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Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Trust Board Meeting

Held on: 30 January 2019, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: Brian Phillips (BP), Robert Stock (RS), Bryan Still (BS), John Mills (JM), Mark Williams (MW), Mike Lewis (ML), Richard Ulrich (RU), Stephen Lloyd (SL), Spencer Harris (SH), Simon Rhodes (SR), Mark Jones (MJ),

Apologies: Gavin Jones (GJ), Sarah Smith Howard (SSH),

Chair: Peter Jones (PJ)

Independent Secretary: Alan Fox (AF)

1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 19 December 2018

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

ACTIONS:

From the 19 December meeting:

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
1. to liaise with media team to publicise the Christmas raffle	BS	ASAP	Completed
2. to consult with Martin Bradley about tariffs to be imposed for unacceptable behaviour by supporters	MW	Next meeting	Completed
3. to post the under 16s away travel consent form on the Forum for discussion including how to administer the scheme	SL	ASAP	Delayed to next season
4. to draft a member's e mail about the Remembrance Day.	JM	ASAP	Completed

From previous meetings

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
1. to write a plan for delivering further inclusion workshops	SL	Next meeting	Ongoing
2. to provide information for the Meet the Board section on Trust website	Those board members who do not	Asap	Ongoing

	currently appear there		
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1. Exclusion Orders

There was a lengthy discussion about the approach to be taken concerning exclusion orders imposed by the Club and the appeals process. Six people had been subject to orders following the Dover game. Two females and a youth have appealed the banning orders. The interim policy could be put to the membership at the AGM.

VOTE: Proposed by PJ and seconded by MJ it was resolved unanimously to adopt the interim exclusion order policy as drafted by AF and previously posted on the Forum

SH left the meeting temporarily

The meeting discussed how to deal with the appeals.

VOTE: Proposed by MJ and seconded by RU it was resolved by nine votes in favour with two abstentions to appoint a three-person panel to deal with the appeals adopting the following procedure:

- A meeting will be held in which the panel would hear, view and consider the evidence
- A detailed summary of the evidence will then be sent to the appellants
- The appellants will be invited to submit written representations in response to that summary
- The panel will meet again to decide whether to lift, reduce or increase the orders

SH returned

VOTE: Proposed by PJ and seconded by BP it was resolved by nine votes in favour with three abstentions that the panel has the discretion to hear from the appellants in person if they so wish

It was decided that the panel should comprise PJ, BS and ML.

ACTION: AF to inform the appellants of the procedure to be adopted.

2. Chairs Report

PJ welcomed back SR to the board following his recent absence.

PJ reported back following a productive meeting with the FSF and mentioned promoting the Kick it Out campaign before the end of the season and the international ladies' day. SL is to meet with Ruth Hopkins on 15 February and the club DLO at The Racecourse to discuss all aspects of inclusivity and possible future ventures to include the new viewing platform.

PJ expressed concern that the Hall of Fame pictures had not been put back in place.

ACTION: GJ to chase up this issue

3. Financial Security & Revenue Generation Group

BP had prepared draft accounts for the last calendar year, showing a net surplus of just over £92000, which were discussed by the board.

SH left the meeting temporarily

MJ and SR informed the meeting about the planned Sportsman's Lunch on Friday 29 March at the Ramada Hotel with Rugby legend Phil Bennett. They asked the board to assist with providing leads for possible attendees.

ACTION: All Board members to provide MJ/SR with leads for the Sportsman's lunch

MJ mentioned that the next step in the Gold Bond reorganisation is to set up a working group.

ACTION: MJ to establish a Gold Bond working group

The meeting was told about a possible Murder Mystery night and veterans' game. BS mentioned sales on the eBay account and was producing an itinerary.

4. Fans Ownership Group

RU had posted a report on the Forum:

Membership currently stands at 3,540, an increase of 50 members since the last board meeting. This time last year we had 3,342 members, we are currently 198 members up on that figure which is an increase of 5.92%. This is the highest number of members since June 2015. 'Director for the Day' winners have continued to be chosen at random from a competition that from time to time is ran on our Facebook page. The last two competitions reached a total of 13,098 people and the number of people who like the Facebook page is 2,851 as of today.

5. Community Group

ML mentioned the new DBS checks and the role of the FAW. He was meeting with Hope House and KE tomorrow. Mention was made of the charity quiz in the Saith Seran for disabled away travel.

RS mentioned the Junior Dragons next away travel trip to Halifax. There was a half term bowling event. The Grass Roots Football day was selling out with 1300 children expected to attend the Dagenham game on 9 February. The Board commended RS for his work on this.

SL confirmed his forthcoming meeting with Ruth Hopkins of Level Playing Fields.

6. Football Club Operations

SH confirmed that the manager does not intend to bring anyone else in before the transfer deadline day although 93-day loans were still open to us.

The meeting discussed kit suppliers for next season.

The board were updated about work on the capital investments project. We are proceeding with the rainwater harvesting proposal.

There is a meeting tomorrow about the possible new training ground at the old Groves school. SH said that he recently attended the Councils Executive Board meeting. SH is meeting with the FAW Trust next week about the youth department possibly using Colliers Park. The feasibility study for the Transport Hub has begun.

Andy Kidby has been appointed Chief Scout to replace Luke Fogarty.

MW reported that December's finances were ahead of budget. We have more players to pay and more expenditure on the stadium. Gate receipts are ahead of budget. Concourse and bar sales are below budget as is the centenary club. The latest corporation tax changes have improved our position.

The Club AGM should be ready to be announced soon.

7. Any other business

It was agreed to pay expenses for the two boys selected for the Wales Schoolboys trip.

It was agreed to put back the fan's remembrance match to the home game versus Chesterfield on 2 March.

The board thanked Wayne of the Turf for providing the Trust shop in his premises but he now required the space for other uses and so we will have to consider where else to locate the shop.

AF asked board members to ensure that reports were posted on the Forum in good time before meetings so that the meeting itself could consist of clarification, if necessary, and decision making as well as urgent business.

The meeting ended at 22:45

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 February 2019

ACTIONS from this meeting:

What	Who	When
1. to inform the appellants of the procedure to be adopted to deal with the exclusion order appeals	AF	ASAP
2. to progress the return of the Hall of Fame pictures	GJ	ASAP
3. to provide leads for the Sportsman's Lunch	All	ASAP
4. to establish a Gold Bond project group	MJ	ASAP

