

Minutes of the August 2015 BCFCSA Meeting – 14/8/15

Present – Les Pegler, Richard Williams, Mike Ishmael, Mark Jones, Matt Johnson, Dilwyn Jones, Gwynfor Jones, Peter Davies, Peter Crew, Einion Williams, Rhodri Williams, Kevin Owen, Pete Jones, Dick Rigby, Anora Rigby, Vera Owen, Linda Roberts, Ceri Roberts, Merydydd Morris, Ian Roberts, Pat Roberts, Chris O’Neil, Wendy Evans, Sid Bird, Alannah Davies, Neil Harold, Yvonne Thomas, Pete Banham, David Jones, Connor Fowler, Louise Tanner

Apologies – Jonathan Ervine, Nick Redfern, Phil Rigby, Julian Davies

Les P – “It’s great to see so many people here again, we’d like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make the membership packs”

1. Treasurer's Update

As noted previously we have two accounts, the current account and the business reserve account. The current account funds everyday expenses and the business reserve account will fund our contribution to the development of Nantporth.

The current account contains **£246.19**

The business reserve account contains **£1,262.63**

The business reserve account contains the proceeds from player sponsorship.

2. Peter Crew

The stadium sponsors will be announced shortly, the agreement is being finalised.

The shirt sponsors for this season are; home shirts - Dafydd Hardy, away shirts – Anglesey Sea Zoo

Virtually all pitchside sponsors have renewed.

This season there will be a promotion involving the Belle Vue, anyone that produces that day’s programme at the bar will receive a free bottle of Budweiser.

3. Merchandise

The new replica shirts have been ordered and should be with us next week.

Meeting – “Have you considered pre-orders”

“Well that’s a possibility in future”

We have been contacted by Macron about other merchandise items but we’ve decided against that.

We need to order bucket hats.

We've had enquiries about possible Wales / Bangor City half and half scarves.

4. Les Davies' Transfer

Gwynfor & Dilwyn

Connah's Quay approached us in May but we informed them that Les was on contract. They came back with a formal approach that was too low, they followed up with several more approaches that were also too low. Connah's Quay's last approach was near to our valuation.

We informed Les of Connah's Quay's approach because we will never stand in a player's way, we didn't want Les to go but we thought it was only fair to inform him of the approach. Les informed us that he wanted to talk to Connah's Quay.

Last Saturday morning Connah's Quay informed us that they'd agreed terms with Les. We spoke to Les to see if there was room for manoeuvre but there wasn't.

The club will not be retiring the number 9 shirt for the season, this point was taken out of context during a long newspaper interview.

Not only have the board suffered unfair personal criticism over the last few months the criticism has sometimes included our families, this is out of order. People need to realise that the board are all volunteers and we're doing what we do out of for the love of the club, just like the BCFCSA's volunteers.

Thoughts from the meeting

"Do we need to carry on placing our players on contracts?"

"We still need to improve communication."

"We need a structure that aids communication, we also need transparency and planning."

"We need volunteers to help out."

"The club and the BCFCSA have taken a lot of unjustified criticism in the last week, especially the letter to the Chronicle."

Meeting – "We should send a non-confrontational response."

"We need to fill the voids with communication otherwise rumours develop."

We have received an email from one of our members regarding our manager's contract.

Dilwyn's response

As I'm sure most people would agree an employee's employment details are a confidential matter between them and their employer. Our manager only received a car as part of the sponsorship deal with our previous sponsor, the car was not provided by the club. Now we have a new sponsor a car won't be provided. Our main training venue is situated in Deeside due to wage costs. Decisions about the Under 19s are made by the manager not the board. As for this preseason our manager

always books the same week off well in advance for personal reasons. This hasn't been a problem in previous seasons as we've been in Europe, for example Airbus and Bala had this week off during this pre-season.

5. Membership

The packs have been sorted today

Membership prices remain the same.

Membership cards will arrive shortly.

6. Player Sponsorship

£700 has been collected and another £1100 has been pledged.

All members of the first team squad have been sponsored apart from Matt Woodward.

Ian E agreed to sponsor Matt.

Meeting – Thanks Ian

Most players still need an away kit sponsor.

Yvonne T – Have we thought of a hosting a nurses' monthly social evening?

Kevin O – We could hold a different promotion each month, for example a different employment sector each month, e.g. Forces, public sector workers.

Ian E – We need to advertise more in the city centre with signs and posters.

7. Menai Seafood Festival

This will take place next Saturday (22nd August)

We were short of volunteers last year so we will need a few more this year.

8. Events

We've had a few frustrations regarding cancelled events recently but here's the plan.

11/9/15 – A promotional event for "2 Guys From Brussels" a new business in Bangor.

There will be beer, champagne and chocolate tasting

9/10/15 – "Fashion, Fizz and Chocalada" There will be a fashion show, beauty therapies and tastings.

6/12/15 – A Santa Cycle

We also have a partnership with Tim Irfon / Awyr Las and a potential sportsman evening with John Hartson.

7. AOB

Les P – We sent a letter to Nigel Adkins at Sheffield United regarding a possible pre-season match in the future. Nigel replied that they wouldn't be able to accommodate us next season.

Meeting – “We could ask fan-owned clubs for possible pre-season matches.”

Date of Next Meeting – 7/9/15