



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

**Held on:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015, commencing at 19.30

**Venue:** The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

**Present:** Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Richard Ulrich (RU), Geoff Scott (GS), Dave Jones (DJ), Tom Stanford (TS), John Mills (JM), Jenny Cantwell (JC), Mark Williams (MW),

**Apologies:** Spencer Harris (SH), Anita Purslow (AP), Gavin Jones (GJ), Keith Roberts (KR), Stuart Roberts (SR), Robin Wiggs (RW),

**Chair:** Peter Jones

**1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**Actions from previous meeting:**

No	Action	Who	Status
1	To contact PJ with availability for the Dragonheart show	All	Part complete. PJ said we had missed one show and lost the Thursday evening recording slot.
2	To apply for a new raffle licence	KR	Unknown
3	To draft a cash handling policy/procedure before the next Board meeting and to post on the Forum in advance of that meeting.	KR	KR had posted to say he will submit his report tomorrow and the draft procedure notes for approval before the end of the week.
4	To obtain quotes for cash in transit insurance	KR	See above
5	To arrange payment of SD membership fee	AF and KR	Unknown
6	To arrange attendance at the Social Enterprise Group meeting on 26/1/15	Community sub group	Complete
7	To finalise arrangements for a Fans for Diversity even at the Chester game and inform the Club of the arrangements	TS	This had now been taken over by the Reclaim the Game initiative

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

## **2. Chairman's Report**

- PJ mentioned the Supporters Direct Fans Ownership Week which is to raise awareness of supporters owned clubs, to raise money for SD to help further supporter ownership and to show that there is a movement of clubs that share the same values and willingness to work together. They aim to raise £20,000. SH will be doing a live web chat. They have suggested we donate £1000.

**VOTE:** Proposed by PJ and seconded by RU it was resolved unanimously to donate £500 to the SD Fans Ownership Week

**ACTION:** KR to arrange payment of donation

- PJ mentioned the FSF Cymru's meeting with the Welsh FA at the Lager Club at 5.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March. PJ will attend with some other fans that follow Wales. The club will invite the committee to the Southport game that night.
- The Coop is holding a Fairtrade wines tasting evening at the University on 28/2/15 the day of the Torquay semi-final away leg.
- The meeting discussed an application to The FA Community Fund due to the FA Cup run. Terry Stott has previously obtained £2000 for the DSA from this source.

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

- GS reported that members had so far re issued raffle cheques worth £1136 to replace those stolen. The profit so far was about £9000. GS said he regularly sent information to KR but we still needed to change the signatories on the cheque book.

**ACTION:** KR to consider and amend the signatories on the cheque book

- Events planned include the Porto Reunion Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Will be launched when players confirm. Bamford and food booked. Cost of Tickets £15. Maximum tickets 120.
- The LDV reunion is provisionally Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, The Murder Mystery event will be later in May. End of season/players presentation evening is planned for the 9 or 10 May. Venue and date to be confirmed.
- About 400 people have contributed to the Mosaic.
- We need to consider the Snowdon walk and whether to replace it with perhaps a walk which corresponds with a pre-season away game.

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

SH provided a detailed report on the Forum for Board members which was discussed by the meeting including performances and finances.

## **5. Community Football Club (TS/AP/SR)-**

- TS updated the meeting about various topics including our involvement in the Social Enterprise Hub
- There will be a meeting late this week with the Inclusive Blues at Chester involving the DSA.
- SR is meeting with the Alzheimer's Society next week.
- There had been no further communication with the Migration Partnership
- AP was in touch with the council about the Heritage Day in July.

## **6. Fans Ownership Group (DJ/RU/RW/TF)**

- DJ provided a report on the Forum for Board members. Key messages included:
- Membership Cards will be issued this week to just over 1300 new members this week. Data has been sorted to pick out all those who have joined since 1<sup>st</sup> December and where there were no data issues,

the relevant data was sent to the card printers to print the card background, name and barcode onto the plastic card. Welcome letters for adults and for youth/juniors have been prepared and mail merged and sent to Paul Hollingshead, who is on standby to merge the letters with the relevant cards and mail them. MW was arranging for the card printer to send the printed cards direct to Paul.

- Data Issues still to be resolved
- Starting to prepare for next season. MW needs details of those who pay by s/o for next seasons tickets.
- Work underway to update Big Red Survey the contents of which were considered by the Board. To be issued before the Alfreton game.

#### **7. Secretary's Report**

- AF confirmed that the partial rule amendments from last year were now registered with the Financial Conduct Authority. The Annual Return was not yet registered although it had been submitted by KR.
- AF updated the Board about the Governments Expert Group.

#### **8. WST AGM 2015**

- AF asked the Board to agree the date of the WST AGM. It was agreed that the date would be Thursday 25 June 2015.
- According to the Rules, the Board had to decide how many vacancies there would be for the Board elections. JC and DJ would stand down as their 3year terms would end at the AGM. They could stand for re-election.
- GS MW AP and TS completed their 3 years terms in 2016.
- AF advised the Board about Rule 63 which stipulated that a third of the elected Board members who have served the longest had to stand down.
- There were currently 11 elected board members. JC and DJ will automatically stand down. It was agreed to pick a name from the "hat" as to which of the four elected in 2013 would also stand down. GS was selected to stand down in order to comply with Rule 63.
- There will therefore be four vacancies for elected Board members at the AGM.
- The terms of the co-opted board members SR, KR, RW end at the AGM.

#### **9. AOB**

- There will be a members meeting on 16 March 2015

After considering various options the date of the next Board meeting is Thursday 26 March 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Racecourse Boardroom.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2220.

No	Action	Who
1	To apply for a new raffle licence – carried over	KR
2	To draft a cash handling policy/procedure before the next Board meeting and to post on the Forum in advance of that meeting – carried over	KR
3	To obtain quotes for cash in transit insurance – carried over	KR
4	To arrange payment of SD membership fee- carried over	AF and KR
5	To arrange payment of the £500 donation to the SD Fans Ownership Week	KR
6	To amend signatories on the WST cheque book	KR
7	To post communications on the Forum for the information of Board members prior to release when possible	RW

