

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 9th May 2011 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.40pm.

Present:

Will Morris, Huw Cooze, Viv Brooks, Ron Knuszka, Ian James, Alan Lewis, Nigel Hamer (Secretary).

Apologies:

Jim White, Kevin Mahoney, Gareth James, Craig Mapstone, Phil Sumbler.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March had previously been circulated and approved.

Supporter Director Report:

HC reported that during the week work was due to commence at Landore with external fencing being erected around the whole complex, this was costing around £40-£50,000. We had also been offered facilities at Ashleigh Road where our younger teams could play. Due to costs, the complete package for Landore would not be completed in one, this would be dependant upon where we will be playing next season. A prolonged hypothetical discussion took place of what will be required should we get into the Premier League. NH was asked to contact our Legal Affiliate regarding Trust Board membership in relation to our shareholding should we be promoted to the Premier League.

Treasurers Report:

There was no report as the Treasurer was absent from the meeting.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

WM reported that it would be our intention to hold a Fans Forum in the Stadium prior to the start of next season.

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:

PS was completing a letter to be sent out to our existing members explaining our reasons for offering free membership for our 10th Anniversary season. Once this was completed and posted, **RK** had prepared a letter to be sent out to local businesses requesting raffle prizes. Volunteers would be required to undertake the mailing. **NH** to check with the Stadium to see if we can use their facilities to undertake the mailing.

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

Nothing further to report since last meeting.

TBM 127/08 Disability Issues:

IJ had been in general discussion with Disabled supporters regarding the pricing structure for next season. The main gripe was the size of the increase and the lack of an early warning by the Club. The Club had responded to a number of these concerns by referring to advice received from the Football League under their document entitled “*Guidance for Clubs on Disabled Supporters and Customers.*” The stated aim of the guidance is to help Clubs develop and produce policies that can be used to ensure that they meet their requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and 2005 (DDA). **IJ** has looked at becoming members of the *Disabled Supporters Association*, now relaunched as *Level Playing Field*, this is likely to require Club involvement and being a part of this will help channel these issues via the appropriate route. The Trust has encouraged the Club to join the *DSA (Level Playing Field)*. **IJ** to liaise with **HC** before attending the AGM on the 9th June in London.

TBM 139/09 Memorial Garden:

NH confirmed that a meeting has been arranged with the Chairman of SSMC for the 18th May. **HC** and **NH** to attend.

TBM 140/10 5 A Side Football Tournament:

No report.

A.O.B.

AL referred Board Members to a note of a meeting which the FAW had held with South Wales Police and representatives of FSF Cymru, primarily about fans attendance at International matches. The FAW has asked if other fan groups would like to be involved in future meetings. It was agreed that given the potential for wider debate at these meetings the Trust should aim to send a representative. **AL** would follow this up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.26pm

Next Board Meeting, Monday 6th June 2011 at 5.30pm

Will Morris.....Vice Chairman.