



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

Held on: Thursday 6th August 2015, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Tom Stanford (TS), Richard Ulrich (RU), Geoff Scott (GS), Mike Dean (MD), Robin Wiggs (RW), John Mills (JM), Alan Fox (AF), Spencer Harris (SH) - from 1950, Keith Roberts (KR),

Apologies: Gavin Jones (GJ), Dave Jones (DJ), Anita Robinson (AR), Mark Williams (MW),

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 16th July 2015

- PJ raised the question of the sub groups and the need for regular meetings.

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

2. Co-opted positions

- There were three applications to join the board as co-opted members. All three were good quality applicants. The Board discussed the possibility of exceeding the maximum number of 15 board members to accommodate all three possibly by making the treasurers position an independent non-voting position.

Vote: *To increase the number of board members by converting the treasurer's role to an independent non-voting position, to be affirmed by a vote of the membership at a general meeting. Result For – 4 Votes Against -5 Votes*

- The motion was not carried and the status quo remains.
- Following a vote, Board members decided to co-opt Mark Roberts and Stuart Roberts to the Board bringing the number to 15.
- RW is to join the fundraising group.
- SR is to continue on the community group
- MR is to join the fundraising group

3. Stadium Update

- SH reported on progress of the annual 12 month service cost review with Glyndwr. Glyndwr are proposing charging us between £1- 1.3 million over a 10 year period. The Football Club has undertaken its own survey and it suggests that maintenance of the stadium will cost £1.4 million in the next 5 years. Further discussions with Glyndwr are planned on this issue. A summary of the survey report will be provided at the next WST Board meeting.

4. North Wales Business Awards

- It was agreed to make an application for this year's Daily Post community business award. This was a high profile prestigious event which would attract good publicity should we succeed. It was agreed that the community group would gather the evidence of the years' work and SH would assist in putting the application together.

Vote: *Proposed by SH and seconded by PJ it was resolved unanimously to make an application.*

Action: Community Group to lead on this by gathering evidence of the year's community work at the club.

5. Chairman's Report

- PJ reported on attendance at the recent Supporters Summit including the advice to log the hours volunteers work in order to claim tax relief and also proposals to form SD Cymru.
- Chester have asked for assistance with their board elections. AF volunteered to assist.
- PJ had attended the recent Safety Advisory Group meeting about the Chester fixture. Attended by the police (NWP and Cheshire) and a Chester board member. The police presented their case to retain the travel arrangements. It was agreed to work towards normalising the games. Kick off would be 2pm and the convoy would be speeded up. At Chester's request, there would be no alcohol served in the GUS for Chester fans after last season's damage to seats
- PJ proposed the setting up of an advisory committee to focus on normalising the fixture with Trust/Club/Police/Fans and councillors on it.

6. Football Club Operations (MW/SH/GJJM)

- SH had placed a report on the Forum the key messages were:
- Chester paid us for the broken seats on Friday 31st July 2015
- Season kicks off Saturday 8th August
- RW and GS had met with Andy Davies re the Gold Bond and further meetings were planned.

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

- GS had posted a report on the Forum. The estimated total for the year was £31,300 -an increase of over £9000 on the previous year.
- GS stated that the Gnome initiative had raised £500. £200 had been raised in July raffles and £264 at the Open Evening
- Peter Howell and Lewis Goodier had joined the sub group
- GS was planning a concert and planned regular meetings with Rhiannon Roberts

A Fire Alarm brought the meeting to a premature end at 2200

The date of the next meeting is provisionally set for 10th September 2015

All other actions were carried over

ACTIONS- from this meeting

| No | Action | Who |
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| 1 | To gather evidence for the community business awards | Community group |
| 2. | To contact Chester re their election management group | AF |

ACTIONS – carried over from previous meetings

| No | Action | Who |
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| 1 | To consider the draft cash handling policy placed on the Forum and post comments - | All |
| 2. | To post details of cash in transit insurance on Forum | KR |
| 3. | To consider the Trusts banking arrangements | KR and MW |
| 4 | To consider any updates to the Trust Plan - to be discussed | All |