



Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on: Monday 2nd September 2013, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, Racecourse Ground , Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Anita Robinson (AR), Geoff Scott (GS), Peter Howell (PH), Gavin Jones (GJ), Terry Stott (TeS), Tom Stanford (TS), Spencer Harris (SH), Mark Williams (MW), John Mills (JM), Jenny Cantwell (JC), Dave Jones (DJ)

Apologies: Huw Davies (HD), Keith Roberts (KR), Marc Jones (MJ),

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting of 12th August 2013

- Financial governance policy was carried over
- Checking insurance policy for volunteers carried over

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

2. Sub Groups and Officers Reports

Chair (PJ)- see later

Treasurers Report – (KR)

- KR could not attend this evening. The meeting noted that we still needed to see monthly financial reports and requests that they be posted on the Project Board

Football Club Report (SH/GJ/MW)

- A detailed update was provided about the pending sale of Bradley Reid to Wolves.
- The meeting discussed the recent inaccurate reporting in the Daily Post. An apology was expected.
- The club had been reported to the FA after the flare throwing/damage to seats at the Chester game and the club may be charged by the FA
- The FC Board had considered the letter from TeS. They had decided against a disabled policy but would include it in a Fans Charter which is a Football League requirement. They had not decided on Away travel. The Club Board will contact the University to decide about the opening of the 1874 suite
- A written application was submitted for the release of £73,500 from the community share funds for the completion of the club shop. This had been agreed in principle some time ago. Proposed by SH seconded by GJ and agreed unanimously

Commercial, fundraising etc (GS/PH)

- The raffle had so far raised about £1500 and will be drawn at the Luton game
- The online shop needed further management
- GS and PH had met to consider fundraising ideas including a unique fundraising event for 3 people.
- The new Club shop was looking good thanks to the efforts of various people including the volunteers.
- Need to start collecting for the Xmas raffle
- The Yearbook was shortly to be sent to the printers.

Membership report (JC/TS)

- There were now 3,070 members. Inputting was now up to date. There were still cards to be printed. JC needed help with this.
- TS had been shown how to operate In Touch.
- TS will take over the running of the Director for the Day scheme
- It was agreed that the Club Shop would be officially opened before the Luton game on 13th September and that a community share holder would be selected by DJ to do it.
- The 3000th member would be identified by JC with a view to being the Director for the Day at home to Cambridge on 28th September.

Community (TeS/TS)

- TeS informed the meeting about contact with Coleg Cambria involving a scheme for young people not in training employment education to spend time at the Club. Other clubs do something similar. Further details were needed at an information gathering meeting.
- The Senior Dragons had met. Another meeting was planned
- The Autistic Society project was discussed. Paying customers with parents would attend a game using the family stand. May be a bucket collection on the day. Another fact finding meeting was planned on 14/9/13

Media Report (MJ)

- TS mentioned expanding the publicity re WST to reach all areas of the community using various social media. He had discussed assistance from someone who might be able to assist with the community subgroup.
- The meeting discussed how best to communicate with members. The new website had 2000 hits per day but needed Board members to provide material for it.
- The possibility of a regular response on RP was discussed. It was felt that we should try to set up a Q and A session with a live twitter feed within the next month or so.

Volunteers (AR)

- AR reported efforts to increase the number of volunteers
- The volunteer policy had been raised with the Club Board and their response to it was still awaited.

4. 150th Anniversary

- The application for Lottery funding had been drafted.

5. Charities

- The scheme to involve AVOW in the distribution of gift aided tickets was not working
- TeS had considered the scheme used by Northampton Town which could involve adopting a number of Charitable 'Partners'; allowing one bucket collection on a match day per year; use of the Club badge for promotion materials; coverage of the charities events on the Club/WST websites; adoption of the charity by 2 or 3 players for a minimum of 1 or 2 appearances at the charity's fundraising events; access to signed shirts, balls and gift aided tickets for the charity's fundraising events.
- One consideration would be the terms of the player's contracts which differ from the football league.

6. AOB

- The Centre of Excellence players would be signing up as WST members at their photo shoot on 10 September and help would be needed to sign them up.

Date of next Board meeting is Monday 16 September 2013

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2235

No	Action	Who
1	To amend financial governance policy/check insurance policy	KR
2	To select the Community share winner to open the shop	DJ
3	To select the 3000 th member for the Cambridge match	JC
4	To consider how/when to hold a Q and A session on social media during the next month	ALL