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**Wrexham Supporters Society Limited - Minutes of Trust Board Meeting**

**Held on:** 3 April 2019, commencing at 19.30

**Venue:** The Racecourse Ground, Wrexham

**Present:** Brian Phillips (BP), Robert Stock (RS), John Mills (JM), Mark Williams (MW), Gavin Jones (GJ), Sarah Smith Howard (SSH), Bryan Still (BS), Spencer Harris (SH),

**Apologies:** Mike Lewis (ML), Stephen Lloyd (SL), Simon Rhodes (SR), Mark Jones (MJ),

**Chair:** Peter Jones (PJ)

**Independent Secretary:** Alan Fox (AF)

**1. Matters arising and approval of the minutes of 27 February 2019**

**VOTE:** *Proposed by GJ & seconded by SSH it was resolved unanimously to approve the minutes, as amended, by those who had been present.*

**ACTIONS:**

**From the 27 February meeting:**

What	Who	When	Status
1. to consider and comment on the "way forward" reports on the Forum	All	By next meeting	Ongoing see later
2. to provide leads for the Sportsman's Lunch	All	ASAP	Completed
3. to establish a Gold Bond project group	MJ	ASAP	Ongoing

It was confirmed that the WAFC AGM will be held on 11 April.

**1. WST AGM**

The meeting confirmed that the date of the WST AGM 2019 will be Thursday 27 June 2019.

The meeting discussed the number of board vacancies as per the Rules. There were no board members who had served for three years and so Rule 63 of the Society Rules applies namely that *"One third of the members of the Society Board elected by the members who have served the longest at the date of the annual general meeting will resign"*.

The meeting decided that there would be four vacancies. Richard Ulrich had stood down during the course of the current year and so there would be three of the 2017 intake to stand down and seek re-election. PJ offered to put himself up for re-election.

**ACTION:** AF to post on the Forum explaining the position and so that any board member who does not intend to continue after the AGM can confirm there.

## **2. Way Forward- arrangements between the boards**

The board agreed that there should be a separate meeting to discuss formalising the relationship between the two boards and this would be held on Sunday 7 April at 10:00 with board members to consider the draft policy

**ACTION:** To hold meeting on 7 April to discuss this topic.

## **3. Chairs Report**

PJ confirmed that the player of the season dinner will be held on Sunday 28 April.

**ACTION:** JM to arrange online voting for the POS awards

The meeting discussed the Extra Mile award. It was agreed to discuss and decide this on the Forum.

PJ had received complaints about drinking on away travel coaches. This needed looking at next season clearly making it a condition of using club transport that no alcohol was allowed.

## **4. Financial Security & Revenue Generation Group**

BP had posted a report.

There was £149,000 in the account. BP was not sure about income from the Sportsman's Lunch. MW said that the club would probably not need any funding from the Trust over the next 12 months but the question of funding for the training ground was discussed and whether this should come from WST funds and some reserves.

In the absence of MJ and SR, BS said that although the sportsman's lunch had gone well it was unlikely to produce much profit. The Gold Bond project needed to get up and running soon and a murder mystery night was being organised.

## **5. Football Club Operations**

SH had posted a report on the Forum.

- Form had dropped off in the past month (only 6 points gained in last 6 games)
- FAW Full International held at the Racecourse in front of a full house for the first time in 10 years
- Steps forward being made on potential future KOP development and training facilities

The meeting discussed the report and the possible friendly with FC Magdeburg. SH had met with the council about the proposed training ground at the old Groves site to move the project plan forward.

SH updated the meeting about redevelopment of the Kop and that the club's ambitions had been shared with the people leading the feasibility study on behalf of WAG/WCBC. Lots of work had already been put in and will continue.

SH mentioned that additional resource to help manage these projects when we move to implementation would be required.

MW produced a written monthly financial summary report and explained the contents to the board.

## **6. Fans Ownership Group**

SSH had posted a report on the Forum:

Membership now stands at 3,557 members • Increase of 7 members since the last board meeting. Last Year's membership stood at 3,366 • Increase of 191 members (+5.6% LFL) (+10% 2 Year LFL) • Highest number of members since June 2015

Barrow director for the day chosen at random from Facebook • Maidstone director for the day Junior Dragons competition winner • Braintree Town director for the day Brian Lewis & Guest • Geraint has been informed of guests.

Contact made with Maria Horner to advise on setting up Wrexham women's group. SSH is working with Kerry Evans aiming to have supporters group set up by the start of next season

Membership going forward • Meeting set up with Richard Ulrich to review all requirements for next year's membership

## **7. Community Group**

RS had posted a Junior Dragons report on the forum.

February Half Term Bowling Bash held at Tenpin - great success and well attended.

Junior and Youth Dragon game held for the Maidstone game. Members were entitled to claim a free match ticket in all areas of the stadium if accompanied by an adult.

Junior Dragon 'Director for the Day' chosen for Maidstone game from a Facebook competition. Junior Dragon player of the season award voting is now open - ballot forms at club shop. Away Day to Halifax planned, tickets now on sale at club shop at £20 for a joint adult/junior dragon member ticket.

## **8. Any other business**

MW said that the club had been fined for the incident at the Newport match and faced three charges arising from the Dover game. Another youth had received an interim banning order.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 April 2019**

The meeting ended at 22:00

### **ACTIONS from this meeting:**

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
1. To post on the forum regarding the number of board vacancies	AF	ASAP
2. To confirm they intend to continue after the AGM	All elected board members	ASAP

3. To meet to consider ways of working documents	All available on 7/4/19	7 April
4. To set up online POS voting	JM	ASAP