



Minutes of WWSGL Board “Agenda A” Open Meeting on Thursday 26th March 2020 commencing at 7:00pm via Video conferencing

Directors Present: Nigel Kingston (Chair), Lisa Bowker, Alan Cecil, David Cook, John Derben, Tony Hector, John Jewell, Peter Lerner, Bob Massie, David Roberton, Trevor Stroud.

Board Attendees: Martyn Broughton (Group Treasurer).

Trust Members: None.

Apologies: None.

1. Minutes from previous meeting and Matters arising:

Minutes of the 27th February 2020 meeting were presented:

- noted that the meeting had closed at 8:55pm and not 9:55pm as stated in the Minutes;
- subject to this amendment, the Minutes were accepted by the Board.

Matters Arising:

- as the meeting was being held via video conferencing with no Trust Members in attendance, Tina Davis was not able to undertake the minute taker’s role. Accordingly, TH to continue to take the Minutes during the current COVID-19 induced lockdown.

2. Financial Update / Club Matters:

Financial Update:

- MB has previously circulated the WWSGL cashflow.

Club Matters:

TS / DC advised:

- a forum of Leagues One & Two club Chairmen and CEOs meet regularly (by video conference call) with representatives from the PFA and EPL to be invited to future meetings;
- possibility of reliance on insurance business interruption cover being looked at by RC with assistance from Ian Keisner;
- volunteer force following current ‘stay at home’ advice;
- DR again raised the possibility of a 3G pitch being installed at High Heaven and potential for club use. TS to raise at next club board meeting. **Action: TS.**

Peter Lerner joined the meeting at 7:30pm.

3. Liaison with Couhigs:

NK has met with RC and has agreed:

- importance of an active and successful relationship between RC team and the Trust;
- monthly meetings between RC and the Trust to be maintained, suggested NK and one other Trust director to attend;
- possibility of inviting PC to a Trust Board meeting for general discussion raised. **Action: NK.**

4. Fundraising update:

- PC has agreed the principle of the Trust holding a 'Party on the Pitch' type fundraising event, but COVID-19 situation makes timing uncertain;
- possibility of encouraging supporters to leave donations to the Trust in their Wills to be investigated;
- closer co-operation with OWWSA for mutual benefit of both organisations being discussed;

It was agreed to take Agenda item "Privacy Statement" out of order:

5. Privacy Statement:

This had been updated and circulated following previous meeting.

- DC advised that it had not been possible to publish the statement on the website due to the work being undertaken on the revamped site blocking additions being posted. It will be posted as soon as possible;
- unclear why the new website modelling being undertaken is not taking place in the background and issue to be taken up with the designer. **Action: AC.**

The meeting was paused at 8:00pm to allow directors to participate in the NHS appreciation event and recommenced at 8:05pm.

6. Trust website revamp update:

- access to the prototype had been shared. Agreed that it appeared more welcoming and seemed to be more mobile friendly;
- still need to decide what core 'message' and 'mission statement' is to be conveyed;
- whilst no specific plans, potential for supporters to donate to the Trust online noted. However, unlikely as there would be numerous ramifications, not least whether donations would be for general use or for specific events / requirements.

Whether the Trust should continue to be known as "Wycombe Wanderers Trust ("WWT")" or "Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Trust ("WWST")" led to an in-depth discussion covering:

- rationale for change, looking to avoid change for change sake;
 - reduction in confusion with Wycombe Wanderers Sports & Education Trust;
 - WWST existed 15 years ago and had a very different role to current WWT. Relevance to today's purpose of resurrecting name questioned;
 - WWT has a good reputation 'in the bank';
 - advantages / appeal in raising profile by using WWT or WWST when approaching the community (business and personal);
 - would using WWST relegate Trust to 'just' a supporters organisation;
 - number of other clubs who successfully use 'Supporters Trust' currently;
 - potential ability of WWST to have an appeal to an audience wider than our core supporter base, as would WWST better 'say' what we do than WWT;
 - seeking views of members on an advisory basis only proposed and agreed by seven votes to four, noting that only existing members who are not potential additional target audience will be reached;
 - board often criticised for not involving members in decision making and this would be an opportunity to do so;
 - AC to prepare a message to be issued to members. This to be first circulated to Trust directors for agreement / approval. **Action: AC;**
 - legitimacy of member vote raised if response is modest. However, noted vote would be "on an advisory basis" only and thus weight of reliance on it would be a matter for the board to consider when reaching a final decision.
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- Migration of Trust membership data / subs collection to TicketCo / SendinBlue integrated with fund raising / website change and held up by COVID-19 situation. As a result of which the Club has other priorities: such as not yet knowing when the current season will resume or the new season start.

7. WWSET:

- board meeting held 25Mar202 by video conference call;
- the effect on COVID-19 means virtually all activity ceased, but one branch dealing with health continues its mentoring and counselling activities with vulnerable people;
- need to retain WWSET as a regular Trust Board agenda item queried as WWSET is no longer the responsibility of the Trust. **Action: NK.**

8. WWLFC:

- DR and NK had met with PC to discuss. However, whilst interest in maintaining ladies football remains, current priorities with WWFC understandable;
- copy of WWLFC vision paper left with PC;
- agreed that WWLFC can seek sponsorship independent of WWFC. However, Neil Paters should be involved to avoid doubling up on approaches to same entities;
- Ladies team have qualified for the Chairman's Cup final;
- Development team has qualified for the Bucks & Berks Junior Cup semi-final
- need to retain WWLFC as a regular Trust Board agenda item queried as WWLFC is no longer the responsibility of the Trust. **Action: NK.**

9. Safeguarding:

- Dr Barnados audit will be delayed due to the COVID-19 situation.

10. Volunteers update:

- JD has drafted his paper on the future of volunteering force. It will be sent to NK for review and subsequently circulated to board;
- LB advised that all volunteers are ready to get back to work as soon as they are allowed and they are aware of the priority work required.

11. Trust Member questions:

- None received.

12. A.O.B.:

LB - commented on the Lower leagues voiding their 2019/20 season and whether any effect on EFL. TS advised that all discussions so far have been around the EFL season being completed and that it's only the competition below National League level that has so far been declared void.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting: 7:00pm Thursday 30th April 2020.

Chairman...Approved at video conference meeting

Date...30 April 2020

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