



Cardiff City Supporters' Trust Board Meeting
Tuesday August 13th 2013 at 7pm. Venue – Llandaff Institute

Present:

Tim Hartley (TH - Chair), Brian Mertens (BM), Keith Morgan (KM), Philip Harding (PH), Phillip Nifield (PN), John Isaacson (JI - Notes)

Apologies: David Craig (DC), Jonathan Day (JD), Nigel Turner (NT), Geraint Jones (GeJ)

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Board meeting of July 2nd were approved as a true record.

2. Action Points

APs from the previous meeting were reviewed and discharged, except where included/updated below. New actions arising are also included here.

2.1 **GeJ** to send documents to PN for advertising Company Secretary role.

2.2 **PN** to put advert for Company Secretary role on web site.

2.3 **GeJ** to confirm Alex Bird's talk on the Co-operative movement at the September Board meeting.

2.4 **JD** to pass suggestions from survey regarding membership to JI.

2.5 **JD** to survey members on the need for more cycle racks.

2.6 **JD** to progress purchase of bobble hats.

2.7 **JD** to progress having the Trust's logo on the sample shirt.

2.8 **JD** to progress Eddie May commemoration in the Memorial Garden.

2.9 **DC** to progress the proposed curry evening with Dilwar Ali.

2.10 **DC** to contact the Blue Dragons.

2.11 **NT** to set a question for members to win a season review DVD.

2.12 **GeJ** to send out his report on the board election process.

2.13 **PH** to draft a letter for sending to women members, as a follow up to the email sent.

2.14 **JI** to reply to Paul Evans regarding decision on Trust support of book.

2.15 **KM** to pay remaining invoice from Post Office and obtain the original.

2.16 **TH** to request a meeting with the new Club Chairman, Mehmet Dalman, via Simon Lim and Tom Gorringe.

2.17 **PN** to order contact cards for TH and himself, to use for media contacts.

2.18 **All** to send any suggestions for membership event venue to JI before August 21st.

2.19 **BM** to purchase a new A-frame, as proposed.

Agreed: All to provide status of APs to JI prior to each meeting.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 The Somali community has requested a return fixture with the Trust.

3.2 PH had some expressions of interest by women members in attending a meeting, in response to the email sent out. However, we only have email addresses for fewer than half those members.

3.3 The request from Paul Evans for the Trust to provide financial support for publishing his Cardiff City book was considered.

Agreed: To offer a loan of £1k, as a priority lender; to offer support in selling and promoting the book; and request that there is an acknowledgement that the book is supported by the Trust.

3.4 Payments to the Post Office had been resolved except for one remaining invoice sent by the PO to an outdated address.

3.5 The nature of the season ticket mailing from the Club was raised.

Agreed: To maintain a running list of points to raise with the Club. Initial items from this meeting are:

³⁵₁₇ Impersonal nature of season ticket mailing.

³⁵₁₇ Lack of Welsh language on correspondence.

³⁵₁₇ Congratulate the Club on its £1m pledge to local community charities, ask how the charities were chosen and whether applications can be made next year.

³⁵₁₇ Suggest a Safe Standing area is provided when the stadium is developed.

³⁵₁₇ Provide free tickets for kids at friendlies.

³⁵₁₇ Free travel to away games.

³⁵₁₇ Take a lead in introducing a £20 cap for visiting fans, in support of FSF's "Twenty's Plenty" campaign.

4. Feedback from Meetings

4.1 Swansea Trust - PN. BM and PN met 4 board members of the Swansea Trust in the Directors' room at the Liberty and were given a tour of the stadium. There had been less trouble from fans since being in the Premiership. The Trust was represented at press conferences and had contact cards to give out to members of the media. It had been agreed to issue a joint statement from the 2 Trusts a month before each derby game. PN has started drafting our statement. Since the meeting, PN approached Cardiff's Media Manager, Barrie McAuliffe, who will arrange an invite to pre-match media sessions.

4.2 Support Liaison Officers - PH. TH and PH attended the first meeting of SLOs, hosted by Tom Gorrige at Cardiff City. A report has been posted on the Trust web site and emailed to members.

5. Correspondence

A request had been received from a member on behalf of a wheelchair user regarding the number of disabled spaces for the new season. A reply has been provided by Tom Gorrige.

6. Chair's Update - TH

6.1 Responses have been provided to several requests from the media.

6.2 The Trust supported another GameON! inter-community event today.

6.3 A skittles evening in Taffs Well has been arranged for Friday September 13th with the Merthyr Trust in aid of Tŷ Hafan.

6.4 The proposal for Supporters Direct Cymru is progressing.

7. Finance Report - KM

KM had circulated the accounts for the 7 months to 24 July 2013. As most of our costs are in the first half of the calendar year, the July figures show a reduction in the loss for the year to date, to £532. Net assets stand at £20k.

8. Membership Report - JI

8.1 As at the end of July, there were 648 active members, compared to 641 at the end of June.

8.2 A membership group meeting is to be held on Wednesday August 21st, to start planning an event for members to celebrate the 1992/93 promotion.

9. Standing Items for Future Agenda

Agreed: To use the new Business Plan as the basis, once it has been agreed.

10. AOB

10.1 BM suggested having a second A-frame for use outside the Trust Office. This was agreed.

10.2 PN has started work on the next Trust magazine, to be available for the Swansea game.

11. Dates of future Board meetings

All meetings to start at 7pm. (Secretary's note: the Llandaff Institute has been booked by BM for all agreed dates.) Dates to the end of 2013 are as follows:

³⁵₁₇ Tuesday September 3rd

³⁵₁₇ Tuesday October 1st

³⁵₁₇ Tuesday November 5th

³⁵₁₇ Tuesday December 3rd

End of meeting