

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday 9 December 2019 - Liberty Stadium, Swansea.

Present	Apologies
Andy Godden (<i>AG</i>)	Lisa Clement (<i>LC</i>)
Stuart McDonald (<i>SMcD</i>)	Dai Little (<i>DL</i>)
Roger Goodwin (<i>RG</i>)	Andrew McGlashan (<i>AMcG</i>)
Cath Dyer (<i>CD</i>)	Phil Sumbler (<i>PS</i>)
Andrew Cude (<i>AC</i>)	
Rupert Thomas (<i>RT</i>)	
Terry Sinnett (<i>TS</i>)	
Dave Dalton (<i>DD</i>)	
Mike Bastin (<i>Secretary</i>)	

Shareholding/Legal report

1. Progress remains slow, with the end of year leading to holidays taken by those we're dealing with. Expect to hear more in January. Goodman Derrick LLP have provided the QC with our previous drafting response and the possibility of extending our current relationship with them is under review. While there is no explicit time limit for us to have formally commenced action, the Trust want to make progress on this quickly. AG reaffirmed the need to keep pushing the QC

Supporter Director update

2. Season ticket prices for 2019-20 have been discussed and announced, and it is pleasing to see that there has been a positive response from fans to the pricing structure.
3. The Pembrokeshire fans forum, held in Haverfordwest, was a very successful evening, and I believe the Swans contingent - Trevor Birch, Leon Britton and Steve Cooper, thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the fans, it was certainly fairly obvious that the fans appreciated their attendance and engagement. The next forum is planned to be held in Port Talbot in late January or early February.
4. The tenpin bowling event, postponed from November, will now be taking place in January, either the third or fourth week.
5. The Trust is working with the Club in setting up display areas around the stadium to highlight the Swans history, and we would be most interested to

hear from anyone who may have historical items that they are prepared to donate, or lend, so that we can relive and share with others, many of those memories of the last 100 years +

6. Please get in touch with us if you think you can help.
7. At the most recent Safety Advisory Group meeting, all the agencies involved were fulsome in their praise of the Swans stadium team for their exemplary handling of the Cardiff "derby day" match.
8. There were virtually no incidents, great cooperation between the two Clubs, and that cooperation is well in place in preparation for the return match in January

Treasurer's Report

9. SMcD gave an update on the Trust's current financial position, with one significant outgoing during the month, a payment for our sponsorship of the Swansea Schools FA.

Finance sub-group

10. The Finance Sub-Group continue to have access to the Club monthly Management Accounts, which are reasonably detailed, and are in line with budget. Our Chairman, Trevor Birch, continues to lead the drive to reduce our operational costs, which is a necessity as we face up to the financial impact of relegation from the Premier League.

Education update

11. RG reported that the Welsh Baccalaureate continues to move along, but that he senses there is an opportunity to push further, and he will. He had recently checked in with Gowerton and the 25 children there are engaged and doing well. He hopes to go to them with a club rep in January to maintain engagement.
12. Morrsiton Comprehensive had recently attended the club with 9 students with ADHD, all of whom were brilliantly behaved, totally engaged and that the event felt really positive and something we should do more of.
13. Dwr-y-felin Yrs10 and 11 are currently undertaking a Welsh Bac challenge and there might be a chance to do to sessions with the club for up to 40 of their pupils in each. Llangatwg will be a school we look to engage in the summer.

14. RG confirmed that this work has so far seen 1000 pupils engaged with the Trust.

Membership and fundraising report

15. TS met with a member who is happy to help support the Trust in delivering some of our work, which is positive and the first such person to have put their hand up since discussions about seeking help from member's to deliver on Trust work earlier this year.

Supporter groups update

16. DD continues to build on his work and has mentioned it to Jonathan Wilshire. DD held a discussion with Trevor Birch and three of the fans groups dialled in. Trevor asked where the Trust saw themselves in the coordination of this work and DD explained that there are currently 48 supporter groups that we are aware of with nearly half based in the US and that the Trust is keen to coordinate these in a more structured way and help people get involved. While some overseas groups are challenging to engage with, there could be possibilities for webinars or online Q&As.

AOB

17. MB provided an overview of the comms plan drawn up for the Trust. Key aims were to provide a rolling calendar of events so that board members were sighted and comms could be better prepared for.

18. TS advised that the memorial plaque commissioned jointly by the Trust, Swansea Council and the club is planned to be laid during January. Date to be confirmed by Viv Brooks.