

Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on: Monday 11th March 2013, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Huw Davies (HD), Spencer Harris (SH), Terry Stott (TeS), Anita Robinson (AR) from 20:00, Mark Williams (MW), Geoff Scott (GS) John Mills (JM), Gavin Jones (GJ), Marc Jones (MJ)

Apologies: Jenny Cantwell (JC), Tom Stanford (TS), Dave Jones (DJ), Keith Roberts (KR),

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting of 4th March 2013

- The AGM is an agenda item
- The Club President is an agenda item
- The volunteers rota has been drafted
- The new membership form was on going
- Items for the next Newsletter were required by Wednesday
- Material had been provided for the WST column re the CoE walk
- The winner of the Xmas raffle has indicated she will accept the cruise prize. MW requires the price for the Lottery return
- The SD donation had been paid

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

2. Director Reports;

2.1 Chair (PJ)

- PJ had met with Duncan Rees of **Co-operative Cymru / Wales** regarding future cooperation. He has posted details on the Project Board

2.2 Treasurers Report (MW in KR's absence)

- MW has received an invoice from Glyndwr University for the hire of Colliers Park in February. No Board member was aware of this charge and MW to raise a query with Glyndwr University.

2.3 Football Club Report (MW/SH/JM)

- A Wrexham supporter was arrested at Dartford having invading the pitch. He received a police caution. The Club awaits a report from the police. Not clear whether he is a Trust member.
- SH outlined who had been invited by the Club to attend the Trophy Final as guests
- The meeting discussed who else might be invited including former managers
- The Wembley merchandise has been ordered and was beginning to arrive
- The Eagles Meadow shop was opened at the weekend with great success thanks to the efforts of volunteers
- SH was compiling a welcome pack for new players. PJ to assist with club history etc.
- A journalist had attended at the last home game to prepare an article for the next edition of “442” magazine

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

- The date for the player of the season dinner was proving difficult to finalise
- AR described the efforts of volunteers who were (and had agreed) to work in the club shop, Eagles Meadow and the mobile unit. Some people were putting in a huge effort. AR was coordinating things but needed more volunteers
- Loan note conversions were coming in

2.5 Business development report (GS)

- The Tele Sales project was proving difficult to move forward and would be “parked” until after Wembley
- All match balls and matches had been “sold” for this season

2.6 Membership report (HD)

- Membership had reached 2,006
- The meeting discussed the half time penalty shoot-out at Wembley. JM will distribute details on line.

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

- TeS reported re Memories FC. The Alzheimer’s Society was providing material to attract volunteers with a view to launching in May. Memorabilia was discussed as was a grant for an oral history
- TeS mentioned the “Level Playing Field” project to raise awareness of disabilities. It was hoped that volunteers to be “disabled” for a day would be

forthcoming from the Trust and Club Boards for the home game against Kidderminster

- The Racecourse Community Foundation had obtained funding for the coaching of disabled children

2.8 Volunteer Report (AR) - see earlier

2.9 Media (MJ) - it was agreed that the next WST column would focus on volunteers

2.10 Secretary's Report (AF)

- AF had received an email from Cardiff City Supporters Trust inviting participation in the Sports Wales anti homophobic project and had requested further details.

3. WST AGM

- AF confirmed that Brian Davies had agreed to join the Election Management Group. AF is to meet him before the Luton game
- AF had sent a request to Shrewsbury's Trust e mail address without reply so had recently sent one to Tranmeres to seek someone to chair the group

4. The FA Trophy Final

- PJ confirmed that 66 coaches were now filled. The meeting commended PJ on his sterling efforts. Stewards were still required for some coaches.
- One coach travelling down on Saturday was full, another was half full. The Saturday/Sunday night coach was cancelled due to lack of response.
- The special train organized by Arriva trains from Wrexham was nothing to do with the Club
- Three minibuses has been arranged for disabled supporters
- Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau would be sung before the game. The meeting discussed having the words printed for supporters to ensure a rousing rendition

SH left the meeting

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 (as had GJ last year) with no response and consequently contacted Arfon Griffiths by telephone on 8th March. AG confirmed that he did not wish to continue as club president and declined an invitation to meet or attend at the Club. He had been invited by SH to the Final but declined as he was on holiday
- AF will write to AG confirming their conversation and thanking him for his services

- The meeting agreed that the existing Vice Presidents would be invited to continue in the role subject to the new policy which did not envisage free admission. AF to draft a letter and post on Project Board

6. Any other business

- The 150th anniversary committee had met and PJ updated the meeting
- The members meeting would take place at the Centenary Club on Monday 18th March
- The next Board meeting would be on Monday 25th March 2013 at 1930

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2135

No	Action	Who
1	To seek a chairperson for the EMG	AF
2	To write to the outgoing Club President	AF
3	To draft a letter to VPs and post on the Project Board	AF
4	To supply material for Newsletter by Wednesday	All
5	To distribute details of Wembley penalty shoot out	JM
6	To contact prospective new Club President	PJ