

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS SOCIETY LIMITED

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE LIBERTY STADIUM, SWANSEA, ON MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.35PM

Chairman Phil Sumbler welcomed Members to the Eighth Annual General Meeting.

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies had been received from Jim White and Viv Brooks. There was a quorum present allowing the AGM to continue.

The Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting were read out by the Secretary, the Minutes were approved as read. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Chairman Phil Sumbler read out his report which is summarised as follows:

There had been more successes than failures during the year with the following having taken place:

Fans Forums – the aim of the Trust Board is to take the Forums to all corners of the Swans catchment area. Offers are made for the use of premises but we are reliant on the host venue being pro-active in attendance at these events. We visited Bridgend earlier in the year which was reasonably successful as was a Forum with the Stadium Safety Manager and Ticket Office Manager at the Stadium, however the event at Llanelli was an unsuccessful evening. As always we are grateful to the Club Manager for the attendance of players at these events.

Bowling Night – once again a very successful evening with the majority of the Club playing staff in attendance. Thanks to Debbie Rees in the main for a successful event.

Annual Raffle – successfully organised and run by Gareth James.

Annual Awards Dinner – another successful evening, thanks to Huw Cooze, former Treasurer Steve McLelland and others for the organisation.

Open Day – this had been shelved due to staffing costs involved in the use of the Stadium.

Communication with our membership, this is something that a sub-group will look at improving over the next twelve months.

We have two Directors involved at the Club, Huw Cooze as our Supporter Director who sits on the main Club Board, and Will Morris who is an Associate Director.

I would like to thank my Board for their unstinting efforts throughout the year when we welcomed Danny Bowles and Alan Lewis as fully elected members and welcomed back former Chairman Ron Knuszka. Ian James also joined us as a co-opted member during the year. It was good to see new blood joining the Club Board.

Thanks also to Ian Roberts who had stood down as a co-opted member due to work commitments and to former Treasurer Steve McLelland.

Treasurers Report.

The audited accounts for the year ended 31st May 2008 were presented by the Treasurer

Stuart McDonald. Turnover for the year was £33,093 as against £47,796 for 2007, this was mainly due to a reduction in membership fees which were £6,272 as against £11,800 for 2007. The net profit for the year was £12,178 against £22,195 for 2007. Shareholding in Swansea City Football 2002 Limited increased to £170,000 following a further purchase of £10,000 of shares. Shareholders Funds are £175,200 as against £162,999 for 2007. The full audited accounts can be found on our website.

The Chairman wished to record his thanks to Stuart McDonald for making the Auditor's job an easier one by his preparation of the accounts, also our thanks to the Auditors, W.R. King & Co. for the audit.

Appointment of Auditors

The Treasurer proposed the re-appointment of the Auditors, W.R. King & Co., who had agreed to continue in office. Re-appointment was agreed.

Election to the Trust Board.

There had been six nominations for the six vacant positions on the Trust Board, therefore there was no election with Danny Bowles, Viv Brooks, Gareth James, Ron Knuszka, Alan Lewis and Debbie Rees, nominated to serve for two years until August 2010.

Open Question & Answer Session:

Edward Melen commenting on the decline in membership fees suggested that when the Club does well there is an apathy towards a body like the Supporters Trust, it seems we are only required in a crisis. He also enquired whether Trust members would continue to have priority for matchday tickets such as the home match against Cardiff City. Huw Cooze responded that he is now more active and represents all fans not only Trust Members for Cup matches and away match allocation.

On the question of communication, Brian Rees enquired whether the Trust had considered advertising. The Chairman responded that this could be looked at by the sub-group which will be set up.

On the question of membership dilution of numbers, the one good point of share ownership is that there will always be a Supporters Trust as long as our shareholding remains above 10%, our guaranteed Directors will be in our rights unless membership drops significantly, which is why we need more bodies to spread the word about Trust activities.

Future capital investment is a major concern in the future in order to try to preserve our Shareholding in the Club, this will be a major focus throughout the next twelve months. Edward Melen remarked that with 1500 members and being 10% of our average gate, it would be interesting to know how many other League Clubs match this figure.

Ian James remarked that many fans see us as a complaints body to take their grievances forward. There is a need to get this message changed although various issues have been taken up with the Stadium Management Company.

On the way forward – Ron Knuszka suggested that we consider a Corporate Business Function to promote the Trust. Functions at the Stadium which is the ideal venue are not

Cost effective due to the prohibitive charges made for room hire.

Huw Cooze mentioned that there are Policing issues, Stadium issues that are necessary to resolve. Edward Melen mentioned that there are problems exiting the East Stand, Huw Cooze and Will Morris are looking into this.

Ron Knuszka suggested that the Trust is being listened to in the Boardroom thanks to our Supporter Director, Huw Cooze. It is an onerous task as there are too many lines of Communication to get through and get issues put right.

Jessica Rees asked the question as to what do Junior Members get for their membership. It was suggested that a Junior Page be set up on the website, also Facebook could be set up. Jessica agreed to look into this.

Chairman Phil Sumbler thanked the members for attending and the meeting closed at 9.20pm..