



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

Held on: Thursday 16th July 2015, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Dave Jones (DJ), Tom Stanford (TS), Richard Ulrich (RU), Anita Robinson (AR), Geoff Scott (GS), Mark Williams (MW), Mike Dean (MD)

Apologies: Robin Wiggs (RW), John Mills (JM), Gavin Jones (GJ), Alan Fox (AF), Spencer Harris (SH) Keith Roberts (KR),

Chair: Peter Jones

1. **Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 2nd July 2015**

No response had been received from Ben Harrison at Tranmere following their initial request to meet.

Mosaic – Waiting to get the final design for the mosaic agreed.

Stuart Roberts had received some Welsh FA Cup Winners memorabilia. PJ stated that at present, they could not be displayed in the Boardroom trophy cabinets.

Cash handling policy – KR will put on forum on his return from holiday.

SD Membership – Following misunderstanding with SD, it has been confirmed that SD membership has been paid.

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

2. **Chairman's Report**

Chairman had nothing to report.

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

- Possible player movements are imminent with 1 player coming in and the possibility of 1 leaving. In addition, a club are interested in one of our U12 players.
- A meeting was to be held to discuss the Chester game over the next week. Police costs have come down so would not be as much as last year. MW stated that the home game vs Chester falls on the final day of the 6 Nations rugby tournament so there could be some licensing restrictions in the town.
- Chester have agreed the donation to cover stadium repairs from last season.
- Commercial side of the club was a little behind due to the delay over the recruitment of a new commercial manager.
- The committee of the Former Players Association were invited to the last meeting to discuss how we work together going forward.

- GWFA – Agreed Dean Keates role has now been agreed. There was some interest in one of the players. A challenge for the coming season was that there are lots of players signed up and it was becoming difficult to get them all to play.

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

- GS stated that the Gnome initiative had been a success raising £500.

5. **Community Football Club (TS/AR/)**

- Community Group volunteers had attended the recent Wrexham Heritage Day. £140 had been raised through selling merchandise.
- The club has been invited to the ASDA Community fun day. At present there were no volunteers able to attend. Volunteers were required for the launch of the new kit the same weekend, so this needed to take priority. It was commented that a new campaign is needed to recruit more volunteers

6. **Fans Ownership Group (DJ/RU/RWMD)**

- DJ reported that membership renewals were around the 3000 mark. This figure had been helped by a good proportion of those who joined for Stoke tickets, renewing as well as all the auto-renewals being processed earlier.
- Cards had been sent for printing

7. **Secretary's Report**

- Due to AF's absence, a Secretary's Report was not available.

8. **Co-opted Board Positions**

- Three applications had been received, Paul Smith for the Fundraising Group and Stuart Roberts and Mark Roberts for Community.
- It was stated that due to the excellent standard of all the applications, the Board should try and co-opt all three if the rules allowed.
- It was agreed that three Board Members should interview Mark. It was agreed that these should be PJ as chair, AR from Community and GS as an independent.

9. **Strategic Plan**

- Updates were needed to the Strategic Plan for the new season and a discussion was held around each sub group.
- Fans Ownership Group were to add in an objective around Fans Engagement and targeting to get last seasons membership to renew. DJ to update Fans Ownership plan with objectives discussed
- Fundraising group needed to look at refreshing the Community Shares scheme.
- Community Group were yet to meet to discuss their objectives.
- A further discussion was required to update the plan.

10. **Open Evening**

- The Open Evening was to take place on 3rd August 6pm – 8pm and would include a Q&A with Gary Mills, Darren Caskey and a couple of players.

- The official team photos would take place on the same day at 4.30pm. PJ requested that 4 Adult members, 4 Youths and 4 JD's Volunteers were drawn at random to appear on the team photo. DJ to draw members.
- Volunteers were required for the Open Evening. Former players would be doing ground tours. Stalls were required to recruit volunteers, for membership queries. GS stated that he would organise a raffle.

11. **SD Community Clubs Day**

- PJ, GS, RU, TS and DJ would attend the SD Community Club's day to be held in Manchester on the 17th July. TS would attend the SD AGM on Friday evening and the Saturday conference.

12. **Any Other Business**

- ID Badges for all Board Members were discussed. MW would consider this further.
- PJ advised that for the foreseeable future the Trust Shop would not be opening in its present location due to the Building not being safe.
- AR requested that some new Birthday Cards for Junior Dragons be made up with a new set of autographs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2215.