



**Cardiff City Supporters' Trust Board Meeting
Tuesday May 6th 2014 at 7pm. Venue – Llandaff Institute**

Present:

Tim Hartley (TH - Chair), Keith Morgan (KM), Jeff Mansfield (JM - Notes), Brian Mertens (BM), Nigel Turner (NT) (notes)

1. Apologies: David Craig(DC), John Isaacson(JI), Geraint Jones (GeJ), John Day(JD), Phil Nifield (PN)

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Board meeting of April 1st were approved as a true record.

3. Action Points

APs from the previous meeting were reviewed and discharged or carried forward. New actions arising are also included here.

3.6 Speakers will be Norman Watson, someone from Ty Hafan, possibly Vince Alm from the Supporters Club. Discharged.

3.9 Quantitative results had been sent to members but not qualitative.

AP on JM to ask JD to provide qualitative answers, especially on reasons why we shouldn't buy more shares yet, before AGM. C/F.

3.10 TH to produce a coordinated response to the survey for the AGM. C/F.

3.12 AP on TH to progress this and ask Council to provide a choice of dates thus avoiding clashes with religious holidays.

3.21 Discharged. Covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3.22 C/F. AP on NT to update plan before AGM.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 KM reported that the problems with the PO Box have been solved. We now have a Box with JI's postcode, number 4554. No mail was lost.

Agreed: KM to email Board members with details of the Box.

4.2 Agreed: JM to remind TH to produce a coordinated response to members, for the AGM.

4.3 Newsletter will probably not be ready for the Chelsea game.

Agreed: TH to ask GeJ to try to get the newsletter printed before the Chelsea game.

4.4 C/F. We are waiting for someone from Ty Hafan to come and collect the cheque.

Agreed: TH to confirm with JD how much has been banked for Ty Hafan.

4.5 AP on GeJ to contact Wayne Nash and agree the design.

4.6 Steve Sullivan's protest went well. TH, KM, PN have all done media interviews (with BBC Wales, Radio Wales, Radio Cymru & ITV Wales). Key messages include the need for the club to rebuild, the need to establish closer relationships with the supporters, and the rebrand.

Agreed: the Trust's view is that return to blue is a way of engaging with fans and uniting the fan base behind the club.

Agreed: TH will write to Tom Gorrige to ask for a meeting with Simon Lim and Mehmet Dalman, to discuss the club's plans for dealing with the consequences of relegation, especially plans for investment, the future of the Ninian Stand extension, and offering the Trust assistance in engaging with the fan base.

5. Correspondence

We have received a letter from Supporters Direct confirming our full membership. It will be kept in the office.

Received reply from Football League to our letter asking for names and colours to be seen as community assets.

Action:PN to chase up BPL and English FA as no reply received from them.

6. Chair's Update

TH reported that Living Wage event is to take place before the match on Sunday 11th May, though Wayne Nash was opposed to it, given the fact that Chelsea is a Category A game. The Board's view is that this is an event not a protest and regrettably the club is not taking this opportunity to be first league football club to implement Living Wage.

TH reported on his attendance at both the FSF and Supporters Direct Council meeting.

Action: TH to write to Daniel Rose of SD asking for a regular newsletter that Trusts can circulate to members.

The Q&A session with Ole Gunnar Solksjaer went well. There was a constructive dialogue and attendees welcomed his candour.

7. NT will update Business Plan and circulate to Board members before the 22nd May AGM.

8. Finance Report

Our financial position overall was broadly as this time last year. KM also added that he will prepare a financial statement for the AGM, though it will not be signed off by auditors by that date.

9. Group Reports

9.1 JI had circulated the membership report before the meeting. At the end of April we had 689 active members, compared to 678 at the end of March. This included 23 new members. However a membership data cleanse is underway and so this figure can be expected to drop next month. JI also stressed that as he is resigning from the Board someone else will need to pick this role up from June onwards.

9.2 There was no Fundraising report as DC was not present.

10. 2014 AGM

It was noted that no non-Board members had put themselves forward for election.

Agreed:

JM to re-send email about AGM timings.

AP on GeJ to draw up an agenda.

JD to check in members on the desk.

TH to write a short annual report for presentation at the AGM.

TH to invite Tom Gorrige to the AGM as a courtesy.

The SLO job and UEFA's 10 points: BM to provide a document saying what TG has actually done against these points before the AGM.

10. AOB

JM to present the Unity Cup on June 14th on behalf of the Trust.

AP on Gej to confirm what quorum is before AGM.

BM reported on attendance at Premier League meeting. He will circulate a summary.

The Supporters Summit will be held on 25/26 July at Wembley Stadium. BM to attend as panelist, JM will also attend.

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 dates.) Next meeting is

- Tuesday June 3rd

End of meeting at 20:30 hours.