

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 13th August 2012 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.40pm.

Present:

Jim White, Huw Cooze, Ron Knuszka, Cath Dyer, Alan Lewis, Viv Williams, Ian James, Will Morris, Craig Mapstone, David Little, Nigel Hamer.(Secretary).

Apologies:

Phil Sumbler, Stuart McDonald, Kevin Mahoney, Viv Brooks, John Heycock, Gareth James.

Secretary Nigel Hamer opened the Meeting for the appointment of Officers for the next 12 month term. Phil Sumbler (Chairman), Jim White (Vice Chairman), Stuart McDonald (Treasurer), Will Morris (Associate Director) had expressed their interest in continuing in their posts for a further 12 months.

Unanimously agreed that the following would serve for a period of 12 months from the 1st August 2012.

Chairman – Phil Sumbler

Jim White – Vice Chairman

Stuart McDonald – Treasurer.

Will Morris – Associate Director.

Will Morris questioned the term of Office of Associate Director for only 12 months, it was felt that this post should be open to elected Board Members on a more regular basis than that of Supporter Director which was a much more involved position requiring a two year term for continuity purposes on the Football Club main Board.

In the absence of Phil Sumbler, Jim White chaired the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July had previously been circulated and approved.

JW welcomed David Little to his first Board Meeting. David is the Trust Board's Legal Affiliate and therefore entitled to attend Trust Board meetings.

Supporter Director Report:

HC reported that there had not been a Club Board meeting since our last Trust Board meeting. **HC** gave details of player movements in and out of the Club, these remain confidential and cannot be placed in our Minutes.

Treasurers Report:

No report. Awaiting settlement of the Annual Awards Dinner held in May. There was a delay due to the non payment to date of one the main Sponsors.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

HC has a provisional date of September 20th in mind for the next Fans Forum. Awaiting confirmation from the Manager.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

Nothing further to report.

TBM 085/06 Website:

No report.

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

No report.

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

HC reported that the first book had been received from the Printers. Publicity for the book sale is required on Twitter, Websites, by text messaging and e-mail. Payment to the Printers is expected at the end of September. Suggestions were made to place the book with W.H. Smith, Waterstones. This had been looked at but was not cost effective to us. **VW** would ask the Premier Club if we could offer the book for sale prior to the West Ham United match on the 25th August.

TBM 127/08 Disability Issues:

IJ reported that a meeting should take place early September, this would tie up the final constitution, opening of a Bank Account with an AGM to form the core group going forward. **IJ** had dealt with an issue with toilet doors with an adjustment made for wheelchair users.

TBM 139/09 Memorial Garden

No progress. This could be affected by the Stadium expansion.

TBM 142/11 Wall Of Fame:

VW had been given the go ahead to get the plaques produced in readiness for the unveiling prior to the home fixture with Everton on the 22nd September. **PS** would contact the named players or members of their families to attend the unveiling. **HC** had been able to arrange tickets for those attending.

TBM 143/11 Business Sector:

JW to produce and send out a document on the way forward.

TBM 150/12 Formation of Premier League Supporters Trust Group.

A further meeting will take place early in the season **DL** and **AL** reported that we were light years ahead of the other Premier League Clubs, in particular our close relationship through our Supporter Director and the main Club Board. The majority of the Clubs who attend these meetings have very little opportunity to meet Chairman, Directors, or CEO's at their Clubs. A decision on attendance at the next meeting will be taken when a date is known. The timing of meetings and their location is not always suitable.

TBM 151/12 Frame for John Charles Signed Shirt.

Agreed that we would donate and pay for a frame of a signed *John Charles shirt* to hang adjacent to the John Charles bust in the main foyer at the Liberty Stadium.

A.O.B.

Mailing Update.

JW thanked **KM** for taking the time to deliver the Newsletters and supporting documentation to Aldershot for the mailing of the Newsletter. **JW** thanked **HC** for producing and arranging the printing of the Newsletter and those who provided articles, and **AL** for dealing with the database of members. Thanks also to **VW** who had secured advertisements which made a vital contribution to the overall printing costs.

Stadium Fans Flags.

CM remains keen to discuss the current situation regarding the waving of flags in the Stadium. There is a new Stadium Operations Manager, **HC** agreed with **CM** to meet the new appointed Officer.

Stadium Expansion

RK asked if the Stadium expansion takes place, would the Ivor Allchurch statue be moved. **HC** said yes, as would the Robbie James bust and the new Wall Of Fame.

Premier League Liaison Officer Appointment.

AL reported from the Premier League Trust meeting that the appointment of a paid Liaison Officer was being strongly pushed. **HC** reported that although no official appointment had been made within the Club, this position was being co-ordinated by himself and the Administrative Staff at the Club.

Associate Director Role.

WM proposed sending out a questionnaire based on whether we can improve as a Trust, replies from Board Members would be appreciated. A role for the Associate Director needs to be developed. There is always room for improvement in any organisation and we are no different.

Blind/Disabled Fans

IJ enquired whether a webfile could be produced in brail format of the matchday programme. **HC** thought this an interesting suggestion and this would be looked into further.

Current Share Form Document

AL had received an enquiry from the daughter of a Trust Member who had recently died and the donations that had been made into the Share Fund. **AL** had explained that as we had paid £199,999 for our shareholding in the Football Club, we had used all donations for the purpose as set out in the document. The deceaseds family member was satisfied with the response. **DL** suggested we look at the document which had been drawn up at the formation of the Swans Trust. **NH** to forward a copy to **DL** for his observations.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Next Board Meeting, Monday 17th September, 2012.

Chair for the evening.....*Jim White*