



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

Held on: Monday 24th November 2014, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

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), Jenny Cantwell (JC), Stuart Roberts (SR), Robin Wiggs (RW),

Apologies: Anita Purslow (AP), Tom Frost (TF)

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 24th October 2014

- Action 1- The Community Group had sought assistance from AVOW – Action complete
- Action 2- We have contacted the Government Expert Group – see later- Action complete
- Action 3- KR is to post the raffle licence on the Forum- Action ongoing
- Action 4 - AF has invited the Shots Trust- Action complete
- Action 5-AF has drafted a letter to the Welsh Government re Assets of community value- Action complete
- Action 6- DJ is to post a template letter on the Forum - Action ongoing
- Action 7-Sub Groups to post dates of meetings on the Forum -Action ongoing
- Action 8 – Trust member Clive Austin was selected to unveil the plaque and has been invited to be a future Director for the Day- action complete
- Action 9 - TS has not yet met with Mike Vickers. PJ has contacted Tony Durkin at Chester who was keen to arrange a joint community event- action ongoing
- Action 10- board members still had to comment on RWs communication plan- action ongoing

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

2. Chairman's Report

- PJ has received a letter from Tom Frost who has reluctantly resigned from the Board due to him working away.

***Vote:** The meeting unanimously voted to accept Tom's resignation*

- PJ has received an email from Jacqui Forster at Supporters Direct thanking us for hospitality at the Altrincham game and querying whether Glyndwr could host next year's Supporters Direct AGM weekend in June.
- PJ mentioned the need for Board members to provide availability for the Dragonheart show which also need co presenters.

Action: All Board members to provide PJ with availability for Dragonheart.

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

- GS reported that there have been three subgroup meetings since the last Board meeting. The Group now has 8 members. GS and JC have posted a detailed report setting out events/targets/outcomes on the Forum. The Fundraising Target for 2014/2015 is £50,000.
- The Christmas Raffle was very important. GS will write the wording to be used by shop staff and email to SH. Procedures had been set up to distinguish raffle income on the tills.

Action: GS to provide SH with wording for shop staff

- The meeting discussed the monies raised by the Mosaic sales which were likely to fall short of the £20k target. The DSA need to keep the Football Supporters Federation updated as they had committed some monies to the platforms. The Mosaic will continue until April.
- KR provided a detailed financial report on the financial position of the Trust up to the end of September 2014, and an indication of the commitments made against the funds held.

Income for September 2014 £4,456	Income for period to September 2014 £61,661	Income for period to September 2013 £75,381
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On a like for like comparison income is down by £13,720 with the main areas of reduction being, membership £2,692, donations £7,648, the year book £1,697 and interest £970. Based on the current levels it is expected that membership fees will be down by £4,000 at the end of the year compared to 2013.

Expenditure for September 2014 £54	Expenditure for period to September 2014 £13,845	Expenditure for period to September 2013 £14,894
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KR is not aware of any significant levels of expenditure which are currently outstanding. Compared to the same period in 2013 there has been a reduction in expenditure of £1,049, predominately due to a reduction in postage / printing £2,276 but an increase in the cost of the purchasing and processing of membership cards of £1,274.

Income and Expenditure

Based on the above information the Trust made a surplus of £4,402 in September and £47,816 for the period to date, this compares to a surplus of £60,487 over the same period in 2013 mainly due to a reduction in membership fees and donations. Based on the above information it is estimated that the Trust will make a surplus in the region of £60,000 plus any surplus made from the Christmas Raffle.

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

MW circulated a detailed financial report for the information of Board members. The Club AGM will be held in January

- SH provided a detailed report on the Forum for Board members which was discussed at the meeting.
- Mixed results on the pitch with progression to the 2nd round of the FA Cup a key highlight. We made a profit in the month. Retail shop in Eagles Meadow opens over the weekend of 22/23rd November for 6 weeks.

5. Fans Ownership Group (DJ/RU/RW/TF)

- DJ provided a written report on the Forum. The key messages are:
- Membership stands at 2586 but see below re renewals.
- Renewal Notices issued along with Newsletter to approx. 750 adult members.
- Junior Dragons Application Form Drafted for issue to approx. 400 JDs & Youths.
- Ideas for Membership Promotion beginning to formulate.
- DJ mentioned resources on the Fans Ownership Group. At present we have the two elected Board members, Dave Jones and Rich Ulrich. We also have co-opted members Robin Wiggs and Tom Frost who has just resigned. In addition, having had a number of volunteers come forward initially, two have attended meetings. We need to determine exactly what we require in terms of resource.

6. Community Football Club (TeS/AP/SR)-

- SR was meeting Lee Jones on Friday to discuss ideas.
- The JD Xmas party will be on 14/12/14 at the Centenary Club
- The Bring a Tin game will be on 2/12/14 v Bristol Rovers
- SR has been trying to contact charitable partners re tickets. The Alzheimer's Society has not responded
- The meeting discussed the Splash project (Plas Madoc community group). The club has agreed to a bucket collection but the meeting felt that promoting projects on the Trust website was problematic.
- Permission has been granted to raise money for a headstone for Bert Foster. The costs will be about £1000.

7. Secretary's Report

- AF is attending the first meeting of the Government Expert Group tomorrow and will report back to the Board

8. 150th anniversary

- This is now in the hands of the fundraising group

Date of next Board meeting – Thursday 18th December 2014 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 post template letter on the Forum	DJ
4	To post meeting dates on the Forum, invite the designated volunteers to attend them and post a report on the Forum before the next Board meeting using the pro forma.	All sub groups
5	To contact Mike Vickers re a possible joint community project	TS
6	To consider RWs communication plan and comment on the Forum	All
7	To provide wording to SH for shop staff re raffle ticket sales	GS