



Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on: Monday 2nd June 2014, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Mark Williams (MW), Geoff Scott (GS), Spencer Harris (SH), Gavin Jones (GJ), Tom Stanford (TS), Dave Jones (DJ), John Mills (JM), Robin Wiggs (RW), Jenny Cantwell (JC), Keith Roberts (KR),

Apologies: Peter Howell (PH), Anita Robinson (AR),

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting of 12th May 2014

- Action 1 – PJ had contacted TeS who has formally resigned from the Board following his work commitments in the South of England. The meeting again recorded its appreciation of Terry's work.
- Action 2 – The renewal letter has been sent out.
- Action 3 – The FC Group have posted their objectives – see later
- Action 4- The Supporters Summit is discussed later
- Action 5- AF has begun providing all FC Directors with a full copy of the Trust Board minutes

Vote: *Proposed by JM & seconded by DJ, the minutes were unanimously approved as amended by those who had been present.*

2. Targets and Planning

- The Board discussed the FC Objectives for inclusion in the Trust Strategic Plan as presented by SH. Subject to some slight alterations these were accepted by the Board.
- SH will provide a copy to RW for inclusion in the Plan for presentation at the AGM.
- AF raised the question as to how the membership will be involved in ratifying the Plan and suggested that the draft could be posted on line before the AGM. RW could then give a brief overview at the AGM. There will not be enough time for detailed discussion there but there could be at the next members meeting after the AGM - when the membership of the new Board will be known.

3. WST AGM

- AF had circulated a paper before the meeting setting out issues for the Board to consider including resolutions.
- The Board agreed with the draft resolution amending Rule 14 to allow under 16s to buy community shares.

Vote: *Proposed by DJ & seconded by GJ the resolution (as drafted by AF) regarding Rule 14 was unanimously approved.*

- The draft resolution regarding investment by the trust in the Football Club was agreed subject to confirmation of the figures

Vote: Proposed by MW & seconded by GJ the draft resolution (as drafted by AF) regarding investment in the football club was unanimously approved.

- The meeting discussed the draft resolution proposed by a member regarding the purchase of licensed premises. Whilst not disagreeing with the principles behind it, the Board did not think that the time was right to be investing in this way and instructed AF to convey the Boards views to the member. If he wishes to proceed with the resolution there needs to be a mechanism for the member and the Board to express their views to the membership. AF suggested a paragraph of 200 words (maximum) on the ballot paper.

Vote: Proposed by SH & seconded by MW the Board unanimously agreed that they could not support this resolution at this time and instructed AF to inform the member.

- AF had drawn the Boards attention to Rule 28.3.4 which prohibits Board members serving for more than three consecutive terms on the FC Board and effectively meant that (subject to them remaining Trust Board members) SH, GJ, JM and MW would have to step down from the FC Board in 2017.
- The Board could not recall why this Rule had been included in 2011 and agreed that it was an unnecessary restriction and that FC Board members should be chosen on merit.

Vote: Proposed by PJ & seconded by TS that the Board instruct AF to draft a resolution for the AGM deleting this Rule. The proposal was unanimously approved by those voting with SH/JM/MW/GJ abstaining.

- The meeting discussed the draft resolution proposed by a member regarding community, inclusivity and diversity. AF had already provided him with a summary of the draft Plan regarding community and the Board agreed that much of the member's suggestions were captured there.
- RW is to look again at that section of the Plan and incorporate the member's suggestions as appropriate.
- The Board agreed to adopt the draft guidance posted by AF on the principles to be applied when organising fundraising events and asked AF to share that with the member for his information/observations.
- PJ and AF had been contacted by Supporters Direct about meeting their new chief executive Robin Osterley. It was agreed to invite him to briefly address the AGM.
- KR said all the files are currently with the auditor but he has been away for the last week and there are a few minor points on which he needs to advise the auditor, this will be done this week

4. Sub Groups and Officers Reports

Chair (PJ)

- PJ had received a letter of resignation from TeS following his new job in Wiltshire. He had responded Terry will also resign from the RCF Board but remain chair of the DSA. In the circumstances Terry's resignation was accepted unanimously and the board commended his good work.

Treasurers Report – (KR)

The finance report for the period to the end of April:

Income In April Year to Date

Membership 4,245 17,629
Merchandise - 393
Donations 1,350 1,561
Sky Dive 910 910
Player of the Season 120 120
Hospitality 109 253
Interest 45 155
Quiz Night 353 353
Misc 52 501

Total 7,184 21,875

Expenditure

Sky Dive 1,200 1,230
Player of the Season - 150
Postage / Printing / Stationery 8 724
Donation - 500
Insurance 371 371
Travel Expenses 60 238
Merchandise 2,200 2,200
Away Travel Sponsorship - 350
Bank Charges 66 317
Misc 30 250

Total 3,935 6.330

Surplus 3,249 15,545

Fixed Assets

AFC Shares 620,000

Debtors 25,763
Scottish Widows A/C 48,000
Co op Current A/C 14,963
Community Shares A/C 13,790
Paypal A/C 386
Petty Cash 27

Total Current Assets 102,930

Current Liabilities

Loan Note 5,300
Creditors 1,264

Total Current Liabilities 6,564

Working Capital 96,366

Net Assets 786,366

Finance By

Share Capital 2,024
Community Shares 89,605
Retaining Earnings 624,737

Total 786,366

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

- MW reported that to date 1638 season tickets have been sold.
- MW presented a detailed draft budget for the football club but there were still some uncertainties which meant that the draft could only be finalised next week. The Board need to meet again on the 9th June to discuss this.
- The meeting discussed the current position regarding the playing staff.
- Places were still available to attend the Conference AGM on the 7th June. The club were obliged to purchase and pay for a certain number of places. Those Board members who attend will reimburse the Trust. So far SH, Kevin Wilkin, Geraint Parry and AF are attending.

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

- GS had arranged a meeting to discuss the Matchday experience. Ideas were discussed which Steve Cook should take forward including flags and music.

Membership report (DJ JC/TS/HD)

- DJ reported that the welcome letter and brochure were in preparation
- The meeting discussed the latest membership figures and the change from the In Touch to the SABO system which made it difficult to give a precise figure at this time.

Community (TeS/TS)

- TS mentioned that the Wrexham Community Choir were interested in performing at matches and would explore this further.

Volunteers (AR)

- AR sent her apologies

Media/Communications (RW)

- RW informed the meeting that the sale of pieces of turf from the pitch was progressing well.

Secretary's Report

- AF mentioned the Supporters Summit at Wembley on 26th July and the SD AGM the night before. So far AF, PJ, DJ and MW wished to attend on the 26th July. AF will register our details with SD and if possible will attend the Friday events as well.

5. 150TH Anniversary

- PJ said that the 150th anniversary committee had met on 22 May. He updated the meeting about possible events.

5. AOB

- TS will attend the next DSA event
- MW mentioned the lottery licence. KR said it had been applied for.
- JC is to check the position regarding the funding of the disabled platform and the role of the Crusaders in it.

Date of next Board meeting - Monday 9th June 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Lager Club to discuss the Club Budget and the AGM.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2300.

No	Action	Who
1	To draft a resolution amending Rule 28.3.4	AF
2	To write to a member re his resolution	AF
3	To write to a member re his resolution	AF
4	To consider a members resolution and include in the Strategic Plan	RW
5	To register details of those attending the Supporters Summit with SD	AF
6	To check the position regarding the funding of the disabled platform and the role of the Crusaders	JC

