Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 8th August 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, Jim White, Kevin Mahoney, Craig Mapstone, John Heycock, Nigel Hamer (Secretary).

Election of Officers:

There had been Nominations for the posts of, Chairman, Treasurer, Supporter Director and Associate Director.
Chairman – Phil Sumbler returned unopposed.
Treasurer – Stuart Mcdonald returned unopposed.
Supporter Director – Huw Cooze returned unopposed. To serve for 2 years.
Associate Director – there were two nominations, current Associate Director Will Morris and Jim White. Both candidates were invited to address the meeting before a secret ballot was held to determine the outcome. Will Morris was returned as the Associate Director and will serve for a term of 1 year.
It was agreed that there needed to be a meeting between the Chairman, Supporter Director to define the role of the Associate Director, this meeting will take place in the next few weeks.
Chairman Phil Sumbler appointed Jim White to be Vice Chairman for the next 12 months.
NH confirmed the elected Board Members who will serve for a period of 2 years until July 2013.
The following stood for re-election, *Huw Cooze, Stuart Mcdonald, Will Morris, Phil Sumbler, Jim White*. Two new candidates were elected, *Viv Williams* and *John Heycock*.
Chairman Phil welcomed John Heycock rejoining the Trust Board having previously been a Board member.
Chairman Phil thanked Board Members for their efforts throughout the last 12 months and looked forward to a rewarding year especially with the Premier League to look forward to.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th July had previously been circulated and approved.

Supporter Director Report:
HC's report contained confidential issues which could not be published. On Disability issues, the Club has been chosen as one of three clubs for future funding. **JH** had asked **HC** to look into the £1.50 charge per transaction on online ticket purchases. Currently the system operates on a 1 ticket per transaction which for four tickets is adding £6 to the purchase price. The request was that a transaction for four tickets should be a one off charge of £1.50
HC had attended meetings with the City & County Of Swansea discussing traffic management plans for the new season as the original traffic management plans were six years old. A new Park & Walk facility had been prepared behind the Swansea Tennis Centre. Sponsorship of the North Stand to be renamed the Croeso

Stand. Arrangements for pre-match entertainment prior to the Wigan Athletic fixture with Max Boyce and the Morriston Orpheus Choir. A meeting has been set up
with the Club Chairman, Huw Cooze and Phil Hovestadt (Ticket Office Manager) to discuss the teething problems with ticketing issues.

Treasurers Report:

SMcd reported that the recent mailing costs to the Season Ticket holders would approximately cost £10k which included printing costs for our Newsletter/Donation Forms, stationery and postage. We were still waiting for our income cheque from the Awards Dinner held in May. **SMcd** was looking to get the accounts over to our Auditors by the end of August with the idea of having our AGM towards the end of September.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

HC would liaise with Brendan Rodgers for a date for the Fans Forum to be held in the Liberty Stadium. It washoped that the International Break would be suitable**.**

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:

PS reported that Trust Member and Solicitor David Hansel was in discussions with the original person who had set up the *swanstrust.com* Domain name. We had recently set up *swanstrust.co.uk*, it was generally agreed that if all else fails to retain the swanstrust.com we will stick with the replacement, *swanstrust.co.uk*

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

JW proposed an online raffle for one of the season tickets which the Trust had purchased.This will be drawn in the Club Shop prior to the Wigan fixture. The ticket raffle would be £10 per online transaction.

JW reported that he had spoken to UK mail as the arrangements did not go entirely to plan. The letters had been taken from Swansea to Bristol and then onto Croydon for eventual posting.

VB thanked **VW** for obtaining adverts for the Newsletter from *PicUp Spares Limited* and *Phelps & Williams Limited*. Thanks also to *South Wales Window Blinds* and *UHS Limited (Universal Hardware Supplies)* for their sponsorship..

PS thanked BM's who had given their time freely over the four days of Newsletter preparation work on July 28th-31st at the Liberty Stadium, also thanks to the outside helpers who contributed to the 13,000 envelopes that were packed. Special thanks to Board Member **AL** for his additional work in the arrangement for the collection of the boxes of mail.

NH would ask the Premier Club if we could distribute our Newsletter package to the Premier Club Members at home fixtures.

Thanks to the Liberty Stadium management for the use of the room for the four days and for allowing us to store the boxes until the following Tuesday until collection by UK Mail.

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.

TBM 142/11 Ticket Allocations 2011/12:
PS reported that a statement had been placed on our website.

A.O.B.
AL had attended a FAW Supporters Group meeting in Cardiff and notes had been circulated. It was agreed that should **AL** be available to attend these meetings on behalf of the Trust he could do so. **JH** commented on the increase in the cost of foodstuffs on the Concourse. **HC** stated that this was a *Stadium/Compass Catering* issue and not a Club issue. *Compass Catering* have an agreement to provide food and beverages at the Stadium.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.Next Meeting, 5th September 2011.

Phil Sumbler…….. Chairman.