

**Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 5th September 2011
at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.30pm.**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Will Morris, Viv Brooks

Chairman Phil Sumbler welcomed two newcomers who had previously expressed an interest in becoming involved with the Trust Board. Catherine Dyer and Luke Morgan were introduced to the Board Members.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th August had previously been circulated and approved.

Supporter Director Report:

HC reported on the new Business Club Lounge on Level One of the West Stand. It has always been used for Hospitality, but, with a local Marquee Company fitting it out with a marquee effect. The room hadn't been fitted out originally back in 2005, it did hold approximately 180 patrons, it has now been tastefully fitted out and now holds approximately 320. The work was carried out during the summer. Our forthcoming Fans Forum will utilise the new Business Lounge when I have invited Brendan Rodgers, Huw Jenkins and players to attend the event on behalf of the Trust.

There is much going on regarding training facilities at the Club. **HC** gave the Board a full report.

HC attended a meeting with Huw Jenkins, Alun Cowie (General Manager), Phil Hovestadt (Ticket Office Manager) to discuss the problems surrounding ticketing. Phil Hovestadt assured those in attendance that teething problems were being addressed. **HC** suggested a need to communicate this to the Supporters and further suggested a FAQ section on the Club website where supporters could put their concerns to the Club, this was agreed.

HC has been in lengthy discussions with North Shore United, the Youth orientated 'SOCCER' team from Wisconsin in the USA, planning is in full swing and further details will follow in due course. This will help with the building of our fan base world wide. I am also in contact with South Africa and others, although these are early days.

Sky cabling has been installed throughout the Stadium at a considerable cost during the summer months, this was a pre-requisite to joining the Premier League. It wasn't essential, but, Sky look favourably on Clubs with this cabling facility, making their job easier, a small outlay in the bigger scheme.

Treasurers Report:

SMcd had forwarded our accounts our Auditors as a result it should mean that our AGM will take place on the 26th September, confirmation of this

will be made during the week by e-mail. We are still waiting for our cheque for the Awards Dinner which was held in May.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

HC confirmed that the Fans Forum will be held on the 8th September in the refurbished Business Club Lounge at the Liberty Stadium. Brendan Rodgers and Huw Jenkins will be present along with two, or, three of the recent signings, the event will start at 7.30pm.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

HC reported that a Shareholders meeting had taken place, no decisions were taken. The next meeting will take place on London on the morning of the Arsenal game on the 10th September.

TBM 085/06 Website:

JW reported that we had experienced problems in securing our original domain name, agreed that we would continue with the new *swanstrust.co.uk* domain name. JW reported that our new website should be up and running by the end of September 2011.

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

RK proposed that we have our Ten Pin Bowling Night between the 21st and 31st October. After a discussion it was agreed that we would choose the 19th October, to be confirmed. The charge per person for this event will remain at £13, or, £78 per lane of six. The Group had discussed a Horse Race Nite, VB is checking venues and suitable dates. It was agreed that we would donate matchday tickets for the WBA/Stoke City game to Ty Olwen Hospice..

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

Nothing further to report since last meeting.

TBM 127/08 Disability Issues:

No report available.

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.

TBM 140/10 5 A Side Football Tournament:

No report available.

TBM 141/11 Regional Groups:

No report available.

A.O.B.

VW presented samples of the stainless steel material we could use for the Wall of Fame. We had a choice of a full stainless steel sheet with the cost ranging from £770-£1071. Samples of the wording were also produced. NH advised we shouldn't get too excited as we were still waiting confirmation from SSMC.

Business Sector:

PS advised that **VW** and **GJ** had agreed to look after our interaction with the Business sector in our catchment area and beyond.

Media Contact:

PS reported that we had made a complaint to HTV about its identifying an individual as Trust spokesperson who was no longer actively involved with the Trust, during the build up to the new season, even though they had received notification of names and contact numbers of Trust Board members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.
Next Meeting, date to be confirmed.