

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 4th July 2011 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.30pm.

Present:

Phil Sumbler, Will Morris, Huw Cooze, Ron Knuszka, Alan Lewis, Gareth James, Stuart Macdonald, Viv Brooks, Ian James, Viv Williams, Nigel Hamer (Secretary).

Apologies:

Jim White, Kevin Mahoney, Craig Mapstone.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th June had previously been circulated and approved.

Supporter Director Report:

HC reported that a number of Board meetings had taken place since our success at Wembley and our forthcoming season in the Premier League, Season Ticket sales and matchday pricing were the first items discussed needing to be fair but taking into account the need to increase our fanbase. The need to find a solution to away travel plans was not helped with 3 of the biggest teams being our early away fixtures in order to bring the points system to fruition. Player budgets and cashflow were certainly more demanding than in previous pre-season meetings especially as the Club will not receive the first tranche of Premier League monies until around the 10th August with the Club having to deal with bonuses payable on achieving Premier League status and transfer fees and wages. There will also be a requirement for additional backroom staff.

Huw Jenkins and HC attended the first London Jacks Forum on the 30th June, we were joined by former player Mike Hughes. Good questions were asked and hopefully good answers were given in reply. Special thanks to Trust Board member Jim White for setting up the idea for the event, and to Trust Members David Hansel, Luke Upton and John Williams for the organisation at the London end. It is hoped that a similar event could be held in the Spring. Financially the event raised almost £1200 for the Trust. A request has been made to hold an event in the Manchester area.

The erection of fencing at Landore has begun, progress has not been as advanced as we would have hoped for, Youth Development and Academy Status is still very much on the Agenda. Long term, the Club are looking into general improvements for training facilities for the first team. The Club are determined to leave a legacy so that future football generations will benefit.

Treasurers Report:

SMcd reported on a healthy bank balance with on average a monthly £350 increase as a result of our appeal for existing members to consider making a contribution in lieu of membership fees. We were expecting a four figure sum as our distribution from the Awards Dinner in May. Our Bank balance will be stretched with the forthcoming mailing to the Season Ticket holders.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

WM reported that it remains our intention to hold a Fans Forum in the Stadium prior to the start of next season, subject to the Fixture scheduling. The Forum held in London is included in the Supporter Director report.

TBM 080/06 Membership:

No report.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

Nothing to report.

TBM 085/06 Website:

We were still actively attempting to recover our *swanstrust.com* domain name.

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

A general discussion took place of the logistics involved in the preparation and delivering 16,000 Newsletters which would include raffle tickets and donation forms. The donation forms were in lieu of a membership fee to celebrate our 10th Anniversary as a Supporters Trust. It was confirmed that we print 20,000 donation forms and 100,000 raffle tickets. The season tickets could be used as one of our raffle prizes. **RK** reported that the Raffle Ticket Draw would take place on October 1st. **NH** had booked a room from 4th-7th August to undertake the mailing. A lengthy discussion took place whether we would incorporate a membership card as a part of our Membership letter, **SMacd** thought that this could be a suitable alternative to our current membership card which could prove to be uneconomical with a potential 16,000 members. A pin badge was also discussed. **PS** reported that a quote had been received for the Pin Badges which was for £2800, a vote was taken whether to accept this quote. It was passed subject to the badges being available for our mailing dates of the 4th to 7th August. **AL** had received a quote from Royal Mail for mailing, **JW** would obtain a quote from UK Mail. **JW** would arrange the printing of the labels and the purchase of the envelopes.

PS reminded everyone that articles for the Newsletter were required by the 10th July.

Articles from **PS** as Chairman, **HC** as Supporter Director, **SMcd** as Treasurer, **WM** for Fans Forums, **RK** article on the Raffle. **HC** to arrange for an article from Club Chairman Huw Jenkins..,

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

Nothing further to report since last meeting.

TBM 127/08 Disability Issues:

Separate report issued before the meeting.

TBM 139/09 Memorial Garden:

NH reported that we were awaiting the outcome of our meeting with the Chairman of SSMC, Councillor Graham Thomas and General Manager of SSMC, Andrew Davies.

VW had looked into the cost of either Stainless Steel, or, Welsh slate plaques for the Wall Of Fame. A sample was required in order to present to SSMC as being suitable.

TBM 140/10 5 A Side Football Tournament:

CM to look further into setting up the tournament.

TBM 141/11 Regional Groups:

A general discussion was held on the setting up of Regional Groups around the country involving Swans supporters **PS** would be happy to meet with local reps if he was in their area.

TBM 142/11 Ticket Allocations 2011/12:

PS had produced a statement which had been placed on our website.

A.O.B.

Nomination to Trust Board:

NH reported that there were seven vacancies available for election to the Trust Board. Nominations are due to be received by the 5th July. To date we had received seven nominations.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next Board Meeting, Monday 8th August 2011 at 5.30pm

Phil Sumbler..... Chairman.