

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday, 17th June 2013 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea commencing at 5.35pm.

Present:

Phil Sumbler, Huw Cooze, Jim White, Stuart McDonald, Alan Lewis, Viv Brooks, Cath Dyer, Ron Knuszka, Ian James, Viv Williams, Craig Mapstone, Kevin Mahoney, Nigel Hamer.(Secretary).

Apologies:

Will Morris, Dai Little.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2013. had previously been circulated and approved.

Supporter Director Report:

HC informed the meeting that the Landore Academy site was more or less completed with the addition of a 500 seater stand. Some landscaping still being undertaken.

At Fairwood, a Contractor has been selected to undertake work on the changing facilities which will hopefully start soon.

Planning consent for the extension to the East Stand had been submitted in March to the Planning Department at the City & County Of Swansea, it is hoped consent will be granted soon.

Player options, some good names mentioned and between the Club Chairman and Manager many should materialise.

Discussions had taken place about matchday ticket prices for both home and away fans.

The Club will be announcing a new shirt sponsor on the 28th June at the same time as the new kit launch.

The Superstore shop revamp underway giving an increased floor space.

The new retail outlet at Cwmdru should open on the 29th June, this will also become our Online distribution centre.

Treasurers Report:

SMcD reported that we are awaiting settlement of our Annual Awards Dinner income, also awaiting settlement of the Swansea 'til I Die books which had been sold in the Club Superstore. There were no outstanding payments to be made. Our Lottery Licence was in place for the Annual Lottery to be held this summer.

SMcD and **PS** were authorised by the Board to review the financial markets in relation to the Interim Dividend received earlier this year. Currently this is held with the Swansea Building Society in a 90 day account.

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

It is hoped to hold a Forum during early August at the Liberty Stadium.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

No report.

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

No report.

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

HC was well advanced, at least 75% on the second book.

TBM 127/08 Disability Issues:

IJ reported that a meeting was held between the Club and SSMC to discuss improvements in communication and implementation of disabled services. *Huw Cooze, Supporter Director* was also in attendance with the meeting carried out in a very positive atmosphere with a number of action points allocated following the meeting. **IJ** is currently working on a number of points including updating and simplifying disabled policies with *Tony Avo of SCFC*. The Premier League audit report was imminent. **IJ** asked **HC** if a photoshoot with the Club Chairman and the DSA Management Committee could be arranged.

TBM 142/11 Wall Of Fame:

The Supporters Trust Wall Of Fame Nominees as announced at the Annual Awards Dinner are: *Jeremy Charles, Leighton James, Tommy Hutchison, Chris Coleman, Noel Dwyer, Geoff Thomas, David Gwyther, Vic Gomersall, Len Allchurch, Billy Hole, Roy Paul, Billy Lucas, Mel Charles, Frank Burrows, Stephen Jenkins, Cliff Jones, Terry Medwin, Joe Sykes, Jimmy McLaughlin, Nigel Stevenson.* A suitable date from the fixtures due out this week will be announced for the unveiling. **NH** to liaise with **VW** for the engraving of the names.

TBM 150/12 Premier League Supporters Trust Group.

JW will be available at St. Georges Park, Burton on the weekend of the 21st-22nd June and will as best he can represent the Trust. **HC** reported that Club Chairman *Huw Jenkins* was a keynote Speaker on Saturday 22nd June but was now unable to attend. **HC** will contact *Kevin Rye* at *Supporters Direct* to discuss alternatives. **NH** had previously circulated an e-mail from Trusts within the Premier League who are concerned about increased ticket pricing at home and away fixtures, our stance on this remains that we are committed to looking at ticket prices across the board and not just for away fans.

TBM 154/12 Riverside Lounge Memorabilia

VW has the two Boards ready which will be for the Lifetime Achievement awards and Supporters Player of the Season Award. **HC** or **WM** to provide photos of the recipients.

TBM 156/13 Supporters Trust Flag.

CM had asked the flag manufacturer to place an advert in our Newsletter to contra the cost of the flag. No response. Agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the 8' x5' flag at £148 plus VAT. **HC** to provide artwork.

TBM 161/13 AUGUST NEWSLETTER.

HC proposed that we have a cutoff date of the 15th July for the Newsletter to go to print. **VW** already has a number of advertisements. **HC** mentioned that we could increase the number of pages in the Newsletter if required. Agreed that **JW** would obtain quotes for the postal distribution due in the first week in August.

TBM 162/13 BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF SWANSTRUST.

PS reported that various material had been collected as well as taped interviews. Should be completed by mid August with an October release date. **PS** asked that *Chairman Huw Jenkins* provide a foreword for the book. **HC** to arrange. *Kevin Johns* has already provided a written section.

TBM 165/13 SPONSORSHIP OF JUNIOR LEAGUE FOOTBALL

SMcD was still in communication with Junior Leagues. **SMcD** and **HC** to attend a meeting between the Junior League Management Committee and Macron to discuss how best we can become involved in the Swansea Junior League. **HC** to find out more about sponsorship of the Club Junior section. We are keen to sort one Junior League out before dealing with other Junior Leagues in our catchment area.

TBM 166/13 Community Trust:

HC would be looking at the Youth set up and Football In The Community issues as he felt that there had been a lack of communication in the past. It would entail additional administration which may require assistance from the Trust Board.

TBM 167/13 Membership of the Trust, Season 2013/14.

Following a recommendation from the Membership Sub-Group it was agreed that a two level membership would be introduced for 2013/14. Full membership would be available on payment of a membership fee and a restricted membership would be available for free. The Sub-Group was asked to pursue the arrangements in time for a mailing to 2012/13 members early in August.

VW will look into the possibility of Corporate Membership.

TBM 168/13 Discount Card Scheme

VW had circulated by e-mail a paper on this scheme. The scheme is designed to target businesses in the Swans support catchment area through our 14,000 Trust members via Season Ticket holders. A pocket size handbook will be produced giving full details of the business and the benefits to members, it will run from January 2014 to June 2015.

A.O.B.

Executive Fundraising Committee/Swans Trust Annual Awards Dinner:

For the record the winners of the Awards at the Annual Awards Dinner on the 16th May, 2013.were:

Club Ambassador of the Year – *Neil Taylor*

Away Player of the Season - *Michu*

Top Goalscorer of the Season - *Michu*

Lifetime Achievement Award - *Huw Jenkins.*

Players Player of the Season - *Michu*

Supporters Player of the Season - *Michu*

Goal of the Season -- *Jonathan de Guzman*

Young Player of the Season - *Ben Davies*

Youth Development Player of the Season – *Josh Sheehan*

Best Newcomer of the Season - *Chico*

From A Jack To A King.

HC and **NH** had attended a screening of a 2 minute trailer at the Odeon Cinema, Swansea with other Club Board members hosted by Mal Pope. It was quite an emotional viewing. The Club Board subject to a few queries fully behind the making of the film.

SMcD asked the release date of the film. **HC** replied it was due for an October release when it will be showed at the various film festivals.

Election to the Trust Board.

A Nomination Form has been updated onto our website. Completed Nomination Forms to be back with the Secretary by the 18th July. There are SIX places to e filled.

Current Board Members up for re-election are: Huw Cooze, Stuart McDonald, Will Morris, Phil Sumbler, and Jim White.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Next meeting Monday, 15th July at 5.30pm

Chairman.....*Phil Sumbler.*