

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 9th July, 2012 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.32pm.

Present:

Phil Sumbler, Jim White, Huw Cooze, Ron Knuszka, Stuart McDonald, John Heycock, Cath Dyer, Alan Lewis, Viv Brooks, Viv Williams, Ian James, Kevin Mahoney, Nigel Hamer.(Secretary).

Apologies:

Will Morris, Craig Mapstone, Gareth James.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May had previously been circulated and approved.

Supporter Director Report:

HC gave full reports on the following:

Negotiations are almost concluded with Swansea University for the site at Fairwood. Existing buildings will be refurbished with additional accommodation added over a period of 12-18 months. It is hoped that training could commence at Fairwood in October 2012. Training facilities will continue at Llandarcy where the playing surface has been re-seeded. At Landore, building work has begun on the new Pavilion, the grassed area has been extended and should be available before the season commences. The pre-season tour will be to North America where three fixtures have been arranged. Discussions had been held with Real Madrid and Team GB for a pre-season fixture without success. Current pre-season fixtures will be against Blackpool and possibly with Lazio.

Stadium expansion plans have been drawn up, it would be in three phases, however, a feasibility study will take place to confirm if it would be a viable option.

The segregation under the North Stand will go ahead, this will enable us to have access to additional seats for those sides who do not bring a reasonable support.

Player activity is ongoing, two additions have been signed to date, Chico and de Guzman.

The Boardroom has been extended which will make it more functional on match days.

Decision on away ticket allocation should be decided this week.

Treasurers Report:

SMc awaiting final costings from **JW** re: mailing of our annual Newsletter. There are no outstanding bills for payment. **VW** had obtained 10 adverts for the Newsletter which will certainly help to reduce printing costs. **PS** congratulated **VW** for his endeavours in obtaining the adverts.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

HC has not met the new Manager to discuss having a Fans Forum. It is hoped that Michael Laudrup would follow previous Managers who had taken part in Fans Forums previously.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

Nothing further to report.

TBM 085/06 Website:

No report.

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

RK reported that raffle tickets were being printed. The home fixture against Everton on the 22nd September would be the day of the draw.

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

HC reported that the first book was at the printers and was due back on the 18th July. Hopefully some of the books will be purchased at the Centenary Dinner on the 21st July. The books will be available in the Club Shop from Monday 23rd July priced at £15.99. Original plans were for four books to be printed, it could be three.

TBM 127/08 Disability Issues:

IJ reported that a meeting should take place early August before the season starts.

TBM 139/09 Memorial Garden

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

TBM 142/11 Wall Of Fame:

VW had provided scaled drawings of the plaques. We needed to confirm the information to be inscribed on each plaque. Player name and period played for the Club was mooted, but, to be agreed via e-mail Unveiling to take place prior to the Everton home fixture on the 22nd September. PS suggested we try to have as many players or relatives at the unveiling. HC could not guarantee tickets for the match.

TBM 143/11 Business Sector:

JW and VW to liaise on moving this forward.

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

AL, JW and our Legal Affiliate David Little attended the second Premier League Supporters Group meeting in London on the 7th July. JW and AL attended the Supporters Direct Fans Weekend at the same venue. A Report of the meeting to be placed on our website.

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.

TBM 152/12 West Stand Premier Club Seating.

HC had met with the new Catering Manager as well as the new Stadium Manager, Premier Club Manager and Swansea Stadium Manager. It was a constructive meeting and the concern about late arrivals back into their seats especially at half time would be looked into. A warning bell was deemed to be a good idea. One suggestion was turning off the TV link, however, this would affect the whole stadium as it is centrally linked.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Next Board Meeting, Monday 13th August, 2012.

Chair*Phil Sumbler*