

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

Held on: Monday 1st September 2014, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Richard Ulrich (RU), Geoff Scott (GS), Dave Jones (DJ), Jenny Cantwell (JC), Stuart Roberts (SR), Anita Purslow (AP), Spencer Harris (SH), Tom Stanford (TS).

Apologies: Alan Fox (AF), John Mills (JM), Mark Williams (MW), Gavin Jones (GJ), Keith Roberts (KR), Thomas Frost (TF), Robin Wiggs (RW).

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 11th August 2014

- Sub Group Leaders had contacted everyone who had shown interest in becoming a sub group volunteer.
- S.Cook was asked to make sure the photographer takes Photographs of Directors for the Day in the Boardroom.

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

2. Chairman's Report

- PJ reported that all Supporters' Groups had been offered the opportunity for PJ to do a history presentation on Wrexham Football Club's 150 years, and to discuss volunteers, fundraising and Membership followed by a Q and A at supporters' groups meetings. Dates with Gwersyllt and District Reds (4/9/14); London Reds (14/9/14) and Rhos & District Reds (18/9/14) had been confirmed.
- We had received an invitation from Blackpool Supporters' Trust to attend a dinner on 13th September in Blackpool. However, we were at home that day, and most board members would be helping out

at the club or would find it difficult to travel to Blackpool in time after the match. A thank you email would be made.

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

- GS reported that the group had new sub group members and was encouraged by the new people involved.
- The Turf car park has raised funds from the last two home games, and members were encouraged to use this car park, as every penny would be for Trust funds.
- JC reported that photographs had been taking place at the last two home games for fans wishing to be included on the Mosaic.
- GS reported from his recent personal trip to USA of his match experience at Basketball; football; tennis etc.
- JC reported that at Doncaster Rovers six fans attending there first ever match received a cap as a memento free of charge.

There was no financial report.

4. Fans Ownership Group (DJ/RU/RW)

- DJ confirmed that membership cards would be posted out tomorrow due to a problem with the card machine which had now been rectified.
- DJ reported that there had also been a problem with the mitigation of the two data bases (In-touch and SABO)
- RW was not present to confirm the situation in regards to the Leader WST column and the media release on players becoming Club members.
- RU asked about the Database from the 2013 FA Trophy family. PJ replied that the FA would not release this due to the Data Protection Act despite stating the contrary when initially asked.

5. Community Football Club (TeS/AR/ SR)

- AP reported that the new sub group members had met and gave positive feedback on the work that they are looking to undertake.
- AP reported the Junior Dragon's had its own group and the Senior Dragons would be relaunched, but they were looking for an alternative name.
- AP reported that the Bring-A-Tin initiative would take place this year on Tuesday 2nd December for the Bristol Rovers home match.
- AP reported that the group were looking to hold an Autism Friendly match day on Saturday 29th November v. Aldershot.
- SR reported that as this was the 80th Anniversary of the beginning of WW1, the team should wear shirts with a poppy on at the away

game at Woking on 11th November. The Board unanimously agreed to this with the cost raised from the shirts to pay the cost price and any further funds raised to go to a WW1 project TBC

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

- SH raised the subject of Complimentary tickets. It was felt that the Board needed further information as to what happens at other clubs both fans owned and privately owned.
Action: RU to contact other clubs for information and report back to the board at the next meeting.
- SH stated that communication on important issues need to be better aligned between the Trust and Football Club Board's.
Action: SH agreed to liaise between the two boards.
- SH reported the Club had today signed Johnny Hunt on loan from Cambridge United until 5th January.
- SH reported that the club had taken on an assistant sports therapist to help with the increased player numbers from the Glyndwr Academy team.

7. Secretary's Report

AF could not attend the meeting, but sent in five points to be raised:

1. The Director for the Day scheme – seems to be working reasonably well. Need to ensure we take pictures for the website. I suggest that we include a “reserve host” on the rota in case of last minute emergencies. It's very unlikely they will be called upon but if we know we are the reserve host we might be better able to ensure we are in a position to respond to an SOS.
Action: Agreed. DJ to set up a reserve list
2. The Strategic Plan and communicating it to co-opted Club Board directors and full time club employees. This might be discussed under Spencer's communication item but suggest that, say, Don, Alan W, Barry, Diann, Steve, Geraint and Dan should be provided with a short face to face presentation about the Plan to ensure the right hand knows what the left hand etc.
Action: Agreed upon completion of Strategic Plan RW to deliver.
3. The Bubble and Ian Lucas MP. Efforts to formally meet with Ian appear to have been unsuccessful. I did chat to him at the Macclesfield match about it (as probably did others) and the Note

of the members meeting is now on the website. Need we do more?
A formal letter perhaps?

No Action.

4. Access to SABO. In Dave's absence we seem to be unable to progress membership queries. Is this right? How do we resolve it- it seems we need to train others on the system ASAP?

Action: DJ to discuss with MW how best to train others to do this.

5. Supporters Direct intend to set up a new online club network area on their website for community owned clubs only- to provide three main benefits;

- A forum – a space where people can discuss ideas, share experiences, and ask for help from other clubs and SD.
- A directory – a list of all the community owned clubs (currently 40 and rising), as well as individual contacts from other clubs (where people are happy to share information) and the roles they undertake.
- A library of best practice – plenty of information and best practice from SD and other Clubs

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It was agreed by the Board for Board members to join the relevant forum and be part of the directory of helping others.

8. 150th Anniversary

- PJ informed Board members of the latest arrangements.
- Cambrian Band booked.
- Fron Choir have meeting Tuesday evening to inform us if they can attend or not.
- Still awaiting to hear from the Council in regards to the use of Llwyn Isaf and the planned events.
- Barry Horne was still seeking opponents for the anniversary match on 22/10/14.
- Banners are now up on the Mold Road.
- New large flag sponsored by the Shropshire Reds was used on Saturday as were the new Anniversary corner flags.
- The Mosaic still needed promoting, as the uptake had not been good so far.

- We have a Wrexham FC Race Day at Bangor on Dee on Thursday 2/10/14 when members, players and former players will be in attendance.
- A mascot race had been planned for the day of Bangor-on-Dee races with mascots from other clubs involved.
Action: GS to invite other clubs mascots to run in the race.
- AP reported that the Wrex The Dragon Mascot outfit was on its last legs.
Action: The Board unanimously agreed for AP to purchase a new outfit asap with the Club to fund it.

9. AOB

There was no further business.

Date of next Board meeting - Monday 29th September 2014 at 7.30 pm
at the Racecourse Boardroom

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2230.

No	Action	Who
1	To check with other clubs (fan owned & Privately owned) complimentary ticket procedures	RU
2	To set up a Reserve list for the Director of the Day	DJ
3	Once completed to communicate the Strategic Plan to co-opted Club Board directors and full time club employees	RW
4	To Discuss with MW how to train other volunteers up to use SABO	DJ
5	To Invite Other Club Mascots to Bangor on Dee Races	GS
6	To order a Wrex replacement costume.	AP

Secretary's Report

These are the matters I intended to raise had I been attending Monday's meeting.

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