



Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Trust Board Meeting

Held on: 6th July 2017, commencing at 19.30

Venue: The Boardroom, the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

Present: Spencer Harris (SH), Paul Smith (PS), Brian Phillips (BP), Mike Lewis (ML), Sarah Smith Howard (SSH), Gavin Jones (GJ), Richard Ulrich (RU), John Mills (JM), Mark Jones (MJ.)

Apologies: Anita Robinson (AR), Mark Williams (MW), Stuart Roberts (SR),

Chair: Peter Jones (PJ),

Independent Secretary: Alan Fox (AF),

NB This was the first meeting after the AGM of 29 June. Mark Jones (MJ) was welcomed to his first board meeting since the election.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

AF confirmed that PJ had indicated his willingness to be reappointed as chair and that JM was again willing to be vice chair. There were no other nominations from board members.

VOTE: *Proposed by GJ and seconded by SH, it was resolved with seven votes in favour and one abstention that PJ be appointed as Trust Chairman.*

VOTE: *Proposed by SSH and seconded by PJ, it was resolved with seven votes in favour and one abstention that JM be appointed as Trust Vice Chairman.*

2. Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer

AF indicated his willingness to continue as independent secretary for another year.

VOTE: *Proposed by PJ and seconded by JM, it was resolved unanimously to appoint AF as independent secretary for the next 12 months.*

BP had indicated his willingness to again be co-opted to the Board in the role of Treasurer.

VOTE: *Proposed by PJ and seconded by RU, it was resolved unanimously that BP be co-opted to the position of treasurer.*

BP joined the meeting.

3. Trust representatives on the Football Board

AF indicated that the two-year terms of SH, MW, JM and GJ had come to an end. All four had indicated their willingness to be reappointed.

There was a lengthy discussion about the numbers of directors on the Club Board. PS expressed concerns about succession planning and SSH stated that there should be an additional position with

responsibility for retail. The Board were reminded of the reorganisation in March following the departure of the two co-opted directors. and the roles which had been agreed then. There were mixed views on the suggestion including some who expressed a need to understand more about how retail could be developed further and why that necessitated a role on the FC board.

VOTE: *Proposed by PJ and seconded by JM, it was resolved that the board required a review of the retail department, including an assessment of what improvements were necessary and the pros and cons of creating a retail director post on the football club board. There were five votes for and five against and the proposal was passed after the chair cast his vote in favour.*

ACTION: SSH and GJ to carry out a review of the retail department.

VOTE: *Proposed by RU and seconded by ML, it was resolved unanimously to re appoint SH, MW, GJ and JM as Trust board representatives on the FC Board (to continue with the responsibilities as set out in the March re organisation) for a period of two years.*

4. Sub Groups

The meeting discussed the composition of the subgroups. It was agreed that the current numbers are about right and that there should be a focus on fans ownership/membership in the next 12 months.

Following the departure of Dave Jones, it was agreed that community shares should be the responsibility of BP as treasurer.

It was agreed that board member responsibilities should be delegated as follows: -

Fans Ownership/Membership group – RU and SSH
Financial Security & Revenue Generation Group – PS and MJ
Community Group – SR and ML- see later re CW
Football Club Operations - SH, MW, GJ and JM

Given her extended absence it was decided not to include AR for the time being.

5. Co-opted positions

Proposed by PJ and seconded by SH, it was resolved unanimously to invite Colin Williams to again be co-opted to the board with involvement in the community group.

CW will be requested to continue working on the relaunch of the strategic plan.

It was agreed to advertise for a co-opted board member to work with the fundraising group.

ACTION: PS to arrange for this co-opted post to be advertised.

5. Open Day

The Open Day will be held on Sunday 30 July. PJ is on holiday. ML will lead on the day. PJ will post details on the Forum for discussion.

ACTION: PJ to post details of the Open Day on the Forum.

Any Other Business

- PJ informed board members about his attendance at the recent Supporters Summit.
- SSH said that board members needed new lanyards. She will liaise with MW.
- It was agreed in principle that shop staff should receive kit/club branded clothing (worn at work) at a discount.
- It was agreed in principle that a short “meet and greet session” with the players after training would be worthwhile.

- SH said that we had resubmitted an application for planning permission for a container at 9 Acre. It will be decided on 31 July.
- RU asked for availability before he drafted this seasons “Director for the Day” rota.
- RU mentioned communications and board members being notified of transfers/signings. SH said he will endeavour to provide prior notice where possible.
- AF asked if anyone could assist with Chester’s board elections. SSH was willing to do so subject to the date being convenient.
- AF informed the board about an e mail received from Mark Macdougall about the election and assisting the board in the future.
- AF mentioned the removal of the life Vice Presidency from Nev Dickens at the AGM and the need to contact him and remove his name from the programme.

The date of the next WST board meeting will be decided on the Forum.

ACTIONS from this meeting:

1. To carry out a review of the retail department	SSH and GJ	ASAP
2. To arrange for a co-opted board position to be advertised	PS	ASAP
3. To post details of the Open Day on the Forum	PJ	ASAP