

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday 24th January 2011 at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea, commencing at 5.40pm

Present:

Phil Sumbler, Ron Knuszka, Stuart McDonald, Huw Cooze, Viv Brooks, Alan Lewis, Will Morris, Craig Mapstone, Jim White, Nigel Hamer (Secretary).

Apologies:

Ian James, Kevin Mahoney

Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd November had previously beencirculated and approved.

Co-opted member, Meic Pickavance had asked to stand down due to commitments which have not allowed as much participation as he intended. Similarly, Duncan Howells had asked for a period of time off due to work and family commitments over the coming months. Both had expressed their desire to fully support the Trust in the future.

Supporter Director Report:

HC thanked Trust Board Members for their assistance in the South Stand concourses prior to the Kids for a Quid day against Crystal Palace. A similar event will take place at the Leeds United match as part of St. David's week events run by the C&CS.

HC had proposed that Club Board members get together to discuss Season Ticket prices for Season. 2011/12. Season tickets are expected to be on sale for current and new season ticket holders from the 1st March 2011.

HC reported that the Club Board were as aware as our Board and the fans concerns about the lack of atmosphere at the Stadium on match days. It was agreed that we would put forward various ideas from supporters, in particular along the lines of the Crystal Palace fans drummer. **HC** would liaise with the Stadium Safety Manager, Lyn Phillips, about the possibility of a drummer in the East Stand. **HC** reported that it has been a very busy time at the Club since our last meeting in November. **HC** has kept the Trust Board fully informed on all the comings and goings relating to player names especially since the 1st January. It would be inappropriate to mention player names as this information has to be treated as confidential.

Treasurers Report:

SMcD reported that subscriptions via the online membership facility should be concluded by the next Meeting. Mention was also made of promoting Easy Fundraising which Trust Member Bethan Charles had set up in the Trust's name.

SMcD to look further into this potential additional source of income to the Trust. Renewal of our Lottery Licence with the City & County Of Swansea Lottery Licence is due, the fee is £20.00

TBM 077/06 Fans Forum:

WM had been in contact with Carmarthen Town FC, agreed that we suggest a Thursday evening prior to a Saturday home fixture. **WM** to liaise with **HC** and Brendan Rodgers.

TBM 080/06 Membership:

The sub-group had met since the last meeting, Chairman **PS** produced a Power Point Presentation which outlined in detail the proposals discussed by the sub-group. To recognise our tenth year as a Supporters Trust, the sub-group proposed Free Membership to all members, the Club were prepared to allow us to contact season ticket holders. Our income would derive from donations in the form of Standing Order monthly or an annual payment. It was agreed that we pursue this proposal, the sub-group would meet before the next Board Meeting to fine tune the way forward. **RK** thanked **PS** for the very informative presentation.

TBM 082/06 Swansea City 2002 Limited:

Nothing further to report.

TBM 085/06 Website:

JW reported a temporary loss of our domain name swantrust.com A temporary swantrust.co.uk has been set up..

TBM 086/07 Community Group:

VB reported that the Group would meet during the next few weeks and report back at the next meeting.

TBM 124/08 Trust TV:

No report.

TBM 125/08 Centenary 2012:

The sub-group is due to meet before the next meeting when an update will be available.

TBM 127/08 Disabled Issues:

No report available.

TBM 139/09 Memorial Garden:

Agreed to contact Chair of SSMC to discuss this further. **NH** to arrange a meeting when other issues need to be discussed under the guise of the Fans Liaison

Committee. A pavement at the rear of the Harvester Restaurant, and further issues relating to slippery steps in the East Stand.

TBM 140/10 5 Aside Football Tournament

CM would look further into arrangements and report back to our e-mail list.

A.O.B.

PS informed the meeting that the **Awards Dinner** run in conjunction with the Executive Fundraising Group had decided on a date for the Dinner, Wednesday 4th May at the Liberty Stadium.

NH had received a letter from the winner of the **Raffle Prize** which involved Diamond Coaches who had since gone into Liquidation. It was agreed that we would offer as compensation a Sunday Night at Morgans Hotel as a gesture on behalf of the Trust Board.

Membership of the Trust Board – since our last female Board Member had stood down, it was felt that the Board should consider Equal Opportunities and encourage female representation onto the Board.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

The next Board meeting will be take place on Monday, 28th February at 5.30pm.