

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 14th May, 2012 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.35pm.

Present:

Jim White, Huw Cooze, Will Morris, Ron Knuszka, Stuart McDonald, Gareth James, John Heycock, Cath Dyer, Alan Lewis, Viv Brooks, Viv Williams, Nigel Hamer.(Secretary).

Apologies:

Phil Sumbler, Ian James, Kevin Mahoney.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd April had previously been circulated and approved.

Supporter Director Report:

HC gave full reports on the following:

Negotiations with a number of suitable sites continue. Existing training facilities will continue at Llandarcy where the playing surface has been re-seeded. At Landore the Club are awaiting the completion of the lease Agreement, however remedial work is ongoing. The cricket pavilion has been demolished. The pre-season tour will be to North America, a pre-season fixture which would be a part of our Centenary celebrations is still under review.

Stadium expansion – there is no set date when the work will commence.

Treasurers Report:

SMc awaiting costings from **JW** re: mailing of our annual Newsletter due out at the end of July. There are no outstanding bills for payment. Our year end is the 31st May 2012, it is hoped that our audited accounts will be available in mid August.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

JW anticipated that we would have our usual pre-season Fans Forum in August.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

Nothing further to report.

TBM 085/06 Website:

No report.

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

RK had produced a Diary of Events for 2012. These were as follows:

July/August	Newsletter posting including Raffle Tickets.
August	Fans Forum at Liberty Stadium.
September	Trust AGM
September	Annual Raffle Draw at home fixture.
September/October	Ten Pin Bowling Night – meet the Players and Staff.
November	Quiz Night & Fish & Chip Supper.
TBC	Horse Racing Night
TBC	London Fans Forum

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

WM reported that the organisation was on time and in budget. Volunteers are required for scanning material at the University, **AL** and **WM** had assisted in scanning, there are only two scanners available so best to work in pairs. **VB** in addition to **AL** and **WM** volunteered, volunteers to liaise with **WM**. **AL** and **WM** to undertake interviews with former players. Fans recollections to be in by the 21st July 2012.

The Trust had been requested to assist with cashflow during the early stages, it was agreed in principle as we would receive repayment from book sales. No figure has been confirmed.

TBM 127/08 Disability Issues:

IJ had submitted a written report informing us that 6-7 Disabled Supporters had indicated that they would like to be part of the initial steering group.

TBM 139/09 Memorial Garden

No progress

TBM 142/11 Wall Of Fame:

VW had met with **PS** before the Liverpool fixture to discuss the siting of the plaques which will number 20 after this years additional 10 names had been announced at the Annual Awards Dinner. **VW** to provide costings and sample wording by the next meeting. A sample to be shown to Andrew Davies, General Manager, SSMC.

TBM 143/11 Business Sector:

JW and **VW** to liaise on moving this forward.

TBM 145/12 Awards Dinner 2012

Vice Chair **JW** thanked those involved in the Awards Dinner leading up to the evening, **AL**, **CD** and **NH**. Thanks to **PS** for his unstinting work on the evening, to **AL** for assisting and to **WM** for taking photographs, **HC** was also involved on the night.

TBM 150/12 Formation of Premier League Supporters Trust Group.

NH reported that with **HC** they would attend the inaugural meeting in Birmingham on Thursday 24th May from 7.30pm.

A.O.B.

JH suggested that the Club should consider a **Centenary Dinner/Function** for 'ordinary supporters' rather than the Corporate event being held on the 21st July at the Liberty Stadium which were £100 and £60 ticket charges. A venue such as Oceania on the Kingsway would be appropriate. **HC** to speak with Vice Chairman Leigh Dineen who is the event organiser for the Centenary Dinner.

Agreed that we would donate and pay for a frame of a signed **John Charles shirt** to hang adjacent to the John Charles bust in the main foyer at the Liberty Stadium.

AL asked if this years Jack Army points would be carried over and if there was to be an "Away Season Ticket". **HC** replied that there would be some element of carry over to next seasons Jack Army scheme, and there would be an "Away Season Ticket".

WM expressed concern at the number of Premier Club members in the West Stand who regularly returned to their seats sometimes well into the second half. **NH** agreed to speak with the Premier Club management to suggest that a warning bell be sounded in the Premier Club lounge which would hopefully act as a deterrent for latecomers to their seats. Sadly many in the Premier Club seats are not always regular supporters which creates the problems encountered by season ticket holders.

JW announced the Supporters Trust Fans Weekend annual event in London on the 7/8th July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Next Board Meeting, Monday 11th June, 2012.

Chair for the evening.....*Jim White (Vice Chairman)*