



Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on: Monday 16th September 2013, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Anita Robinson (AR), Geoff Scott (GS), Peter Howell (PH), Terry Stott (TeS), Tom Stanford (TS), Dave Jones (DJ), Keith Roberts (KR),

Apologies: Marc Jones (MJ), Spencer Harris (SH), Mark Williams (MW), John Mills (JM), Jenny Cantwell (JC), Gavin Jones (GJ),

Chair: Peter Jones

The meeting welcomed the newly appointed football club president, Dixie McNeil as a guest for the beginning of the meeting. Those present introduced themselves and their roles. PJ explained the history of WST, its objectives and the relationship between the Trust and Club Boards. Dixie expressed his pride at being appointed and his willingness to assist the club as much as he can. He then left the meeting having agreed to attend and speak at the next members meeting.

1. Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting of 2nd September 2013

- The Financial governance policy was carried over
- Checking insurance policy for volunteers carried over
- DJ had drawn four possible community shareholders “out of the hat” to open the club shop. He will confirm which of these will do it.
- The on line Q and A session was carried over

Proposed by TS & seconded by TeS, the minutes were unanimously accepted by those who been present

2. Sub Groups and Officers Reports

Chair (PJ)-

- PJ announced the resignation of MJ from the Board. He read MJ’s email which explained that lack of time/increased work commitments meant that reluctantly he could not continue with the media role. The meeting recorded their thanks for Marc’s contribution. This was an important position which would be advertised in the next Briefing.
- PJ mentioned the Calon FM training course with a view to taking part in the Dragonhearts Friday night programme. GS confirmed that 10 places were available. It was agreed that this should be open to the membership generally. Board members could attend as guests on the programme together with others from the Club. TS will speak to the station and draft a piece for the newsletter.
- PJ requested items for the next members briefing by the end of the week.
- The next members meeting will be on 30 September at the Lager Club as the Centenary club was booked.

Treasurers Report – (KR)

- KR presented a detailed financial report to the meeting. This will be posted on the Project Board but the main points were:
Working capital stood at £214,703. Income ytd to 31/7/13 was £54,086, expenditure was £42,143.
The intra company account between the Trust and Wrexham AFC has not been reconciled at this point, but now that the membership and season ticket rush has slowed down this will be remedied shortly.

Football Club Report (SH/GJ/MW/JM)

- No FC Directors were able to attend the meeting

Commercial, fundraising etc (GS/PH/DJ)

- The raffle had raised about £2000 and the winner of the signed shirt had been contacted. This needs to be publicised
- GS and PH outlined potential fundraising events.
- GS was to meet with a fundraiser from the Airbus Company who had raised very large amounts over the years.
- A request for fundraising ideas had been posted on the website.
- DJ confirmed that community shares stood at £148,500 with 322 investors.

Membership report (JC/TS)

- In JCs absence, TS confirmed he had access to In Touch and the meeting had been informed of outstanding membership issues in KRs report.

Community (TeS/TS)

- TeS had met with Coleg Cambria re the scheme for young people not in training employment education to spend time at the Club. They had no funding this year but TeS planned to meet with a representative from Rhyl FC and the Coleg to discuss this further.
- The Autism Wishes project had been discussed at a recent meeting. At least 40 paying customers (youngsters with carers) will attend the Woking game using the first section of family stand. They will pay a familiarisation visit to the ground beforehand. TeS had contacted Geraint Parry with the details. There may be a bucket collection on the day.
- This will be mentioned in the WST column this week
- The meeting agreed that we should now nominate four charities as our nominated charities until July of next year. Proposed by TS and seconded by PH it was agreed that AVOW, Air Ambulance Wales, Alzheimer's Society and Autism Wishes would be our chosen charities.
- TeS will draft a document setting out what the relationship will involve
- DJ will approach the club for the gift aid tickets.

Volunteers (AR)

- AR said that although the photographers were in place, no progress had been made re the other match day volunteers. We had twice asked for and received offers of help for various roles and this now needed to be taken forward. We need a list of the match day roles.
- The stall would be present for the two days of the forthcoming Mold Food Festival

Secretary's Report(AF)

- AF reported that the application to amend the Rules (to allow under 16s to join) was submitted some weeks ago. Recently the FCA raised a query which had been answered so we should receive confirmation soon but, as yet, the old Rules still applied.
- James Mathie of Supporters Direct will visit on 23 September for an afternoon meeting at 3pm re the hospitality policy. AF and SH will attend and any other Board member is welcome. After that, probably at about 5pm, there will be a further meeting about community shares with DJ to attend and again any other board member. It doesn't look like JM will address a full Trust Board meeting. AF will clarify the arrangements.

KR left the meeting at 2210

4. Targets

- PJ explained the need to set ourselves targets in order to help plan, prioritise and measure the performance of the Board. He had posted ideas on the Project Board and would obtain a presentation by SH made some time ago about the role of the sub groups. He observed that although everyone was busy, actions which had been agreed months ago were still outstanding. AF said that objectives/goals should be related the Objects of the Trust in the Rules.
- All board members should consider what goals applied to their topic areas.
- It was agreed that actions which were carried over should continue to be listed in the Actions so that o/s actions were clear to all

5. 150TH Anniversary

- PJ updated the meeting about the appeal against the refusal of Lottery funding to the RCF.

6. AOB

- TeS mentioned the community report not being on the website. There had been an issue sending it electronically to JM.

Date of next Board meeting is Monday 7th October 2013

Date of the next members meeting is 30th September 2013

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2245

No	Action	Who
1	To amend the draft financial governance policy/check insurance policy	KR
2	To contact the Community share winner to open the shop & liaise with MW re arrangements	DJ
3	To contact the 3000 th member	TS/JC
4	To consider how/when to hold a Q and A session on social media during the next month	ALL
5	To contact Calon FM and provide details of the training course for the next Briefing	TS
6	To speak to WP re her possible application to join as the Boards media officer	TS
7	To provide material for the next Briefing by the end of the week	All
12	To draft and post a document outlining our relationship with the chosen charities	TS
13	To contact the Club re gift aid tickets	DJ
14	To clarify the details of the meetings with James Mathie	AF
15	To consider the suitability of the Disciplinary Policy	AF
16	To consider and post their own targets/goals for insertion in a Trust business plan	All
17	To consider and post ideas for an online Q and A session with Board members.	All
18	To finalise the uploading of the community report on the WST website	JM/TeS/PJ

