

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

Held on: 29th September 2016, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: John Mills (JM), Anita Robinson (AR), Dave Jones (DJ), Spencer Harris (SH), Gavin Jones (GJ), Brian Phillips (BP), Paul Smith (PS),

Apologies: Stuart Roberts (SR), Sarah Smith Howard (SSH), Mark Williams (MW), Richard Ulrich (RU),

Chair: Peter Jones (PJ),

Independent Secretary: Alan Fox (AF),

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 25th August 2016

No	Action	Who	Status
1	To address the question of the Trusts public liability insurance policy (which has lapsed) and to suggest a replacement	BP	Completed
2	To address the backlog of members paying by standing order needing to be updated on SABO	RU	Completed – see later
3	To draft advert for co-opted community group member	AF	Completed- see later
4	To post reports on the Forum in advance of board meetings	All	Ongoing

ACTIONS- from previous meetings

No	Action	Who	Status
1	To attend next FC Board meeting	PJ	Completed – see later
2	To complete handover of treasurers' role etc	MW/BP	Ongoing
4.	To analyse Survey results	DJ	Ongoing
5.	To update benefits list	RU	Ongoing
6.	To enquire about new SD Model Rules	AF	Completed – see later

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

2. Chairman's Report

- PJ had been asked to feedback to the police about the bubble arrangements. There were no arrests; a person was ejected for using racist language; stickers were placed on some seats; a flare was set off on Mold Road but the reduced attendance from previous years showed that the arrangements were having a detrimental financial impact. The Board wanted a return to normality as soon as possible.

- AF had written to the members who had been interviewed for the co-opted board positions. SSH has accepted
- There was no response to the advert for a co-opted community group board member. SR had someone in mind. As did SH.

VOTE: *Proposed by PS & seconded GJ it was resolved unanimously to invite Mike Lewis to join the board as a co-opted board member with fundraising responsibilities*

- The members meeting would take place on 13th October. (SH would be abroad)

3. Football Operations incl. Centre of Excellence

- PJ reported that the ways of working meeting with the FC Board had taken place and had discussed potential organisational structures.
- The meeting held an in-depth discussion about recent results and performances.

4. Financial Security & Revenue Generation Group

- PS informed the meeting about forthcoming fundraising activities and encouraged board members to support them:
Race Night @ The Turf Friday 28th OCT 7.30 p.m. for first race 8 p.m.
Soul Night @ The Cent Saturday 19th Nov
Quiz Night @ Saith Seren Friday 2nd Dec
Murder Mystery @ Bamfords (and around the ground) Saturday 17th Dec
Arsenal 25th Anniversary Date to be confirmed but likely weekend Fri 6th to Sunday 8th January
- We needed to start collecting Xmas raffle prizes

5. Treasurers Report

- BP produced a detailed financial report:
 - The Treasurer's report showed a number of financial aspects to the accounts:
 - a summary of the number and number of members that have paid subscriptions via standing order or through PayPal between January and August this year. On average, over 860 members contributing to nearly £3,800 pay by these means per month.
 - During this period, a further 1,962 members renewed their subscriptions when purchasing a season ticket. This has generated over £21,000 in revenue.
 - It is projected that there will be nearly 2,950 paying members of the Trust this year.
 - SH mentioned paying for tickets to away games. AF confirmed that the Hospitality policy provides for Trust board directors to pay the cost of a ticket to the Trust when representing the club in the away boardroom. There is no policy for other directors.
 - Up to the end of August, over £51,000 has been received in member contributions, nearly £10,000 through other initiatives that include, for example, "My racecourse" and the "Player of the Season" and also over £830 in sales of merchandise through EBay fundraising.

SH left at 2140.

5. Community Group

SR reported on the Forum in absence:

- Alzheimer's Society and Dementia Friendly- Wrexham. Football Club continues to host the town Dementia Friendly Wrexham steering group. There will be a public meeting on Monday 3rd October in the 1864 suite. The Alzheimer's Society have stated that when the town steering group is properly constituted, Wrexham AFC has done enough work for it to achieve the official status of "working to

become dementia friendly Dementia Friendly Signage is on the back burner. Awaiting dates for the squad dementia friend's session to be filmed.

- Charitable Partners- SR working with two of the three chosen partners. Advanced Brighter Futures (ABF) and Caia Park Partnership are grateful for our support.
 - SR provided four tickets to ABF for a fundraising event though so these will need to be taken off their total for the season. Two balls and two shirts have been purchased and presented to the two active charities.
 - We have a quiz night on December 2nd at Saith Seren. Can we PLEASE get at least two teams in to this?
 - Autism Friendly match has been discussed previously I have sourced two volunteers to help organise. These are both support staff from local charities.
 - Ground Tours- a plan in place to provide ground tours is a must. SR approached by support staff of two people with Autism enquiring about opportunities for people with Autism to see a bit of the behind the scenes at The Racecourse. SR escorted an adult prior to the Sutton game. A second tour is being discussed at the moment but may be a need for risk assessments and discussion with safety staff at the ground.
- Barnardo's - Final figures for the fundraising for kids in care are 5 adult season tickets and 9 U18 season tickets. Planning to get RD on to the pitch to make the presentation to Barnardo's
- AR reported that she had met with the RCF and will be attending trustee's meetings.
 - The DSA were struggling with car parking volunteers.
 - There will be a half term pool tournament for Youths

6. Fans Ownership Group

- DJ reported that 2900 cards will be sent out next week by the printers who have had the data for some time.

7. Secretary's Report

- AF had spoken to Nicola Hudson of SD re new Trust Rules. She has sent a copy of the standard Rules recently agreed with the FCA for community benefit societies but ours are still acceptable although before next year's AGM we need to look at making amendments to update them.
- AF has drafted a Football Club board membership and conduct policy. It is on the Forum for comment. Currently there are no policies for the FC Board. He hoped to have it in place to present to the FC Board before its next meeting.

ACTION: All to consider the draft Football Club board membership and conduct policy on the Forum

- AF had also posted a first draft of high level principles covering the relationship between the two boards. That could not be progressed until the review was adopted.

The next meeting date will be agreed on the Forum

The meeting closed at 2210

ACTIONS- from this meeting

No	Action	Who
1	To invite Gary Mills and Barry Horne to attend the members meeting	PJ
3	To consider the draft FC Board membership and conduct policy on the Forum	All

ACTIONS – outstanding from previous meetings

No	Action	Who
1	To complete handover of treasurers' role etc	MW/BP
3.	To analyse Survey results	DJ

4.	To update benefits list	RU
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