

- The forthcoming Club AGM was the first in public for some years. MJ to draft press release and liaise with media

4) Sub-group reports

a) Football Club Report

- A new commercial manager had now been appointed and takes up the role on 22/1/13. He will be provided with a copy of the Big Red Survey and will meet the Society Board as part of his induction.
- Work was progressing on an induction pack for new staff and players.
- The Volunteer programme needed reviewing with training to be considered
- The attendance of former players at matches was discussed
- The away kit had been chosen. The Home kit was expected to be delivered in June.
- The club shop development was delayed by the asbestos issue. Adidas will assist with the branding of the shop and will endeavour to provide a “unique” kit for the 150th anniversary.
- Our Q2 report had been accepted by the Conference.
- Further work was required on the Clubs IT systems
- The meeting were pleased to note that JM had passed the FA owners and directors test and could take his place on the club board.

b) Fundraising Report- carried over to next meeting

c) Business Development Report

- There had been no application for this Board position. Further consideration given to this position.

d) Membership Report

- A member had agreed as to assist with the data base and was suitable
- Standing orders had been updated; reminders had been sent and those without e mail had been contacted.
- Benefits available to members had been reviewed to ensure they were still current. Some additional benefits were available. The new commercial manger will assist with this.

d) Community Report

- TeS will be attending a meeting at AVOW on the 17/1/13 to discuss the 'Memorial Garden' and 'Memories FC' projects.
- TeS and JC mentioned Memories FC -a project to visit local people suffering from dementia e.g. in care homes. A project had been piloted in Scotland with volunteers talking to residents about the club and their time supporting it in the past which could help with their treatment and stimulate memories.
- TeS said that the AGM of the DSA was on 31/1/13 after which he hoped to have a committee in place.
- The car parking for the disabled at Glyndwr was progressing well. WSA offered to pay £15 to fund assistance on match days which might suit a disadvantaged person.
- The reintroduction of the disabled counter at the MRS was discussed. The obstacle was the use of the space by those organising the 50/50 draw. Efforts will be made to address this
- Derwen College Gobowen had arranged to play a team from the disabled supporters on 23/1/13.

e) Support Services Report

- JM explained that the Project Board was still in development and explained how the business of the Board will be carried out there in future.

f) Volunteer Report

- AR had received information and was working on it.
- AF said he had passed on details of those answering the request for match day volunteers and it was important that volunteers were contacted within a reasonable time if they had responded to the recent members briefings.
- 17 members had responded to the request for match day volunteers

g) Secretary's Report

- The Act required the Society to have a Secretary who had statutory duties and, as a non-voting Board member, was there amongst other things to provide impartial advice and safeguard the interests of members as well as having specific duties.
- Our SD membership had been renewed

6) Community Share Expenditure

- The procedure for applying for funds from the Community Share scheme was discussed.
- The funds were for infrastructure purposes unless there were exceptional circumstances.

8) Away Travel postponements policy

- The meeting considered purchasing an insurance policy to cover postponements over a calendar year to cover as many coaches as had been arranged per match for the benefit of Society members.
- Proposed by MW, seconded by MJ, that the Board purchases the policy. Passed unanimously

9) Club President and VP policy

- The meeting discussed the drafting of a policy to be presented to members for approval at the Society AGM.

10) Gifts and Hospitality Register and Guidance

- The meeting discussed guidance on this topic to be drafted for further discussion by AF

11) AOB

- TeS mentioned safe standing and eventually Glyndwr would need to know the official WST view on this if/when any development went ahead.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2250.

Date and venue of next meeting:

Next meeting to be held on Monday 14th January 2013 at Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham, commencing at 7.30pm

Summary of actions:

No	Action	Who
1	Loan note letters – awaiting feedback from Supporters Direct	DJ
2	Draft business case for community shares awaiting feedback from Supporters Direct	DJ
3	Liaise with media re club AGM and draft release	MJ
4	Invite new commercial manager to Society Board meeting	SH
5	Meet with DB to discuss volunteer programme	AR GJ
6	Instruct commercial manager to consider policy for member benefits	SH
7	Speak to WSA re disabled serving counter at MRS	SH
8	Arrange attendance of players at football match at Derwen College	SH
9	To consider draft Club Presidents policy for next meeting	ALL
10	To consider draft Gifts and hospitality guidance and register for next meeting	ALL
11	To further consider effects of Bribery Act on policy	AF