



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

Held on: 11th July 2016, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: Peter Jones (PJ), Alan Fox (AF), Dave Jones (DJ), Mike Dean (MD), John Mills (JM), Brian Phillips (BP), Paul Smith (PS), Stuart Roberts (SR),

Apologies: Anita Robinson (AR), Spencer Harris (SH), Gavin Jones (GJ), Mark Williams (MW), Richard Ulrich (RU),

Chair: Peter Jones

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 31st May 2016

ACTIONS- from previous meetings

No	Action	Who	Status
1	To include the CoE on future agendas	AF	Completed
2	Write to RW	AF	Completed without reply
3	To draft and publish advert for the co-opted board position	PS	To be published tomorrow
4	To approve AGM minutes on the Forum	All	Ongoing
5	To indicate interest in attending the Supporters Summit on the Forum	All	No expressions of interest to date
6.	To renew insurance policy	MW	Unknown
7.	To write to community shareholders re charitable partners	DJ	Ongoing
8.	To arrange to meet with DSA reps	PJ	Two e mails sent without reply

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

2. Chairman's Report

- PJ has met with all the subgroups to discuss future plans. Matthew Jones has been appointed to replace Lee Jones at the RCF and we should involve him in community projects. We need to progress the appointment of a co-opted board member for fundraising. We are likely to reduce the board members on the membership group. Geoff Scott is aware of people interested in joining subgroups.

ACTION: PS/JM to place advert for co-opted board member.

3. My Racecourse

- This will be a standing agenda item from now on. JM informed the board that the FC Board have selected some of the ideas from the Big Ideas meeting to take forward this season.

4. Financial Security & Revenue Generation Group

- There are three new members of the fundraising subgroup. The advert for a co-opted board position will go out tomorrow.
- The raffle for the signed Ugarte shirt is ongoing. Items have been returned by Gary Bennett which are now also available for a raffle.

5. Treasurers Report

- BP reported that he was working on the spreadsheets, there are about 4/5 weeks' worth of transactions to bring up to date. However, he cannot process anything without the bank statement being in his name. He cannot pay in or make a payment hence the recent issue re paying website fees. This needs addressing with MW.

ACTION: MW and BP to complete handover of treasurers' role etc.

- MW had posted correspondence on the Forum re corporation tax and an audit from McClintocks.

VOTE: *Proposed by JM and seconded by BP it was resolved unanimously to proceed re corporation tax as suggested by MW.*

ACTION: BP/MW to address the issue and suggest procedures to counter them.

6. Football Operations

- JM reported back after the latest FC Board meeting of 5 July. Wrexham Council officers gave a presentation there about Ground safety and the transfer of the safety certificate on 1 August. He will post that on the Forum.
- Directors from North Wales Crusaders also attended that FC board meeting seeking clarity of their future use of the Racecourse. Given the state of the pitch they were told that they would not be able to complete their fixtures here this season but that the club would reconsider the position before the start of the next Rugby League season.
- The FAW had asked whether the Welsh Premier League clubs can play European games at the stadium but this was not possible due to the pitch. There will be a Wales under 21 fixture this year.
- Work on a drinks contract had been ongoing and Carlsberg had been chosen as the preferred supplier to the Centenary Club etc.
- There is a need for storage facilities at Lex.
- AF said he had attended his first FC Board meeting as requested.

7. Fans Ownership Group

- DJ said there was a lot of work to catch up with. 2078 members had currently renewed. That doesn't include those paying automatically by standing order.
- The Big Red Survey needs analysing.
- We need to update the benefits list
- Cards will be issued with season tickets at the end of the month
- We will continue with the Director for the Day scheme.

ACTION: DJ to analyse Survey results.

ACTION: MD to update benefits list.

ACTION: DJ to draft Director for the Day rota

8. Community Group

AR had posted a report on the Forum. The key messages were

- monthly meetings taking place with the community sub-group
- Dragon and Youth Membership planned events – Laser Combat, Llandegla - possible date being Sunday 14th August; Pool Tournament (Centenary Club), Easter egg hunt, Christmas Party (the 4th December now looks likely date PJ will speak to GM); JD/Youth merchandise range – Anita to d/w Geoff.
- Match day reports by the children – best monthly to be published on website and in match day programme.
- Mascots to be chosen for each game at the start of the season – Meeting still to take place with GS. Away day to be actioned
- There has been a delay in producing a newsletter.
- DSA has been in contact re an autism friendly game – he is happy to be a part of organising this and SR will be the contact.
- Bring A Tin Match for the foodbank – 3rd December is the provisional date- AR to contact the foodbank as in previous years.
- Mold Food Festival – 17th and 18th September
- Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 30th September – venue to be decided
- Work is progressing re making the ground dementia friendly.

ACTION: PJ to notify the DSA that SR will be the liaison for the WST board.

9. Secretary's Report

- AF mentioned the Supporters Summit and SD AGM at Wembley on 16/17 July. Unfortunately, it appeared that no board members were available to attend this year.
- The Annual Return to the Financial Conduct Authority is due. AF will liaise with BP about completing it with a view to it being signed off at the next meeting.

ACTION: AF to liaise with BP re annual return

- PS had kindly agreed to oversee the elections to the Chester board
- AF had written to TS thanking him for his service on the board. Tom indicated that he would be in touch regarding some loose ends.
- AF mentioned that he had seen a new set of the SD Rules which had been approved and registered with the FCA. He will make enquiries about how that affects us.

ACTION: AF to enquire with Supporters Direct about the new Rules.

10. AOB

- The question of volunteers was raised. JM said he had the list of those who had responded previously and he had informed them we would get back to them once we knew what specific work was required.
- It was agreed that the Open Evening will take place on 2 August

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28 July at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2150.

ACTIONS- from this meeting

No	Action	Who
1	To place advert for co-opted board member	PS/JM
2	To post suggestions on Forum re renaming of Racecourse Bars	All

3	To complete handover of treasurers' role etc.	BP/MW
5	To analyse Survey results.	DJ
6	To update benefits list	MD
7	To draft Director for the Day rota	DJ
8	To notify the DSA that SR will be the WST liaison	PJ
9	To liaise re the Annual Return	AF/BP
10	To enquire about new SD Model Rules	AF

ACTIONS – outstanding from previous meetings

No	Action	Who
1	To approve AGM minutes on the Forum	All
2	To renew insurance policy	MW
3	To start the process of selecting charitable partners	Community Group