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Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Trust Board Meeting

Held on: 19 March 2018, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: John Mills (JM), Paul Smith (PS), Sarah Smith Howard (SSH), Brian Phillips (BP), Spencer Harris (SH), Richard Ulrich (RU), Mark Williams (MW), Simon Rhodes (SRh), Gavin Jones (GJ), Mark Jones (MJ),

Apologies: Stuart Roberts (SRo), Colin Williams (CW), Mike Lewis (ML),

Chair: Peter Jones (PJ),

Independent Secretary: Alan Fox (AF),

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 22 February 2018

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

ACTIONS:

From the 22 February meeting:

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
1. to draft a procedure to process requests/proposals for community type match day events	Community Group	By next meeting	Ongoing
2 to start AGM thread on the Forum	AF	ASAP	Completed
3 to contact board members about attendance	Group leads	ASAP	Completed

From previous meetings:

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
1. To produce future reports which include a "running total" of monies raised to date against the target set	Fundraising	By next meeting	To be removed – see later
2. To complete and send the Raffle Return form to the council	BP	ASAP	Completed

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1. Chairman's Report

PJ informed the board that SR has indicated his intention to stand down from the board. PJ awaits written confirmation from Stuart.

2. Financial Security & Revenue Generation Group

PJ raised a concern about the future of the fundraising group given the development of the Build the Budget project and competing demand for monies from the same sources. GJ suggested its role should be to support the commercial department and to work with the supporter's groups.

ACTION: *Fundraising Group to meet with PJ and GJ to consider fundraising strategies going forward including its relationship with the commercial departments and supporter's groups.*

SSH attended the meeting.

BP informed the board that there was just under £76,500 in Trust funds. The total raised by the first phase of BtB was £102,000. The committee has met recently to discuss the relaunch.

SH attended the meeting.

The draft accounts will be with the auditors at the end of the month.

3. Fans Ownership Group

Membership currently stands at 3,366, an increase of 10 members since the last board meeting. This time last year we had 3,233 members, we are currently 133 members up on that figure which is an increase of 4.11%.

Work has started to renew the memberships of the automatic payers (Standing order and PayPal) for 2018/19, there are 1,195 in total. We are aiming to have this completed by the middle of May so that we can get membership cards sent out for the beginning of the new membership year which begins on 1st June.

'Director for the Day' winners have continued to be chosen at random from a competition that is ran on our Facebook page. The last competition reached a total of 6,641 people and the number of people who like the Facebook page has increased from 2,689 on March 1st to 2,703 as of today. The winner for the match against Chester was chosen from the database and contacted by telephone.

4. Community Report

CW had posted a report on the Forum

- Kerry Evans DLO now fully operational – taking on all Disability related action. Significant impact in reducing operational workload expectations of Community

Group and improving effectiveness and efficiency of work undertaken as has full understanding of all issues at play

- Amendments underway with 'Box' associated with platform.
- Brand alignment work for associated teams now drawing to conclusion, final meeting held on 14th March. Teams given one week to inform of decision to continue within proposed framework in association with RCF or pursue Independent activity. Futsal have opted out and are to play in English League next season - not to do with Wrexham connection but quality of Welsh League system.
- DBS Completion rates increasing.
- Fans for Diversity activity at Aldershot game completed
- Continuation of DBS. Kerry Evans has identified 100 are outstanding.
- Finalisation of work to create Brand alignment of associated teams to be concluded prior to end of season.
- Consideration of option to make The Racecourse an Autism Friendly venue now drawing to a conclusion (with certain games/events as exceptions)
- Continuing issue of managing Working Agreements requires the alignment of behaviour of WST/Club/Community Partners. Terms of Reference document/system is to be prepared by Mike Lewis.
- Reporting lines for Kerry Evans with resignation of Colin Williams from Community Group

5. WST AGM 2018

It was agreed to hold the Trust AGM on Monday 25 June.

AF explained Rule 63 of the Society Rules which stipulates that "One third of the members of the Society Board elected by the members who have served the longest at the date of the annual general meeting will resign". None of the current elected board members were elected in 2015 so do not stand down due to the 3-year rule. It was agreed that there were therefore four vacancies in total i.e. a third of the 12 elected board members. Anita Robinson has stood down since the last AGM. Stuart Roberts has indicated his intention to do so. That left two more board members to stand down under rule 63 which will be MW and PS given that they were elected in 2016 and everyone else was last elected in 2017.

6. Football Club Operations

SH had posted a report on the Forum.

Key messages:

- Dean Keates left for Walsall compensation achieved
- Financially ahead of budget
- Target 10,000 key hopefully for Dagenham game

The club accounts have now been received. They need to be published two weeks before the club AGM.

The preseason tour to Portugal would go ahead on 8 July.

7. First team manager

There was a detailed discussion about the departure of Dean Keates with SH explaining the timeline of events. At a meeting on Sunday the FC Board met with Andy Davies and Carl Darlington asking them to take charge for the rest of the season. They will meet again tomorrow to agree the details.

The meeting discussed the recruitment process proposed on the Forum. SSH and PJ expressed an interest in being the Trust boards rep on the panel.

8. Any other business

- The board discussed the funeral of Kieran Durkin.
- Mention was made of potentially hosting a match at the 2021 Rugby League World Cup.
- The menu for the PoS dinner was still awaited

The date of the next WST board meeting is due to be **Thursday 26 April 2018** at 7.30pm. but this is to be confirmed on the Forum due to other events around that time.

The meeting closed at 22:00

ACTIONS from this meeting:

1. Fundraising Group to meet with PJ and GJ to consider fundraising strategies going forward	PJ/GJ/PS/MJ/SRh	Asap
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