

Cardiff City Supporters Trust Board Meeting

Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at 6.30pm. Venue:- Deri Inn

Present:-

Tim Hartley (TH); Tracey Marsh (TM); Keith Morgan (KM); Phil Nifield (PN); Martin Bale (MB)
Gareth Jones (GaJ) Brian Mertens (BM)

Apologies from Geraint Jones (GeJ); David Craig (DC)

Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 29th March 2011 were approved as a true record.
There were no matters arising

Chair's Report & Ideas for 2011/12 Priorities

TH asked the Board for ideas to take forward in the next year.

- PN To get the FK statue started, even if there is more fundraising required.
To increase the membership
- KM To concentrate on one project, such as the memorial garden.
- TM To engage more with the membership and driving up membership I didn't talk about driving up membership numbers as the main priority – although this was mentioned by others I think but I did talk about having a coherent voice as a board i.e. all talking the same talk
- MB To strengthen links with other Trusts, such as Merthyr
- BM To communicate more with members by having a closed members message board
To learn good practices from websites of other Trusts
- GeJ To have a home for the Trust at the stadium (proposal to be put to the AGM)
To have a presence at more festivals and links with charities, e.g. Ty Hafan
- TH To strengthen links with local communities

TH said that when the minutes are circulated could we all consider which ideas are best to take forward and five will be recommended to be in a PowerPoint presentation at the AGM.

Action – TH

'What's On' on website – This was discussed and Mike Morris to be asked to set up a date rolling format. Gallery discussed but decided that it would need too much management.

Action - GaJ

AGM arrangements - The candidate statements and all the paperwork are nearly ready, details confirmed for the AGM at the Duke of Clarence on Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm. Board to arrive at 6.30pm. PowerPoint projector, screen etc. required.
Presentations to be given by KM – Finance; TM – Membership; MB - Communities; DC - Fred Keenor Statue Appeal; and TH - Priorities.

Actions – GaJ & TH

Finance - A copy of the draft 2010 accounts was presented by KM. David Roberts is meeting with BM tomorrow night to explain the split of donations. KM said that there is a provisional budget of £500 for an independent examination. There is £4,500 of deferred memberships (renewed between October and December 2010) but not had the benefit yet. Magazine costs in the year 2010 of £684 were queried by TM as this figure seemed high as the magazine was completed in October 2009 and these figures are for 2010. A breakdown is required. **Action – BM**

A narrative of figures on the 2010 accounts with breakdowns required. **Action – KM**

Communities - MB reported that the 5-a-side tournament went well with Trelewis Boys Club winning again. The Trust's golden boot was presented to Kevin McNaughton at the Supporters Club Presentation Evening.

The Chasetown Football Club visit by 70 members of their club, including officers and the team. Refreshments were provided at the Duke of Clarence and the group enjoyed their visit. There were presentations on the pitch of a signed shirt by the supporters club and a framed photo of the stadium by the Trust in return Chasetown presented the CCST/CCSC with a framed signed shirt. TM told the meeting about the End of Season Event at 7pm on Friday 10 June which will be free to members + one guest. Any others must pay but this can be set against their membership fee if they join that night. There will be a quiz, followed by a buffet, then a question and answer session themed on the Real Madrid game and playing during the 70s, with several players agreeing to attend. **Actions - TM**

Membership - TM said that the most recent membership number in the system is 1043, however 426 members have either expired, been deleted or the numbers (4-12) have not yet been assigned and therefore the number of active members is 617.

Trust leaflets are to be enclosed with the season ticket documents issued by the Club.
Action - TH

Fred Keenor Statue Appeal - PN reported that the fund is now £48.5k and does not include the season ticket renewal money. The race night and sponsorship raised £830 but not all the money is in yet and the skittles night raised £160.

Craig Bellamy has agreed to be a patron of the Appeal and a letter has been sent thanking him. He has asked if he could be asked back for the opening ceremony when erected.

Future events - Supporters Direct event is on the weekend of 15th & 16th July and volunteers requested. There is an FSF Conference on Saturday 9th July.

Lobbying of Parliament is happening soon – TH might be able to attend.

Any other business –

Possible office at the stadium would cost £3k. As this is a significant cost it is being raised and put to a vote at the AGM.

Joint membership of the Trust and the Supporters Club is being considered..

A Chasetown link with photographs can be found on a thread on Mike Morris's messageboard.

Lines of communication with the CCFC Chief Executive and other contacts at the Club should be by the Chair or others delegated by the Board.

Next meeting

This will be on Tuesday 7th June at 6.30pm and an open meeting to follow at 7.30pm.