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**Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting (The Governing Body of Wrexham AFC)**

**Held on:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014, commencing at 19.30

**Venue:** The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

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**Present:** Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Mark Williams (MW), Richard Ulrich (RU), Gavin Jones (GJ), Geoff Scott (GS), Dave Jones (DJ), Tom Stanford (TS), Spencer Harris (SH), John Mills (JM), Keith Roberts (KR), Stuart Roberts (SR), Robin Wiggs (RW), Anita Purslow (AP),

**Apologies:** Jenny Cantwell (JC),

**Chair:** Peter Jones

**1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

- Action 1- Dragonheart will start again on 9/1/15. Board members to submit availability on Forum- Action ongoing
- Action 2- KR to post the raffle licence on the Forum- Action ongoing
- Action 3 - DJ has posted a template letter on the Forum - Action complete
- Action 4-Sub Groups to post reports prior to Board meetings- Action ongoing
- Action 5- ?
- Action 6- board members still had to comment on RWs communication plan- Action ongoing
- Action 7- GS had contacted SH re sales of raffle tickets in club shop. - Action complete

***Vote:** Proposed by SH & seconded by JM it was resolved unanimously to approve the minutes as amended by those who had been present.*

**2. Chairman's Report**

- PJ had received a letter regarding access to the stadium for disabled fans which he will pass to Glyndwr.

**3. Community Football Club (TeS/AP/SR)-**

- AP reported that the Junior Dragons Xmas party was a success with about 40 attending. The Co-op donated selection boxes.
- The Group had met with AVOW who provided guidance re attracting and organising volunteers.
- AP was now able to process DBS checks.
- There had been a productive meeting with Lee Jones. The aim is to meet monthly and coordinate events.

**4. Financial Security & Revenue Generation Group (KR/GS/JC/DJ)**

- GS reported that the Christmas Party had been cancelled due to insufficient time to plan it properly.
- The Christmas Raffle was currently the priority. GS updated the meeting about progress.
- JC was organising a quiz in the Saith Seren on 30/1/15.
- KR will post a report on the Forum shortly. He reported that all summer payments and now been allocated.

**ACTION:** KR to post report on the Forum.

- The meeting agreed to apply for the Daily Post Community Business Award next year. The application needs drafting in August.

TS joined the meeting at 2015.

#### **5. Football Club Operations (MW/SH/GJ/JM)**

SH provided a detailed report on the Forum for Board members. The key messages are:

- Upturn in fortune on the pitch since last meeting with progression to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the FA Cup, League second round of FA Trophy -total all games since our last meeting [W3 D3 L0]
- Retail shop in Eagles Meadow opened 26<sup>th</sup> November for 6 weeks
- The meeting discussed the work of JMs subgroup looking at shirt suppliers for next season.
- MW said that the audited accounts need to be approved by the Club Board.

GJ left the meeting at 2105.

- The meeting discussed the various options for ticket sales for the Stoke game including at the Dartford match and the volunteers needed to sell them.

SH left the meeting at 2140.

#### **6. Fans Ownership Group (DJ/RU/RW/TF)**

- DJ reported that approx. 1000 people had joined or renewed Trust/Club membership as a result of the Stoke ticketing arrangements. Membership stood at 3602 and rising. This had resulted in a very large number of queries for the sub group to respond to (the meeting thanked DJ, RW and RU in particular for their hard work in recent weeks)
- AF mentioned the need to train more people to use the SABO system as otherwise Board members could not help out at times of high demand.

**ACTION:** To arrange SABO training for Board members- Fans Ownership Group

#### **7. Secretary's Report**

- AF reported that our membership of Supporters Direct was up for renewal. The fee was £100 but we have usually paid extra by way of donation. He had received a breakdown of SDs work for us during the year.

**Vote:** Proposed by PJ & seconded by DJ it was resolved unanimously to increase our subscription to £500 this year.

- AF updated the meeting about the Government Expert Group. The question of travelling expenses seems to have finally been resolved with the Premier Leagues "fans fund" paying them. The next meeting of relevance to us was on 30/1/15 at Wembley when the Group will examine the financial and legal obstacles to fan ownership and involvement. Ideally someone involved when the club was purchased would be best placed to attend. It was mentioned that Rob Parry would be a good choice if available. Rob was attending as a guest at the FGR match on 28/12/14.

**ACTION:** AF to take this forward

#### **8. AOB**

- TS mentioned the Fans for Diversity project. It was agreed that this could be a good opportunity to work with Chester FC and generate some positive news.

**ACTION:** TS to take this forward -including contacting Chester.

- The Autism Wishes match would now be against Torquay.

**ACTION:** TS to take this forward -including contacting Geraint Parry

- AP mentioned the possibility of meeting on a day other than Mondays as she had difficulties attending on Mondays. The meeting agreed that we did not have to meet on Mondays but the next meeting would be on a Monday. We can review this going forward.

Date of next Board meeting –Monday 19th January 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Racecourse Boardroom

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2230.

No	Action	Who
1	To contact PJ with availability for the Dragonheart show	All
2	To post the raffle licence on the Forum	KR
3	To consider RWs communication plan and comment on the Forum	All
4	To arrange SABO training for Board members	DJ/MW
5	To arrange payment of SD membership fee	AF and KR
6	To contact Rob Parry re Expert Group	AF
7	To contact Chester re Fans for Diversity project	TS
8	To contact GP re Autism Wishes game	TS
9	To post finance report on the Forum	KR