

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 6th June 2011 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.30pm.

Present:

Phil Sumbler, Will Morris, Huw Cooze, Ron Knuszka, Alan Lewis, Gareth James, Jim White, Craig Mapstone, Stuart Macdonald, Kevin Mahoney, Viv Williams, Nigel Hamer (Secretary).

Apologies:

Ian James, Viv Brooks.

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

Chairman Phil invited Viv Williams to his first meeting, Viv had indicated at the last AGM his interest in becoming involved with the Trust Board. PS would add VW to our e-mail list.

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. The report was of a very confidential nature and not for publication in our Minutes. The report did mention the increased capacity of the Stadium, that design engineers were looking into the possibilities at an early stage so that planning applications would be submitted and possible work undertaken in May 2012 at the end of the Premier League season.

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. There were no current bills for payment although we had to take into account the possible expense of our Newsletter mailing in early August which would be to the current membership plus current 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. JW reported that a London Jacks Forum would take place on the 30th June at the City Tavern. It will be a Trust led initiative and any profit from the event will be channelled into Trust coffers. Chairman Huw Jenkins and Supporter Director Huw Cooze will be attending, it is hoped that the Manager and a current contracted player will also be available.

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 agreed that we print 20,000 donation forms and 100,000 raffle tickets. It was hoped that the Newsletters would be available on or around the 6th/7th August. **VW** and **GJ** would provide sponsorship in the form of two season tickets for 2011/12.

The season tickets could be used as one of our raffle prizes. As the draw for the raffle would be after the season had begun, it was agreed that we should consider a draw amongst existing Trust Members, this was to be confirmed at the next Board meeting. We need to confirm a date for the task of mailing out the Newsletters. **NH** to check with the Stadium to see if we can use their facilities 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.

Agreed that **JW** would obtain quotes for both the pin badges and the membership cards.

PS requested that articles for the Newsletter be submitted to him 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. It was hoped that we may be able to have an article from Club Chairman Huw Jenkins and Club Captain Garry Monk.,

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 along with **HC** a meeting had taken place with **SSMC** on the 18th May with the Chairman of **SSMC**, Councillor Graham Thomas and General Manager of **SSMC**. Discussions included the pinch point, East Stand/South Stand which had been promoted as a safety issue, temporary widening of the pathway had taken place. There was an ongoing issue as to the ownership of the land for more permanent work to be undertaken. The Wall Of Fame concept was discussed, this involved the walled area underneath the Robbie James bust adjacent to the Club Ticket office. We would provide an example of the plaque before this is taken further, it was confirmed that it would be a quality product. **VW** to arrange to provide a suitable plaque. The Memorial Garden adjacent to the Ivor Allchurch statue. Matthew Daniel, Commercial Manager of **SSMC** had been dealing with this idea. It was agreed that the Trust and **SSMC** would have joint ownership, we agreed that we would maintain the site. The land discussed was in the ownership of the City & County Of Swansea which would negate any concerns. The

provision of a suitable footpath behind Harvesters & Frankie & Bennys restaurants currently used by fans but which is a muddy grassed area. Ownership of the land would be checked by SSMC.

TBM 140/10 5 A Side Football Tournament:

CM to look further into setting up the tournament.

A.O.B.

Letters of Congratulations.

PS had, on behalf of the Trust sent congratulatory letters to Huw Jenkins and Brendan Rodgers as a result of the success of last season culminating in promotion to the Premier League.

Regional Groups:

A general discussion was held on the setting up of Regional Groups around the country involving Swans supporters, it was intended that these would come under the umbrella of the Trust. Further discussions to take place by e-mail in readiness for further discussions at the next Board Meeting.

Ticket Allocations 2011/12:

PS reported that we had received a number of enquiries on our website about ticket allocations for season 2011/12 and where Trust Members stood in the allocation of tickets. PS would produce a Statement in the next few days to be placed on our website.

Smoking at Home Matches:

AL had been asked to raise the issue as it had been noted at the Rod Stewart concert that fans had been allowed to pop out during the concert for a cigarette. It was pointed out that the situation at a Swans home game was different as fans would wish to go out en masse during the short half time window. HC mentioned that football matches would almost certainly require some sort of 'pen' outside the Stadium and whilst there had been discussions the matter remained unresolved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next Board Meeting, Monday 4th July 2011 at 5.30pm

Phil Sumblor..... Chairman.