

SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday 2nd August 2021 16h00 BST – LIBERTY STADIUM / MS Teams videoconference.

Present:	Dave Dalton (<i>DD</i>)
Ceri Stone (<i>CS</i>)	Terry Sinnett (<i>TS</i>)
Howard Corder (<i>HC</i>) - video	Adam Lewis (<i>AL</i>) - video
Nick Phillips (<i>NP</i>)	Howell Williams (<i>HW</i>)
Chris Golledge (<i>CG</i>)	Paul Barrett (<i>PB - Secretary</i>)
Apologies:	Rupert Thomas
Sian Davies	Carys Ingram

Introductions

1. Dave Dalton welcomed the new board members to the meeting; two people were attending via MS Teams. Dave advised that a second meeting will be arranged in 2/3 weeks' time, to enable the Trust to establish the roles in the sub-groups, and to ensure that the legal dispute progresses smoothly.

Appointments

2. **Trust Chair (2 years):** Dave Dalton was proposed by Ceri Stone, seconded by Terry Sinnett and elected unanimously.
3. **Trust Vice Chair (2 years):** Ceri Stone was proposed by Nick Phillips, seconded by Chris Golledge and elected unanimously. Ceri has agreed to stand for 12 months; Rupert Thomas suggested that a SW Wales based person should be elected, as opposed to someone based overseas.
4. **Supporters Director (2 years):** Terry Sinnett was proposed by Ceri Stone, seconded by Chris Golledge.
5. **Associate Director (2 years):** Sian Davies was proposed by Terry Sinnett, seconded by Ceri Stone. Sian's application statement is included in Appendix 3.
6. **Treasurer (2 years):** Stuart McDonald has agreed to stay on as Treasurer in the short term, until a new appointment has been made.
7. **Confirmation of Finance Affiliate, Legal Affiliate and Education Advisor positions (1 year):** These positions will be confirmed in due course, also with support from previous board members.

Co-option of additional board members (applications, interviews, timeline):

8. The co-opted positions will be deferred for the short term, and will be discussed and announced next month.

Formation and Structure of Sub Groups (continuation of existing groups, any new groups to be created):

9. Adam Lewis was co-opted 12 months ago, and has kindly agreed to continue for another 12 months. His main remit is to manage the modernisation / redesign of the Trust website, and assist in the planning / diary of the Trust's 20th Anniversary.
10. **Subgroups batphone:** the Trust phone will be held by Terry and Dave on agreed periods.
11. **IT / Website:** Dave will discuss with Carys regarding a role in support of the Trust IT/website.
12. **Social Media:** Carys has indicated she is willing to assist on the SM accounts (Twitter/FB/Instagram).
13. **Finance:** it's planned to resurrect the Finance Subgroup; Chris has agreed to assist.
14. **Governance:** this subgroup will also be resurrected this season.
15. **Legal Subgroup:** Andy Godden to be asked if he will assist on this subgroup; Chris is OK also to assist.
16. **Membership & Fundraising:** Howard has agreed to assist with the Fundraising, and liaison with the Stateside Jacks.

Membership and Fundraising

17. The Trusts 20th Anniversary logo has been launched alongside the start of the 20th Anniversary year. The logo had been well received.
18. The new Membership year has opened for 2021/22.
19. Howard suggested that the website should emphasise a "This is what we do" message prominently.

Website/Social Media Update

20. Adam raised the issue with regard to the Trusts ongoing relationship with its current web support. Dave will resolve this matter.

PR / Comms Update

21. *AG advised that an end of season update will be issued as soon as timing allows, the target date is 31st July 2021. We are still waiting to receive this report.*

AOB

22. **The Trust Pod:** Stuart received an email from the club, but there's no written agreement on the Pod's transfer to the Trust. We've since received an email from Beccy as confirmation.
23. Some "Why join the Trust?" flyers are being designed, and a signwriter has been asked to quote to paint the Trust Pod.
24. The Pod is expected to reopen for the Sheffield United and Stoke City games.
25. Terry, as the new Supporter Director, will attend the next club meeting, virtually.
26. The recent launch of the Former Players Association has revealed a number of former Swans players signing up. It is expected to be launched with a charity walk in aid of the Alzheimers Society.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

The next Trust Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th August (virtually), followed by a meeting at the Stadium on Monday 13th September 2021.