

# SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea, commencing at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Phil Sumbler, Stuart McDonald, Will Morris (acting secretary), Viv Williams, Viv Brooks, Alan Lewis, Andy Godden, Cath Dyer, Sian Davies.

**Apologies:**

Nigel Hamer, Ron Knuszka, Duncan Thomas, Dai Little.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2017 were approved with three amendments.

**Election of full Board Members:**

Following the recent Supporters Trust elections (Ballot closing date 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017), the successful candidates are listed below:

**Phil Sumbler** (re-elected)

**Stuart McDonald** (re-elected)

**Will Morris** (re-elected)

**Cath Dyer** (new Board member)

**Andy Godden** (new Board member)

**Sian Davies** (new Board member)

The above individuals will serve for a two year period, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

**Election of Co-opted Board Members:**

The Trust Board decided that 4 co-opted posts were to be retained and, following expressions of interest from those who had unsuccessfully stood for election, the following individuals were selected:

**Ian James**

**Dave Dalton**

**Matthew Griffiths**

**Roger Goodwin**

The above co-optees will serve for a period of one year, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

**Trust Officer Posts**

The Trust Board approved the following individuals to fill the Trust Officer posts:

**Stuart McDonald** – Supporter Director

**Phil Sumbler** – Supporters Trust Chairman

**Will Morris** – Supporters Trust Vice Chairman/Assoc. Director

**Stuart McDonald** – Treasurer

**Nigel Hamer** – Secretary

**Chairman's Report:**

PS outlined his intention to re-iterate the fact that the Trust still has a 21% shareholding at this time and, in the event of a share sale, will still hold 16%. The Members' vote on the issue will close on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

PS intends to make representation to the American owners, outlining the Trust Board's concern over the prolonged transfer negotiations relating to Gylfi Sigurdsson. There is a fear that such a delay may impact on the Club's incoming transfer activity.

**Supporter Director Report:**

SMcD reported the following:

- The Fan Zone is to become a permanent feature on matchdays
- Good sales of the black limited edition 3<sup>rd</sup> kit have been reported
- The next Directors' Board meeting is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- It has been agreed to hold a FF in West Wales during September/October
- Logistics for the U23 Premier league 1 games are being examined

**Treasurer's report:**

SMcD commented that the Building Society balance had dropped to £850,000. This included incomes, admin. costs and additional legal bills.

**Membership Report:**

AL confirmed the final Full Membership figures for 2016/17 were:

Adult Members - 1194. Senior Members - 624, Junior Members - 39. Total - 1857.

1181 of last year's members joined online and around 150 are non-UK based.

We are now able to offer members the opportunity to renew at the Pod on matchday (cash only) without completing a membership form. This will be promoted prior to the first home game, but, we will need BM's at the Pod to assist.

**Disability Report:**

CD provided a comprehensive on-line report for the Trust Board. The DSA held their AGM in July and have formed a new *Committee* for Season 2017-18. We are grateful to the *Trust* and the *Club* for all their support. We are organizing a DSA event which will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September (venue to be confirmed). We have received many donations from our *Sponsors* and are currently looking into purchasing items which will benefit our *Disabled members* and *Supporters*. We had received a number of queries recently regarding the cost of *Disabled Parking* at the *Stadium*. We have been communicating with the *Club* who are looking into these queries. *Kevin Johns* has accepted our invitation to become our *Lifetime President* of the *Disabled Supporters Association* and look forward to working with him. The *Club* have agreed to support the DSA with enhanced DBS checks as we are working alongside vulnerable adults and children.

**Swans Trust Website Stats:**

DT provided an on-line report for the Trust Board as follows – the top five pages in terms of page views for July 2017 were, *Homepage* 30.61%, *Join The Trust* 9.05%, *Membership Consultation Update* 6.53%, *Swansea City Supporters Trust Board elections 2017 Results* 6.17%, *Trust Board Elections 2017, Notice of Ballot* 6.05%. *Social Media presence figures: 6,203 members in our Facebook Group, 2,108 Likes on the Facebook page, 6,877 Twitter followers.*

**Welsh BAC Schools Project Update:**

SD confirmed that a BAC application had been re-submitted to the WJEC.

**A.O.B.**

CD is to look at a replacement of the official Trust mobile phone.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 5.30 p.m. Venue yet to be confirmed.**