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## Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

**Held on:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013, commencing at 19.30

**Venue:** The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

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**Present:** Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Huw Davies (HD), Spencer Harris (SH), Terry Stott (TeS), Anita Robinson (AR) Geoff Scott (GS) Marc Jones (MJ) Tom Stanford (TS), Dave Jones (DJ),

**Apologies:** Jenny Cantwell (JC), Keith Roberts (KR), Mark Williams (MW), John Mills (JM), Gavin Jones (GJ),

**Chair:** Peter Jones

### 1. Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013

- The Election Management Group was complete – see Agenda item
- AF had written to the outgoing President –see Agenda item

The minutes were approved by TeS seconded by AR and were unanimously accepted

### 2. Sub Groups and Officers Reports

#### 2.1 Chair (PJ)

- PJ had again met with Duncan Rees of Co-operative Cymru / Wales regarding future cooperation. S Cook and L Jones had also attended. He confirmed that the Coop were keen to work with the club including providing sponsorship and may wish to address our AGM.
- PJ informed the meeting about the congratulations received from other clubs

#### 2.2 Treasurers Report (*provided by KR on the Project Board*)

○ The funds available are		
	Current £	Change since Feb 13 £
Debtors	650	Nil
AFC Wrexham	52,446	Nil
Accrued Interest	329	Nil
Scottish Widows	120,000	Nil
Co-op Bank	14,549	up 830
Comm Share Account	9585	Nil
Pay Pal	2,375	up 1,613
Petty Cash	41	Nil
Total Current Assets	199,976	up 2,443
Loan Notes	(11,400)	Nil
Corporation Tax	(906)	up 28
Total Working Capital	188,576	up 2,415

This increase in working capital is due to the following income and expenditure to date in March 13, once all transactions have been accounted for I will produce a month end report.

Income	£
Membership	3,937
Donations	536 some of this will be transferred to membership
Interest	140
Junior Dragons	25
Youth Membership	19
Total Income to Date	4,657
Expenditure	
In Touch	30
Royal Mail	85
Supporters Direct	2,000
Pay Pal Charges	99
Corporation Tax	28
Total Expenditure	2,242
Surplus	2,415

“These figures are based on the bank statements up to the 21st March 2013, I will make arrangements to meet Mark and Pete at the game tomorrow to collect later bank statements and monies received and will then produce a month end financial report. If any anyone as any queries please contact me”

### 2.3 Football Club Report (*SH*)

- SH informed the meeting about the agenda for the next day’s Club Directors meeting

### 2.4 Fundraising, including merchandise (*AR/PJ/DJ*)

- The date for the player of the season dinner was now finalised for 21 April 2013 at Lion Quays. This was the date preferred by the manager. PJ was looking for a speaker and comedian.
- AR informed the meeting that she had received more offers of help with the Saturday Squad. She would also be arranging attendance at the Ruabon fun day.
- DJ had written to those holding loan notes

### 2.5 Business development report (*GS*)

- GS summarised the organization of the penalty shoot-out and Wembley and has received positive feedback from those who took part.

### 2.6 Membership report (*HD*)

- Membership had reached 2,077
- HD had received good support from the membership group. There were a number of new applications in the pipeline but time was still taken up chasing those who needed to renew.
- The new application forms (Wrexham is for life not just for Wembley) had been printed in time for the Final but the bad weather had prevented delivery in time for distribution on the buses.
- Mention was made as to who had access to the WST website in JMs absence in order to post a new article. The request for volunteers to hand out leaflets at

the Macclesfield game had received a poor response (only GS and AF) but there were issues communicating the request at short notice.

### **2.7 Community Development Report (JC/TeS/SH/TS)**

- TEs had posted a community group work on progress document on the Project Board setting out their plans. Board members were invited to read it before meetings for updates.
- The Disabled Awareness Day was taking place on 13 April at the Kidderminster home match. This was a national "Level Playing Field" project to raise awareness of disabilities. We needed two volunteers to be disabled for a day. TS volunteered from the Trust Board. A Club Board director was also sought. There would be a DSA team playing at half time and there would be a programme article.
- DSA now have a Twitter and official RP account.
- TeS reported re Memories FC. A flyer had been prepared- they were awaiting a photograph. A meeting was to be held shortly.
- The Racecourse Community Foundation had obtained funding for the coaching of disabled children and was seeking volunteers to coach the children.

### **2.8 Volunteer Report (AR)**

- The meeting noted and commended the huge effort made by volunteers, led by AR, in the build-up to Wembley.
- The meeting agreed that all those involved should receive a token of appreciation in the form of an invitation/free ticket to the Player of the Season dinner. AR said that she had details of some 36 volunteers who had assisted with the sale of merchandise.
- SH agreed that the Club will write an official letter of thanks.
- **ACTION** AR to provide details and SH to arrange letter of thanks.
- SH had now provided BBC Wales/Radio Cymru with a list of Welsh speaking fans who could be contacted by the media although not as official spokespeople.

### **2.9 Media (MJ) –**

- Greg Lewis of ITV Wales was making a programme about Welsh football and wanted to interview a member of the Trust Board before the Braintree home game. Knowledge of Trust history was needed.

### **2.10 Secretary's Report (AF)**

- AF had received an email from LGBT Sport Network Wales inviting participation in the Sports Wales anti homophobic project and attendance at meetings in Cardiff. He had replied broadly supporting the initiative but that we were unlikely to have time to attend meetings etc.
- The Supporters Direct annual general meeting and the Supporters Summit were being held on 21 and 22 June at St Georges Park Burton. Board members

were asked to consider who wished to attend. There were places for election on the SD Board. <http://www.supporterssummit.co.uk/>

### **3 WST AGM**

- AF confirmed that Ben Harrison of Tranmere Rovers Trust (and Brian Davies) had agreed to join the Election Management Group.
- AF had sent a request to Shrewsbury's Town who had eventually offered to help if they could but AF had accepted Tranmeres offer.
- AF had posted a "countdown" document on the project board and asked members to consider it and suggest any amendments.
- It was agreed that the AGM would be held in the Centenary Club
- AF said that the Notice and Nominations form needed to be sent out by 2 May but hopefully earlier. The accounts etc. needed finalising and the Board were asked to consider any Board resolutions.

### **4 The FA Trophy Final**

- PJ confirmed that there had been a debriefing session held to learn lessons from the organisation of the Final. The consensus was that things had generally gone very well.
- The meeting considered the Wembley guest list and some criticism received for the invitation to Pryce Griffiths. AF had received an e mail from Lindsay Jones asking for an explanation and had provided a response. He had since received a letter signed by a number of fans for the attention of the Club Board. ACTION: SH to consider response.

### **5 Club President and Vice Presidents**

- The meeting had previously agreed the principles of the Club President and VPs policy which was on the Project Board website
- AF had written to the President (Arfon Griffiths) thanking him for his services.
- The letter to current VPs had been sent and replies had been received from all current VPs (except John Marek).

### **6 Disabled Policy**

- The meeting considered the draft disabled policy for possible introduction next season although this was for a decision by the Club Board.
- Topics included possible concessions, season tickets, away travel and the position regarding carers.

### **7 10,000 Owners**

- The meeting considered Toby Clark's campaign on Red Passion to attract 10000 members. It had begun without Trust or Club input which was now sought retrospectively and he had written to the media.

- The meeting appreciated TCs enthusiasm but such a scheme should have been discussed with the Board first as it clashed with the “Wrexham is for life” leaflets and we could not sign up to a figure which looked unrealistic.
- PJ had spoken to Toby. It was hoped his enthusiasm could be channeled into helping with the membership sub group.
- The Boards awaited feedback from Andy Slingers branding project which was an ongoing piece of work

## 8 AOB

- The Trust player of the season award would be arranged very shortly via online voting
- It was agreed that the Extra Mile Award would be awarded to the volunteers whilst the Trust award for outstanding contribution would be awarded to Mike Dean (proposed by HD seconded by PJ and carried unanimously)
- It was confirmed that a Wembley DVD was in preparation
- TeS raised problems with the parking of away supporters coaches which needed clarifying with the Safety officer
- TS volunteered to be a wheelchair user for a day at the Kidderminster match. A volunteer from the Club Board was awaited

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2235

The next meeting would be on 22 April

No	Action	Who
1	To provide details of the Wembley shop volunteers	AR
2	To write to the volunteers on behalf of the Club	SH
3	To Consider possible resolutions for the AGM and the “countdown” document on the Project Board	ALL
4	To consider response to the letter re “Pryce Griffiths”	SH
5	To invite T Clark to assist with membership group	HD