

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 2nd September, 2013 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.50pm.

Present:

Huw Cooze, Ian James, Alan Lewis, Viv Brooks, Ron Knuszka, Viv Williams, Will Morris, Gareth James, Stuart McDonald, Kevin Mahoney, Barbara Cook, Duncan Thomas, Cath Dyer, Phil Sumbler, Nigel Hamer.(Secretary).

Apologies:

Jim White, Dai Little.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th August 2013. had previously been circulated and approved.

In the late arrival of the Chairman, Acting Chairman for the evening was Huw Cooze.

Supporter Director Report:

HC informed the meeting that *Michael Laudrup* had agreed to a Fans Forum on September 12th. Chairman *Huw Jenkins*, Supporter Director *Huw Cooze* and at least three players would be present. *Phil Sumbler* would chair the meeting. The Ten Pin Bowling Nite had been discussed with *Michael Laudrup* for October/November depending on fixtures.

The Landore Academy is now completed and will be officially opened by *Premier League CEO, Richard Scudamore* on the 16th September prior to the evening fixture with Liverpool.

The facilities at Fairwood could be available to the first team for training during October.

There were still complaints about the Public Address system in the East Stand, **HC** had been informed that the sound levels had been adjusted. **HC** asked Board Members in the East Stand to check if there has been an improvement.

During the summer work had been carried out in the West Stand with a purpose built TV Studio and a new TV gantry, also the Hawkeye goal line technology system had been fitted. It is anticipated that we should be able to accommodate 21000 from October onwards. Toilet facilities on Level 1 have been increased.

Planning application for the East Stand extension, final details which include traffic management should be completed shortly.

Europa League matchday ticket incentives. It had been agreed that prices would be £30 *Valencia*, £25 *FC St. Gallen* and £25 *FC Kuban Krasnodor*, if all three were purchased together the cost would be £60. Jack Army members would receive priority.

Away fixtures – *Crystal Palace* – purchase of an adult ticket would have an under-18 free ticket, a reciprocal arrangement had been arranged for the *Crystal Palace* home fixture. The *Southampton* fixture, Supporters would be able to have free burger and chips and soft drink worth £5. The *Cardiff City* fixture, being a bubble match, bus transport would be free for all travelling on organised buses..

HC mentioned that other Premier League clubs had been contacted about these fan initiatives but the response had been poor to date.

Treasurers Report:

SMcD reported that **NH** had been in contact with *Santander, Monmouthshire Building Society, Barclays, Swansea Building Society* and *The Principality Building Society* to open savings accounts. We are aware that savings rates are very low at present but it is necessary to protect our funds as per the *Financial Services Compensation* scheme which protects our investments up to £85,000.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

As confirmed in the Supporter Director report, the Fans Forum will take place on the 12th September. The London Fans Forum is pencilled in for the 22nd November.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

No report.

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

VB reported that the Ten Pin Bowling evening hopefully will be in October, again the Europa League fixtures were making this difficult to arrange.

Raffle Draw, this will take place prior to the home fixture against Arsenal on the 28th September. **HC** had approached *Lee Trundle* to make the draw and also arrange for three passes for **AL, VB, RK** for the pitchside draw.

TBM125/08 Centenary 2012:

HC reported that the second book was completed and with the printers. An order had been placed for 1,000 books. It was suggested that we approach Waterstones about selling off the first book. The book should be available end of October.

TBM 127/08 Disability Issues:

IJ reported that a Leaflet of Information relating to Disability issues had been put together. *Huw Jenkins* and *Lee Trundle* had been present for the photoshoot.

TBM 142/11 Wall Of Fame:

NH to contact recipients and or their families with invitations to attend the unveiling prior to the home fixture against Sunderland on the 19th October.

TBM 154/12 Riverside Lounge Memorabilia

Huw Jenkins and *Lee Trundle* 'officially' unveiled the two Boards on the 15th August. **WM** took photographs of the unveiling with **NH, HC** and **VW** present.

PS commented that the Boards were very impressive. It was agreed that we would look to add further Swans related photos in the Riverside Lounge, **VW** to deal with this.

TBM 156/13 Supporters Trust Flag.

No report.

TBM 162/13 Book on the History of the Swans Trust.

PS reported that the book should be available during the first week of October. The print run is for 2,000 books, we will have 650 books to sell ourselves. We should run this past *Supporters Direct* as it would be an interesting read for other Trusts. **PS** thanked **SmcD** for proof reading the book. The final title for the book would be 'From Graveyard to Ambition'.

TBM 165/13 Sponsorship of Junior League Football.

SmcD and **HC** would arrange to present the cheque on Sunday 15th September at the *Swansea Junior League* Open Day. It has been agreed that we would sponsor the League for three years at £2,000 per annum. It is still our intention to become involved with other *Junior Leagues* in the Swans catchment areas.

We had received a letter from the *Swansea Schools FA* who will be celebrating their Centenary in 2014. It was agreed that we make a donation of £1,000.

TBM 168/13 Discount Card Scheme

VW had circulated by e-mail a paper on this scheme, the feedback from local businesses had been slow. Should it not improve, **VW** suggested that we withdraw this scheme.

VW had been approached by Vibe Video who arrange Promotional Aids for businesses. **VW** proposed inviting the Director to our next meeting to discuss further. Agreed to allow filming at our Fans Forum at no cost to ourselves.

A.O.B.

Website

DT had suggested that we consider a site overhaul with additional features. It was agreed that **DT** discuss with **JW** and **AL** before the next meeting with proposals.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Next meeting Monday, 7th October at 5.30pm