



Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on: Monday 1st July 2013, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

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

Apologies: Gavin Jones (GJ), Mark Williams (MW), Spencer Harris (SH), - all attending Club Board meeting, John Mills (JM), Jenny Cantwell (JC),

Chair: Peter Jones

1. ***Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Head of sub groups (as per Rule 7.1 of the Board membership & conduct policy)***

- PJ was nominated by GS and seconded by TS to take the role of Chairman for the next 12 months and was elected unanimously
- JM was nominated by DJ and seconded by AR to take the role of Vice Chair and was elected unanimously
- Keith Roberts' e mail to PJ concerning his willingness to be co-opted to serve as Treasurer was read out. There was a discussion concerning the important role of the Treasurer in the membership process. Proposed by PJ & seconded by GS, it was agreed to co-opt KR and to appoint him as Treasurer. All were in favour with one abstention
- It was agreed unanimously, proposed by TS and seconded by GS, to co-opt Marc Jones to continue with the media role. There was discussion about the extent of the role as well as access to post on the WST website
- AF agreed to continue in the appointed role of secretary for the next 12 months

2. ***Board structure***

It was agreed that the Board should be structured as follows:-

- The Community group was to remain unaltered with TeS and TS leading
- The Membership group was to remain unaltered with HD and JC leading with the assistance of the approved volunteers
- The Volunteers group was to remain unaltered with AR leading. There was discussion about enhancing the role (and numbers) of volunteers possibly by

receiving accreditation or some certificate to acknowledge their role from AVOW. Enquiries to be made in this regard and also with Yale College.

- The Business Development Group (GS and DJ) was now to include fundraising, merchandise and community shares. PJ was not to be a member of any group as such but would obviously assist as required
- Media was to continue. Board members needed to provide MJ with material. TS was due to meet again with another potential media volunteer
- PJ mentioned the Exeter City “Gates Committee” which was essentially a fans sounding board to discuss issues such as ticketing, the Saturday experience, and attendances. The group provided ideas and feedback to the Club from fans and the meeting discussed the possible creation of a Wrexham version.
- One co-opted position remained. PJ would speak with Peter Howell who had stood in the election to see if he could assist with fundraising

3. Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting of 17th June 2013

- TeS had liaised with AVOW about future charitable donations who were pleased to assist
- The financial governance policy was carried over
- The e mail to members who had received the inaccurate renewal e mail had been sent
- The use of a membership services company was carried over
- The details of the new membership benefit was carried over
Proposed by PJ & seconded by DJ, the minutes were unanimously accepted by those who been present

4. AGM 2013

- It was agreed that on the whole the AGM had been a success and Board members were thanked for their input
- MJ had drafted a Note which needed some additional information but we should post a summary in the meantime. AF will draft a short summary and send to PJ. The booking in of members and the voting system on the night required careful management and needed to be reviewed next year
- The need to vote for a resolution at the AGM was discussed and this will be considered again given that the online/postal votes had already decided the issues. The order of items (with the financial reports to possibly be at the end) will also be considered

5. Family Open Day

- Will take place on 3 August now that a safety officer had volunteered
The TA had confirmed as had the Fire Service, the Alzheimer’s Society,

Replies were awaited from others. PJ will e mail supporters groups

6. ***The 150th Anniversary***- would remain a standard agenda item although there was nothing additional to report at this time but will be after the next meeting on the 4th July.

HD left the meeting at 2155 after presenting the membership report – see later

7. *Sub Groups and Officers Reports*

Chair (PJ)

- PJ had met with AVOW who are preparing a documentary for their 25th anniversary which will include the Club/Trust.
- PJ explained the position regarding season ticket sales and the response of some fans to the early bird offer and the complaints about discounts for WST members. That decision by the Board was still considered to be the right one and sales were going well. The efforts of the volunteers in the shop were commended; It was agreed that next year the prices should be discussed, agreed and published earlier if at all possible. It was agreed that the recent letter in the Leader was so inaccurate as to warrant a response.

The Treasurers Report and the Football Club Report were carried over

Fundraising, including merchandise (AR)

- The Snowdon walk took place on Sunday 30th June with 44 registered walkers likely to raise c£5000. Given the reduced numbers it was agreed to look again at the format next year.
- Generally more volunteers were needed to take forward fundraising ideas without direct input from the Board
- DJ had been invited to speak at a Coop event at Bangor City's ground with James Mathie
- There would be a presence at The Ruabon Fun Day. If the new shirts were to be sold at Eagles Meadow AR needed prior notice to arrange volunteers.

Business development report (GS)

- SC was presenting to the Club Board tonight as was Andy Slinger about the branding project. Board sales were progressing well and the Leader will sponsor the family stand. GS described the T Shirt production process and the lessons learned

Membership report (HD)

- Membership stood at 2357. The recent renewal letters continued to cause serious issues. HD raised concerns about the amount of work facing the group and the system

Community Development Report (TeS /TS)

- Members were asked to consider the Community Report produced for the AGM with a view to a future discussion
- TeS mentioned speaking to Yale College about educational links with a view to volunteers receiving some accreditation for their efforts

Volunteer Report (AR)

- Only 3 people had offered volunteering services at the AGM and we needed to spread the load as we rely on the same small number of helpers

Secretary's Report (AF)

- The Election Policy needed amending after the AGM. AF needed a Word version. The Rules needed changing and registering with the FCA. Again a Word version was required.
- AF had been contacted by Lease Direct -former shirt sponsors- who had some framed signed shirts which they wanted to donate to us for sale/auction/raffle with half the proceeds going to Hope House .AF will arrange to collect them.

8. Hospitality Register

- It was agreed that we needed to look again at the hospitality policy/register and how it should work in practice given its inclusion in Trust policy introduced at the 2012 SGM. AF to consider

9. AOB

- The Supporters Summit was discussed. It was now clear that the Localism Act (i.e. registering community assets etc.) did not yet apply to Wales

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2255

The next meeting would be held on 15th July

No	Action	Who
1	To draft a financial governance policy	KR
2	To consider the use of a membership services company	KR
3	To finalise details of new membership benefits as agreed at last meeting	The membership group
4	To draft short summary of the AGM for the website	AF
5	To consider the hospitality policy/register in practice	AF

