



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

Held on: Monday 29th September 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), Keith Roberts (KR), Jenny Cantwell (JC), John Mills (JM), Stuart Roberts (SR), Robin Wiggs (RW), Spencer Harris (SH), Tom Stanford (TS),

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

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 1st September 2014

- KW mentioned the new WST column in the “free” Wrexham Leader
- Membership cards have recently been sent out without the accompanying letter. There was still an issue with non-receipt of membership cards. DJ has sent 1200 names to MW for inclusion on the SABO database.
- The reserve list for the director of the day host was drafted. Board members needed to check it.
- It was agreed that we needed additional access to SABO.

ACTION: MW and DJ to agree and arrange additional access to SABO

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

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

- GS reported that the group had met recently. The mosaic had raised about £2000 so far meaning the deadline would be extended. A photographer will be available at the Grimsby game.
- Recent raffles had raised £140. GS will speak to the garage about the Xmas raffle prize.
- KR presented a detailed Treasurers Report which is available in full for Board members to view on the Forum.

The highlights include:

Income for July = £16,827
Income for period to July 2014 = £53,612
Income for period to July 2013 = £52,397

On a like for like comparison the membership fees appear to be significantly higher in 2014 than in 2013, this is largely due to a change in the timing of the fees, being paid at the club shop being transferred into the Trust's Book.

Expenditure for June 2014 = £2,880
Expenditure for period to June 2014 = £12,163
Expenditure for period to June 2013 = £14,440

Based on the above information the Trust made a surplus of £13,947 in July and £41,449 for the period to date, this compares to a surplus of £37,958 over the same period in 2013

Balance Sheet

	£	£
Shares in Wrexham AFC		709,980
Debtors	19,319	
Scottish Widows	48,000	
Co-op Bank Accounts	44,400	
PayPal	763	
Cash in Hand	27	
Sub Total – Current Assets		112,510
Loan Notes	5,300	
DSA	1,260	
Accrual	1,341	
Sub Total – Current Liabilities		7,901
Working Capital		104,609
Net Assets		814,589

Other issues

The FCA return was completed and submitted on time but we have been required to resubmit some of the detail. Of the membership fees paid via the club shop there is approx. £5K to be allocated to individual members.

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

- DJ provided a written report on the Forum. In brief, Membership details on SABO currently stand at 2480 but 1200 members details need to be imported to SABO and then chased for renewals.
- We are still getting a number of queries where membership cards have not been issued. In order for DJ to answer these queries and understand the issues, he needs to fully understand the process in the club offices for issuing the cards.
- TF is considering updating our list of membership benefits and providing some new benefits. He's provided some ideas to the Fans Ownership group and they will discuss further and take some of these forward in consultation with Steve Cook.
- With a larger than normal crowd expected for the Grimsby game many of those will be new people to the Racecourse, new membership leaflets will be distributed..

ACTION: The sub group to organise membership forms for the Grimsby game

- It was agreed not to invite Directors for the Day for the Grimsby match due to lack of space. AF confirmed that Chris Parker of the Mariners Trust had accepted an invitation.

GJ left the meeting at 2109

4. Community Football Club (TeS/AP/SR)

- SR reported that £250 had been raised at the McMillan Coffee morning at Colliers Park.
- The Bring a Tin match would be versus Bristol Rovers on 2/12/14.

ACTION: SR to contact G Parry and D Bircham re collection points.

- TS is leading on the Autism friendly match and will liaise with GP.

ACTION: TS to liaise with GP about the Autism match.

- AP will continue leading re the Junior Dragons. KR will check what monies are available. A Halloween party is planned for 30/10/14. The Xmas Party will be on 14/12/14.

ACTION: PJ to inform Kevin Wilkin re the Xmas Party

- SR reported that a relative of Bert Foster has been identified and will be contacted re the headstone.
- The RBL have agreed to the poppy being included on the shirt on Remembrance Day
- A fixture card and reduced entrance to the Kidderminster game was provided for students at Fresher's Week.
- The Group needed to sort out the match tickets for charitable partners.

ACTION: Community Group to arrange distribution of match tickets to charitable partners.

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

- SH provided a detailed written report for Board members which was discussed at the meeting.
- The meeting discussed First team football, the development pathway to the first team, growing the Club and the sustainable business model.
- The meeting discussed the issue surrounding the lack of availability of replica shirts. This was a complicated matter which was essentially now out of the Clubs hands.

6. Secretary's Report

- AF mentioned the sub groups, their meetings and the use of the volunteers who had responded to the request for help with them.
- It was confirmed that the sub groups should meet once a month. The meeting dates should be posted on the Forum. Other Board members could attend if they wished or if the sub groups requested their attendance. The volunteers who had been appointed to the sub groups should be invited to attend.
- Before each full Board meeting the sub groups should report using the pro forma including progress against objectives and post the report on the Forum.

ACTION: All subgroups are to post their meeting dates on the Forum, and are to invite their designated volunteers and produce a written report on the Forum before the next Board meeting.

7. 150th anniversary

- The plaque will be unveiled on the 11 October at 1315 by the mayor and a member drawn at random.

ACTION: The Fans Ownership Group to select the member to unveil the plaque etc.

- The plan for the Grimsby game was considered and roles agreed. GS will sort out the car park at the Turf. SR will purchase the sweets. RW AF and KR will act as chaperones for the guest "acts". AP will organise face painting.
- The 150th gala dinner was discussed including possible venues.

8. Chester

- The meeting discussed the continued bad publicity after the derby match. PJ had received an email from a Chester fan suggesting that the trusts work closer together and PJ will meet with the Chester trust. It was agreed that some sort of joint community project with them would be helpful. TS will look into this with Mike Vickers of Chester.

ACTION: TS to contact Mike Vickers as above.

9. AOB

- There will be a members meeting in the Turf on Monday 6 October 2014 at 7.30pm. PJ will present his history of the club.
- RW will post a draft communication plan on the Forum for comment.

Date of next Board meeting - Monday 27 October 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Racecourse Boardroom

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2235.

No	Action	Who
1	To provide additional access to SABO	MW/DJ
2	To arrange for membership forms to be handed out at the Grimsby game	The Fans Ownership Group
4	To contact G Parry and D Bircham re collection points for the Bring a Tin match	SR
5	To arrange distribution of match tickets to charitable partners.	The Community Group
6	To inform KW of the JD Christmas party	PJ
7	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
8	To select the member to unveil the plaque	The Fans Ownership Group
9	To contact Mike Vickers re a possible joint community project	TS
10	To consider RW's communication plan and comment on the Forum	All