

Minutes of the January 2015 BCFCSA Meeting – 5/1/15

Present – Les Pegler, Richard Williams, Mike Ishmael, Dave Hayes, Matt Johnson, Gwynfor Jones, Dilwyn Jones, Glynne Roberts, Peter Davies, Peter Crew, Geraint Parry, Dafydd Hughes, Mike Edwards, Dick Rigby, Anora Rigby, Daniel Jones, David Jones, Einion Williams, Rhodri Williams

Apologies – Pete Jones, Phil Rigby

Les P – “A warm welcome to everyone, it’s nice to see a good turnout”

1. Treasurer's Update

As noted previously we have two accounts, the current account and the business reserve account. The current account will fund everyday expenses and the business reserve account will fund our contribution to the club’s next project, the completion of the Menai side stand.

The current account contains **£3,737.25**

The business reserve account contains **£8420.66***

* £2,500 from the business reserve account has been earmarked for the BCFCSA's contribution to the terrace at the Antelope End, therefore at present the amount of money raised for the Menai stand project is **£5,920.66**.

If the club do not require the £2,500 for the terrace the entire amount in the business reserve account will be put towards the Menai stand project. The cost of each stand unit is £9,500 so we aim to raise money for the Menai stand project in tranches of this amount.

All bills have been settled.

2. Gwynfor's Update

Players - We have signed 2 players; Liam Caddick, 22 from Burscough and ex-Wigan and ex-Tranmere player Callum Morris. We have also put in a seven days' notice on two players. If players are arriving expect players to be leaving as well.

Training - The first team would love to train on the 3G pitch but they cannot do so due to bookings. They've trained in Bangor for the last 3 weeks.

Split - What is the preferred post-split matchday? Fridays seem quite popular but some people would rather have Saturday matches. After a short straw poll at the meeting Fridays seem to be more popular. The Welsh Cup tie will take place on a Saturday.

Enlarging WPL - There is no chance of this happening in the summer. It takes two seasons notice before an enlargement can take place.

3. Dilwyn's Update

Directors - The club are looking for more directors, we need more directors because we have now 5 companies associated with the club. In the Farrar Road days all we needed to worry about was the club.

Costs - The fixed costs involved with Nantporth are really high therefore it's essential, if not critical, that we bring more income in to the club. We must try all available avenues. For example there were over a hundred cars parked in the car park this morning

Meeting - "We could form a darts team as that would ensure the clubhouse is used more regularly."

"We need more events in the daytime"

"The WEA from up the road could be approached to see if they would like to book the clubhouse for events"

Gwynfor J - "People to take ownership of these ideas and run them. The board members are unable to fit anything else in their football or personal lives"

Terrace - The original plan was that the construction firm would cover the costs but this won't happen now. This means that we're significantly short of grant funding for the stadium developments. Further issues have arisen due to VAT on the funding of developments. The stand extension probably won't happen as planned. The stand extension is the centre of the problem because it was to contain a classroom and the construction of a classroom would allow grant funding to be accessed.

If the stand extension isn't going to happen where could the classroom be built? One solution would be to build it in the proposed terrace, thus unlocking the funding. Therefore instead of a terrace we could build a seated stand. This stand could also include a permanent club shop and much need storage space.

Les P - "People are nervous about the lack of movement on this issue"

Dilwyn J - "If people want £32,000 worth of terrace to be finished quickly they could have it but that would be it. It seems that supporters would prefer to have £60,000 worth of terrace."

Les P - "I certainly don't want a second rate terrace"

Dilwyn J - "The classroom is the key to all of this"

Les P - "Would you come to the next meeting to discuss this further?"

Dilwyn J - "Yes"

4. Peter Crew's Update

Rhyl Match – There's been lots of positive feedback regarding the wristbands, even the players wanted them. Venue Cymru were very pleased with our link up and intend to write a glowing testimonial. In the days following the match they had many enquiries from the Welsh speakers. They are keen to work with us in future.

Advertisers – To attract advertisers we are planning to hold a "January sale" of our rates. The University want to become more involved.

Programme articles – I plan to write a few articles for the programme, some will feature ex-players, one could be based around Sgorio's production team. I have already made contacts regarding this matter.

5. Merchandise

The new scarves have gained a good reaction, we sold nearly twenty during the first match they were available.

The new car stickers are also selling well.

There will be a January sale on merchandise starting at Saturday's match.

We organised a different supplier for woolly hats because but they let us down by only producing a quarter of our order. Ethan will attempt to chase the matter up.

6. Deiniol Centre stall feedback

The day was pretty quiet and we earned half the usual amount of income. This is probably related to our on-pitch troubles.

7. Bricks

Mark isn't here today so we'll defer this topic to a later meeting.

8. Mid-Season Draw Update

Like the stall, the draw has fared less well than normal. If all tickets come in there should be over £1000 profit. Dick and family have over £100 to hand over. Well done to the Rigby family for doing your best as always.

The draw will be made after the Port Talbot Town home match on 10/1/15. The prizes include; £100 1st prize, £50 2nd prize, Varsity voucher, McDonalds voucher, Bottle of whiskey. Any other donations will be welcomed.

9. Events

Ish has been looking at several things

1. Ronnie Whelan – Mr. Whelan has been contacted via social media and he has agreed to do a sportsman dinner for us. Once we know the dates of the post-split fixtures we can finalise a date.

Meeting – A Friday or Saturday in early March would be best.

The auction will require some good items and thanks to Matt we have a couple of good items already.

2. Ethan – Ethan has said that he and Ceri are available to help with any events if they help the club out.

3. Website – I have found a good website that full of good ideas “Charity Challenge, A-Z Fundraising Ideas”. We need to develop ideas that appeal to more people than just our fans.

Geraint P – I have looked in to a potential ladies night and the idea looks a bit too expensive, it may require more planning. With this in mind we thought about holding a Quiz league, could be something along the lines of Question Of Sport. We may have to see how the first one goes before we create a league.

Pier Event – Low key, a stall and a meet and greet with a couple of local players. We need to write to the Town Clerk about this.

Saturday – The clubhouse will be open before the PTT home match to show the Liverpool v Sunderland match, Lobsouse will be served as well.

Other ideas – We could contact ex-players to see if events connected to them are possible.

10. AOB

Dafydd H – Have thought of catering for Groundhoppers?

Les P – We need to visit the archives at the university.

Geraint P – Have we thought of contacting Sky or BT Sport to see if we can feature on their programmes.

Mike Ish – Would the committee be interested in purchasing a catering van? We could use it mainly for the 6-a-side pitch but we could also use it when there's segregation. There can be loads of kids and families around the 3G pitches and they're not always bothered to come down to the teabar to get drinks.

Meeting – This sounds like a good idea, we should keep an eye out.

Date of Next Meeting – 2/2/15