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

**Held on:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014, commencing at 19.30

**Venue:** The Wrexham Lager Club, Union Road, 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), Keith Roberts (KR), Jenny Cantwell (JC), Tom Stanford (TS), John Mills (JM), Stuart Roberts (SR), Thomas Frost (TF),

**Apologies:** Robin Wiggs (RW), Anita Robinson (AR), Spencer Harris (SH),

**Chair:** Peter Jones

**1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of the Board meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

- BT Sport has confirmed that the Grimsby home game will not be televised meaning that the 11 October match will be the focus of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- One of the companies who initially contacted RU have booked an executive box for the season
- The sale of turf was mentioned. Some fans believed they had bought some but as their online payments were not completed they did not receive the turf.

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

**2. Co-opted Board members**

- The meeting welcomed the two recently co-opted board members, Stuart Roberts and Thomas Frost.

**3. Chairman's Report**

- PJ, AF, GS, TS, MW and DJ had attended the Supporters Summit at Wembley last weekend. They reported back about the meeting of community owned clubs, the Supporters Direct and FSF AGMs and the various seminars and discussions forming part of the Summit.
- One idea discussed there was Telfords use of T Shirts promoting their trust and worn by the team during the pre-match warm up. Kevin Wilkin was happy for us to do the same.
- All the players are happy to sign up as Club members

MW and GJ arrived at 8:45pm

**4. Arrangements for the Chester match**

- The meeting discussed the announcement of the safe travel arrangements for the Chester match in detail including the arguments in favour and against. It was agreed that the best way forward was to invite the Police to attend a members meeting (and Ian Lucas MP) to discuss the matter and take questions including how the restrictions could be relaxed. The Club had not requested the arrangements but the safety advisory group had received advice from the police that the bubble should be implemented.

**ACTION:** MW to check availability.

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

- GS queried whether there was a rota for volunteers at the Eagles Meadow shop. There were e mails in the volunteers account. JM will arrange access for all Board members. RU had some names.
- GS said that two weeks into the season was the cut off point for receipt of the Sky Dive sponsorship monies.

ACTION: JM to enable all board members to access the volunteers account.

**6. Treasurers Report**

- KR said that there were still outstanding monies from the POS dinner.

**7. Fans Ownership Group (DJ/RU/RW)**

- DJ enquired about membership forms for the Open Day. We would have to use the old forms.
- ITV had not responded to RUs e mail. PJ said that RW should now follow this up.

**8. Community Football Club (TeS/AR/SR)**

- SR mentioned two potential projects with Barnados.

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

- The meeting discussed the signing of a new keeper and whether members should have been informed. However, despite the press reports, there were issues with the recall clause and the deal was not yet sealed.

**10. Secretary's Report**

- AF mentioned that he had received the note taken of the meeting and had drafted some minutes. They were on the Forum for Board members to consider, together with the AGM pack, before going on the Trust website.
- The SD Cup match at Merthyr was mentioned including who was representing the club as this was likely to be high profile event.
- AF raised the idea of inviting the chair of Supporters Trusts to the Boardroom on match days when their clubs were playing at the Racecourse. There was support for the idea and AF said he would post the suggestion on the Forum for discussion.
- We need to consider any expressions of interest from members to join the sub groups. These were to be sent to the volunteers account. In ARs absence, JM checked and said that a number of e mails had been received. JM will enable all board members to access that account. AF said he would acknowledge the applications and inform Board members of the position.

ACTION: AF to respond to expressions of interest and inform Board members.

**11. Strategic Plan**

- See above re the sub groups. We need to agree membership of the sub groups and select a Board member to lead them.

**12. 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

- PJ informed Board members of the latest arrangements.

**13. Open Day**

- Arrangements for the Open Day on 2/8/14 were discussed.

#### **14. Racecourse Community Foundation**

*Vote: Proposed by KR & seconded by JM it was resolved unanimously to appoint GJ as the Trust representative on the RCF Board.*

#### **15. AOB**

- GJ mentioned that the Club had been approached to provide tickets to reward good behaviour by challenged school pupils.

Date of next Board meeting - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Racecourse Boardroom

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2245.

No	Action	Who
1	To consider the draft AGM minutes on the Forum	All
2	To post the proposal for inviting Trust chairs to The Racecourse on the Forum for discussion	AF
3	To check police availability to attend a members meeting	MW
4	To enable all board members to access the volunteers e mail account	JM
5	To check the volunteers account, respond to those expressing an interest in the subgroups and inform Board members	AF