



Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on: Monday 28th April 2014, commencing at 19.30*

Venue: The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Anita Robinson (AR), Mark Williams (MW), Terry Stott (TeS), Geoff Scott (GS), Spencer Harris (SH) after 2100, Keith Roberts (KR),

Apologies: Gavin Jones (GJ), Tom Stanford (TS), Dave Jones (DJ), John Mills (JM), Robin Wiggs (RW), Peter Howell (PH), Jenny Cantwell (JC),

Chair: Peter Jones

*The meeting was not quorate until 2100 when SH attended. Prior to that time MW provided a detailed review of the Football Club's financial performance over the season. For next season the plan is to prepare a break even budget without the need to call on Trust reserves.

1. Matters arising and approval of minutes of Board meeting of 14th April 2014

- Action 1 – AF had written to J Winter cancelling the contract. His initial response was to say that he would be instructing his lawyers to recover the full amount. Mr Winter's latest email was read out to the meeting. He has since decided that, given the nature of the Trust's work, he would not be seeking legal redress.
- Action 2- AF had published a notice of the AGM seeking election candidates
- Action 3 – The Plan remained an agenda item

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

2. Sub Groups and Officers Reports

Chair (PJ)

- PJ read out a letter of resignation from Huw Davies. PJ had replied thanking Huw for his work over the years. The meeting recorded their appreciation for Huws contribution over a considerable period of time.

Vote: *Proposed by PJ & seconded by SH, it was agreed unanimously to accept HD's resignation*

- PJ and the Board expressed their thanks to those who had participated in the Parachute Jump

Treasurers Report – (KR)

- Income received in March 13 - £4,894

This comprised of £4,600 membership payments, of which £3 related to the Junior Dragons Youth members

£120 was for Player of the seasons tickets

£58 was from merchandise

£40 from Hospitality

£24 from year book sales
£52 from interest on investments

During the Month of March 13 the expenditure was £638

This comprised of

£30 intouch system
£153 postage and stationery
£350 sponsorship of the away travel for the Grimsby game
£83 PayPal and Bank Charges
£22 Corporation Tax Provision

Therefore showing a surplus in the month of £4,256

In terms of the balance sheet the level of funds available have reduced by £70k due to the need to invest in the club at the end of March 13.

Therefore the funds available as at the end of March 13 stand at £108K, this is less than the value of the community shares that are held which stand at a value of £160K at the end of March 13.

There are still very few payments being received for Junior Dragon membership,
There are currently 250 members which a renewal date of the 31/3/14, (at £12 per person £3,000)
The unallocated payments have been circulated and currently stand at an approx. 4% of all payments being received.
The 2013 accounts will be with the auditors before the end of the week in readiness for the AGM

Note: Proposed by MW & seconded by SH, it was agreed unanimously to invest a further £40,000 in the football club as originally planned.

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

- MW will be meeting the SABO representatives tomorrow.
- The retained list will be published tomorrow - at least in part.
- SH informed the meeting that the FC had accepted an invitation to take part in the SD Cup at Merthyr's ground in the summer. Glyndwr are replacing the pitch and refurbishing the dressing rooms on 19th May
- The next members' meeting was an opportunity to explain the Academy partnership with Glyndwr.

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

- GS thanked PJ for organising the successful POS dinner
- A further £33 had been raised from the Turf match day car park. The meeting discussed whether this was worth the effort
- The parachute jump was likely to raise around £600
- The Snowdon walk now needed promoting both to recruit 150 Wrexham fans and the 150 from other Trusts. The meeting discussed setting a target of £30k for a striker.
- So far the interest in the Golf Day was poor which might lead to its cancellation

Membership report (DJ JC/TS/HD)

- DJ reported in absence that the meeting with SABO had been postponed
- DJ thinks we need to issue email and postal renewal notices to all members tailored depending on when their membership expires. The notice will say that everyone will have to renew now but depending on their normal renewal date will be pay a varying amount to renew their membership to 31/05/2015.
- We have 250 or so members expired as of 31/03/2014, his proposal would be to ask them to pay £12 to take their expiry up to the end of next season. The majority of members expire in June so their membership would continue as normal. Those expiring in September would pay £9 and December renewals £6. Those who pay by standing order will continue as normal but their expiry date would

move to 31/05/2015. The renewal note will also have to include a new payment method as we would want online payments to come via the SABO system rather than using Paypal.

- Junior and Youth Dragons should be sent a renewal notice too but their membership was already on a season basis.
- DJ will draft a Renewal notice and post it for comment
- The £160k is the total amount raised but if the Club Shop expenditure is taken out, the actual balance is around £75k

Community (TeS/TS)

- TeS expressed concern about the lack of a direct line of communication with the club to arrange for players to attend events. This needed addressing next season
- TeS/AR informed the meeting about the successful Easter fun day at Colliers Park
- The JDs trip to Manchester on 28 May was discussed.

Volunteers (AR)

- The Induction Programme for all volunteers was discussed.
- An end of season event to thank volunteers was discussed.

Media/Communications (RW)

- RW had sent his apologies.

Secretary's Report & Trust AGM (AF)

- AF informed the meeting of the forthcoming elections to the Supporters Direct Board and will post details on the Forum.
- AF reminded the Board that the closing date for nominations for the election was Thursday 15th May and resolutions by Thursday 29th May.

3. 150TH Anniversary

- The relaying of the pitch meant that the football tournament could not take place.
- A date for the cricket match is yet to be arranged
- Plans for the 150th anniversary match on 22nd October were discussed
- Plans for the end of season Gala dinner were discussed

4. Targets and Planning

- The Plan had to be “signed off” by 9/6/14 with a view to a presentation at the AGM. More discussion is needed on the branding of Trust and Club membership.

5. AOB

- TeS said that he was awaiting a response to the Communicate with Confidence scheme. MW will ask Diann to deal with this.
- A letter (to all clubs) from the Minister for the Disabled about facilities for the disabled would be forwarded to Glyndwr.

Date of next Board meeting - Monday 12th May 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Lager Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2245.

No	Action	Who
1	To draft a Renewal notice on the Forum	DJ
2	To post details of the SD elections on the Forum	AF
3	To consider the strategic plan and in particular the branding of the Trust and Club going forward.	All

4	To forward the letter from the Minister for the Disabled to Glyndwr.	PJ
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