

**SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday 6th September 2010 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea, commencing at 5.40pm

Present:

Phil Sumbler, Will Morris, Ron Knuszka, Alan Lewis, Stuart McDonald, Ian James, Huw Cooze, Viv Brooks, Duncan Howells, Craig Mapstone and Meic Pickavance and Nigel Hamer (Secretary).

Apologies:

Kevin Mahoney, Jim White.

As a result of the Chairman's article in the latest Newsletter, three fans had expressed an interest in what we as a Trust undertake at Board Meetings and beyond. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting, as Co-opted Trust Board members, Duncan Howells, Craig Mapstone and Meic Pickavance and sincerely hoped that they would embrace the workings of the Trust and remain involved.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd August had previously been circulated and approved.

Supporter Director Report:

HC had looked into the possibility of the use of a Pod outside the Stadium as we do not have a visual presence since the trailer we shared with the Official Travel Club had been sold by the owners Capital Windows. **HC** would check on costings for hire per game, or, per season. It was suggested that maybe the Official Travel Club might share the facility and any costs involved.

HC confirmed the recent Press reports where the Club had informed the Manager that players would have to be moved out before any new players are brought in. Our current squad needs to be reduced, however, as the transfer market has now closed until January, moving players on was easier said than done. Emergency Loans were the only option which could work both ways, in and out.

HC reported that in order to make progress, the Club may have to consider future investment, not imminently but maybe in 12 months time.

Treasurers Report:

SMcD reported that the Accounts would be ready this weekend to forward to the Accountants for the year end 31st May 2010. It seems unlikely that we will be able to hold our AGM on the same evening as the next Fans Forum on the 30th September. Still awaiting payment of Awards Dinner shareout.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

HC had previously confirmed after a meeting with the Club Manager that a suitable date for a Fans Forum would be Thursday, 30th September at 7.30pm at the Liberty Stadium. Club Chairman Huw Jenkins has agreed to attend along with Brendan Rodgers, Garry Monk, Alan Tate, Joe Allen and possibly Scott Sinclair. **PS** will chair the Forum, **AL** with Trust TV, **WM** will look after photography, **KM** with the sound system. **NH** had booked the room with only the labour charge of £30 payable.

TBM 080/06 Membership:

A general discussion took place about ways to increase membership numbers. Our new TBM **Craig** made a suggestion in order to encourage younger fans we set up a Facebook page. **AL** mentioned that we had set up a Facebook page a few years ago, whether we resurrect that page or start afresh. **AL** will liaise with **CM**. Another new TBM **Duncan** suggested that we target pubs around the Stadium with Leaflet Holders for our various promotional material, Newsletters, Membership Forms etc., **DH** will check on prices for the purchase of the Leaflet Holders, **DH** will also liaise with pub landlords for permission to place the holders in their pubs. **IJ** will link up with **DH**. A push for membership will take place at both the Coventry City and Scunthorpe United Matches, agreed to meet at the Ivor Allchurch statue at 1.45pm for the Scunthorpe fixture.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

Nothing further to report.

TBM 085/06 Website:

No report.

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

VB reported that the Bowling Night date had been agreed by Brendan Rodgers and will take place on Wednesday 3rd November commencing at 7.00pm. Prices will be held at the same price as last year, £13 per person and £78 per lane for six and includes two frames. Firming up of arrangements will be made at the next meeting.

VB, AL, KM along with Trust Member Bob Polden had sent out the Newsletters from the Trust Registered Office. Two books of raffle tickets had been placed in the Newsletter, with the leaflet "Swansea After I Die" Leaving a Legacy which **RK** had negotiated with John Collins & Partners LLP, Solicitors, and the Special Offer leaflet **RK** had negotiated with Active Swansea offering 14% discount at five Active Swansea Centres across Swansea at Bishopston, Penlan, Cefn Hengoed, Morriston and Penyrheol.

We had identified a number of lapsed members who would be contacted, **RK** to produce a covering letter to these lapsed members. **RK** asked that all TBM's take 10 books of raffle tickets to sell.

TBM 124/08 Trust TV:

AL would edit material filmed earlier in the season. **WM** would assist. **AL** would film at the Fans Forum.

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

SMcD reported that a meeting would take place later in the month.

TBM 127/08 Disabled Issues:

IJ intending setting up a meeting with the Stadium Management. **WM** offered to attend.

TBM 138/09 100 for 100:

PS had nothing to report.

TBM 139/09 Memorial Garden:

PS will resurrect this project with the Stadium Management.

A.O.B.

DH reported that he had spoken with the Leader of the Council regarding advertising signage as seen on motorways as a means of promoting the Club and fixtures at the Stadium. The Trust Board had discussed this with the Leader of the Council some years ago but it had not been followed up. Agreed to further discuss this with the Leader.

The Chairman thanked the three new Co-opted members who had joined the meeting, Craig, Duncan and Meic and hoped that they would contribute by e-mail during the period before the next meeting and looked forward to them attending the October meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

The next Board meeting will take place on Monday, 4th October at 5.30pm

Phil Sumbler

Chairman