



Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on: Monday 17th February 2014, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

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

Apologies: Jenny Cantwell (JC), Keith Roberts (KR), John Mills (JM), Spencer Harris (SH), Robin Wiggs (RW),

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting of 3rd February 2014

- Action 1 – the style guidelines for the 150th badge was carried over - update this evening
- Action 2- RW will post the latest version of the plan on the forum – uploaded today
- Action 3 -
- Action 3 – Board members to continue commenting on the plan – on agenda item
- Action 4 – Some board members have provided availability for Dragonheart -m
- Action 5 –PJ will provide copies of broadcasts for the website – mechanism in place
- Action 6- KR has enquired about the lottery licence –see later – on agenda for today
- Action 7 - TeS to investigate the need for risk assessments and our insurance cover for JDs events – on agenda
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Vote: *Proposed by TS & seconded by DJ, the minutes were unanimously approved as amended by those who had been present.*

2. Sub Groups and Officers Reports

Chair (PJ)

- PJ informed the meeting about being approached by a journalist from FC Business to comment on the North/South divide as far as the treatment of football clubs in Wales was concerned. We could not comment on the FAW which is our governing body.
- The Seaside Independent Supporters Association (Blackpool FC) has approached us to take part in a q and a blog about Trust work. We agreed to take part.
- James Mathie has agreed to help publicise our invitation for 150 Trusts to take part in the Snowdon walk.
- Supporters Direct intend to form a working group to look at the Localism Act in Wales

Treasurers Report – (KR)

- KR sent his apologies and reported as follows:

Income in the Month

Membership £4,203 (£1 Junior Dragons and £2 Youth)
Xmas Raffle £194

Donations £34
DVD £20
Snowdon Walk £50
Hospitality £64
Misc. £50
Interest £55

Total 4,801

Expenditure

Travel Expenses £26
Intouch System £30
Postage and Printing £156
Supporters Direct Donation £500
Misc. £87
Bank / EBay / PayPal Charges £93

Total £892

As a result the current working capital held by the Trust is £205,600

- KR further reported that at the last home game he had collected a number of cheques from the club office and this included 8 cheques to a value of almost £400 relating to the Xmas Raffle, these cheques were all dated December. He understands that there are a number of cheques at the club office and will collect these on Saturday and bank them early next week.
- With regards to the Gambling Registration, KR has contacted Paul Stevens at Wrexham BC on a number of occasions regarding the on line selling of tickets and he is coming back to him tomorrow.
- KR will meet up with MW later this week to ensure that the end of year accounts are ok before they are sent to the Auditor.

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

- MW presented a detailed report on the current position re the Clubs finances. A lengthy discussion followed. As originally planned further monies were required from the Trust.

Vote: Proposed by PJ and seconded by PH it was agreed unanimously to invest a further £60,000 in the football club in line with resolution passed by members at the 2013 AGM

Commercial, fundraising etc. (GS/PH/DJ)

- GS reported that the successful Sweet concert/dinner had raised about £5000
- A meeting was planned with RW about how to control publication of future events
- Plans were progressing for the Mosaic on the MRS concourse. Glyndwr are assisting with the design. There will be 2000 photographs at £10 per photo.
- The Sports Quiz night at the Turf on the 7/3/14 will be sponsored by the Co-op
- A fundraising committee with non-Board members taking part was discussed
- The Player of the Season dinner will take place on 27/4/14 and prices were discussed. It was agreed that rather than have a comedian and speaker we will book Jeff Winter. It was agreed that tickets for 150 people will be priced at £30.
- The aim was to make a profit from the auction not the dinner. PJ explained an opportunity to buy shirts signed by top players. There would be an outlay of £2000 which would provide a stock for use at future events.

Vote: Proposed by PJ and seconded by PH it was agreed unanimously to purchase the signed shirts.

Membership report (DJ JC/TS/HD)

- DJ had examined the JD database and compared it with In Touch and was considering how to reconcile the two.
- DJ had drawn out the names of mascots for the rest of the season.
- DJ reported that Directors for the Day were confirmed for most of the remaining home games. He will amend the rota on the Forum.
- HD had sent out about 500 membership cards in the last few weeks.
- It was agreed not to seek renewal of player/staff membership until the beginning of next season.
- Sabo will train Steve Cook on the system later this month. DJ will attend if possible.

Community (TeS/TS)

- TeS will meet with AVOW regarding a children's project next month.
- TeS informed the meeting about plans to upgrade facilities for disabled fans in the MRS including providing half of the costs. Community shares could not be used but rather dedicated fundraising events may be needed.
- The question of increasing the number of mascots per game was discussed.

Volunteers (AR)

- There was to be a volunteers night out on 28/2/14
- Staffing the shop was under control
- A rota will be prepared for the Turf car park.

Media/Communications (RW)

- RW was absent but a meeting was planned shortly -including with the club- to discuss how best to communicate arrangements for the 150th anniversary events.

Secretary's Report (AF)

- AF informed the meeting that our membership of Supporters Direct was confirmed. He had provided them with the email addresses of all board members so we should all receive their media briefings etc.
- The SD AGM and Supporters Summit will take place at Wembley on 25 and 26 July. We will be represented and will confirm numbers nearer the date.
- The date of the Trust AGM was set for the 26 June. AF will post on the Forum re-elections etc.
- The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and other legislative changes will be in force later this year. Industrial and Provident Societies will become Community Benefit Societies and changes will include increasing limits on share capital, new insolvency rescue procedures and electronic registration documents.
- AF had been asked by Gareth Williams a bilingual media student at Salford Uni (originally from Mid Wales) whether he could produce a short (5 minute) documentary on the Club/Fans ownership/150th anniversary etc. We would have ownership of it (and the longer version) and could post it on the website as a permanent record. It was agreed in principle and AF will explore this further.

3. 150TH Anniversary

- The Legend's Match on 13/4/14 was discussed and whether there was sufficient time left to organise it.

5. Targets and Planning

- RW will post the latest version on the Forum for further discussion.

AOB

- AR mentioned receiving an email from the RCF which indicated they were using database details.

Date of next Board meeting - Monday 3rd March at 7.30 pm in the Lager Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2250.

No	Action	Who
1	To produce style guidelines re the 150 th badge/logo	RW
2	To post the latest version of the draft plan on the Forum	RW
3	To consider the plan and send suggestions for the action plan as they relate to their subgroup to RW	All
4	To investigate the need for risk assessments and our insurance cover for JDs events	TeS
5	To start an AGM thread on the Forum and update Board members	AF