

## **Wrexham Supporters Trust – Minutes of Board Meeting**

**Held On:** Monday, 25 February 2013, commencing at 19:45

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

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**Present:** Mark Williams (MW), John Mills (JM), Anita Robinson (AR), Spencer Harris (SH), Dave Jones (DJ), Keith Roberts (KS), Tom Stanford (TS), Terry Stott (TSo), Huw Davies (HD), Geoff Scott (GS)

**Apologies:** Gavin Jones, Marc Jones, Jenny Cantwell, Pete Jones, Alan Fox

**Chair:** John Mills

### **1) Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

- Update on outstanding actions:
  - Loan note letters – letter has been finalised and will be issued this week
  - Volunteers policy – AVOW have model volunteers policy for us to implement along with registration forms
  - Insurance – Director & Officers cover is now in place for WST and Wrexham AFC Limited under a joint policy with a limit of £1 million
  - AGM planning carried forward in the absence of AF
  - Member numbers now updated on website by HD
- Matters arising:
  - None
- Approval of minutes:
  - Carried forward until next board meeting

### **2) Director's Reports**

- None

### **3) Chairman's Update**

- Carried forward in the absence of PJ

### **4) Treasurer's Report**

- Current funds: £194,000
- Members: 1,954
- Investments in Wrexham AFC Limited: £485,000
- Total raised since formation: £800,000
- Agreed to cancel freepost licence as we have cover in the form of the Freepost WST service

### **5) Sub group reports**

#### **a) Football club report**

- SH provided an update on contract signings and transfer activity today
- MW provided update on Wembley plans and details of FA Trophy Planning meeting this Wednesday
- MW outlined financial overview to the end of January and compared financial performance to budget
- MW confirmed that all requirements for Football League application has been completed and is being submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 deadline

#### **b) Fundraising including merchandise**

- The remaining two subscribers in the Community Share ESCROW account have been contacted and they are submitting their plans
- AR is researching process of applying for a peddler license

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**c) Business development report**

- GS outlined initial plans for Wembley merchandise that will be finalised following meeting at Wembley this week

**d) Membership report**

- HD confirmed that no progress has been made with tier memberships
- HD confirmed that more volunteers have come forward to assist with membership
- The Board noted that the Wembeley match is an opportunity to increase membership. HD to develop plans to maximize this potential
- HD revealed plans to incentivise members to join by monthly standing order
- HD to invite GS to next membership meeting to develop recruitment strategies

**e) Community report**

- TSt provided an update on Memories FC and meeting with the Alzheimers Society has taken place with a view of launching in May 2013 if funding is available and will be based on the history of Wrexham Football Club
- TSt confirmed that memorial garden at Colliers Park on hold pending review meeting with new personnel at Glyndwr
- TSt confirmed that The Disabled Supporters Association ran their first coach to Gainsborough away and have a full coach to Wembley. KJ to report to TSt on availability of mini buses with wheelchair facilities
- TS had met regarding an international day but will be carried over to new season
- DJ to advise contact at the club for player appearance at Derwen College friendly

**f) Volunteer report**

- Meeting has taken place with AVOW to develop the policy and we have been invited to their open day on 1<sup>st</sup> June

**g) Media report**

- Leader column up and running - need one for this Wednesday. Obvious one is Wembley and merchandise
- Press releases required on (a) protecting our merchandise and (b) the 800k raised so far by the WST. Protecting our merchandise is linked to the approval of the club's trade mark
- A Caernarfon-based independent TV company has been in touch asking to come on one coach down to Wembley as part of a series they're filming for S4C. The board have no objections providing they pay for a coach ticket

**h) Secretary's report**

- Carried forward in the absence of AF

**6) The FA Trophy**

- Carried forward to meeting on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 once outcome of FA Trophy Final Planning meeting is known this week

**7) WST AGM Election**

- Carried forward in the absence of AF

**8) Any other urgent business**

- Supporters Direct Annual Conference is at Burton on 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- SH confirmed procedures for attending board room matches via booking three days

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prior to the matchday via the Football Secretary

There being no further business the meeting was closed by JM at 21:25

**Date and venue of next meeting:**

Next meeting to be held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham, commencing at 7:30pm

**Summary of actions:**

<b>No</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>
<b>1</b>	AGM Planning	AF
<b>2</b>	Cancel freepost response license	MW
<b>3</b>	Develop plans to maximise Wembley opportunity to boost memberships	HD
<b>4</b>	Invite GS to membership meeting to develop recruitment strategies	HD
<b>5</b>	Report to TSt on availability of mini buses with wheelchair facilities	KS