



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

Held on: Tuesday 5th April 2016, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), John Mills (JM), Richard Ulrich (RU), Mike Dean (MD), Alan Fox (AF), Dave Jones (DJ), Spencer Harris (SH), Brian Phillips (BP), Paul Smith (PS), Mark Roberts (MR), Gavin Jones (GJ),

Apologies: Mark Williams (MW), Stuart Roberts (SR), Anita Robinson (AR), Robin Wiggs (RW), Tom Stanford (TS),

Chair: Peter Jones (PJ),

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 1st March 2016

ACTIONS- from previous meetings

No	Action	Who	Status
1.	Find new member of the EMG	AF	See below
2.	To liaise with BP to hand over treasurer's role	MW	Ongoing

Having considered the matter further, it was agreed that the Election Management Group could continue as presently constituted..

PJ reported that he had attended Whitchurch Rotary Club and forwarded the cheque to MW.

BP has seen bank statements. MW will prepare accounts for the last financial year.

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

2. Chairman's Report

PJ informed the meeting about recent donations from fans.

The possibility of adding a "Stadium" sub group to the Board structure was discussed.

3. Financial Security & Revenue Generation Group

MR had posted a report on the Forum. £14,181.16p had been raised to date.

Other events planned include –

- Wales Euro celebration night on May 29th at the Centenary Club, which will include live bands including The Declan Swans, Gareth Owen, Luke Gallagher. Hopefully some ex welsh internationals will also attend.
- Race night at the Turf in July.
- Sale of limited edition gnomes.
- More shirts and memorabilia on EBay.

- Raffles and football cards at AGM and player of the season awards.
- A possible Oktoberfest at the Centenary Club.

4. Football Operations

SH had posted a report on the Forum:

- 6 wins, 5 draws and 1 defeat in last 12 weeks
- My Racecourse strategy & £200k gap activities underway receiving great reception from fans
- Sponsorship brochure launched for season 2016/17
- Braintree event game being organised
- Training being organised in commercial selling compulsory for staff and volunteers 18th April to support upsell of early bird donation
- My Racecourse ideas session to be organised April/May for staff, Trust Board, Club Board

ACTION: PJ will contact James Mathie for advice regarding a possible reduction in rates.

5. Fans Ownership Group

DJ had posted a report on the Forum –the key messages were:

- Membership stands at 3477 Increase of numbers with 50 joining since last Board with 30 joining following SGM and the majority of the others just before. Price has now gone back to £12 now but anyone purchasing after the 1st April gets a membership for 2015/16 and 2016/17. Lots of work done to prepare for SGM, in terms of preparing email and mailing lists and also monitoring online votes.
- Good early response to MyRacecourse. We've had emails from approx. 20 members stating that they've already increased their subscriptions and many more emails enquiring into how they set up standing orders. We won't have an accurate view until we receive April's Bank statements and do a comparison on payments received each month.
- My Big Red Survey has now been finalised and is ready to be issued. Online version can go live this week. Paper version has been with the graphic designer and is now with the printer. The paper copy will be distributed on Saturday vs Dover. People can return it at the Braintree game or return it by post. We will have 1000 copies printed for distribution.. Communications will be drafted prior to the weekend to make people aware of the survey.

6. Community Group

No-one from the Group was in attendance.

7. Secretary's Report

- AF reminded board members that any resolutions for the AGM should be drafted by 28 April.
- It was agreed to circulate the SD Manifesto to local candidates in the Welsh Assembly elections **ACTION:** AF to circulate SD Manifesto.
- SH spoke about his draft resolution to the AGM proposing the appointment of Rob Parry as a Club Vice President. **VOTE:** *Proposed by SH & seconded by GJ it was resolved unanimously to put a resolution to the AGM recommending the awarding of a Club Vice Presidency to Rob Parry*
- AF informed board members of a Board members development day in Liverpool on 8 May and will post details on the Forum. **ACTION:** AF to post details on the Forum .

- The term of office of Dixie McNeil as Club President would end later this year. **VOTE:** *Proposed by PJ & seconded by JM it was resolved unanimously to put a resolution to the AGM recommending the reappointment of Dixie McNeil as Club President for a further three years.*

8. Unsung Hero award

- The Board considered several nominations for this year's award. After a show of hands for three potential winners it was decided to award it to Carl Hogan.

9. WST Subscriptions

- The meeting discussed a possible resolution recommending an increase in subscriptions **VOTE:** *Proposed by GJ & seconded by JM it was resolved unanimously to recommend to the membership by way of a resolution that a £3 "admin fee" be imposed for a one off payment of the basic £12 subscription for a single year which would be waived if the member paid by standing order and, further, that the minimum subscription remains at £12*

10. AOB

The next meeting will be held on 26th April 2016.

The meeting closed at 2235.

ACTIONS- from this meeting

No	Action	Who
1	To contact J Mathie re Rates for the Stadium	PJ
2	To circulate SD Manifesto to AM candidates	AF
3	To post details of SD Board development day	AF

ACTIONS – carried over from previous meetings

No	Action	Who
1.	To liaise with BP to hand over treasurer's role	MW