



Newport County AFC Owners' Board Meeting

May 3, 2018, 6.30pm at International Suite, Wales National Velodrome

In attendance: Neil Collier, Ryan Courtney, Colin Faulkner, Gavin Foxall, Bob Herrin, Shaun Johnson, Peter Madigan, Simon Sadler, Rob Santwris, Kevin Ward, Mike Everett, Alex Tunbridge.

Apologies: Mark Crook.

REDACTED MINUTES FOR PUBLICATION

Pre-season tour

It was agreed a pre-season tour would take place if sponsorship etc could be arranged to deliver it at zero cost to the club. Working group of GF, ME and RS agreed.

WRU/Rodney Parade

Business-sensitive discussions took place regarding ongoing negotiations with the WRU and pitch maintenance arrangements during the close season.

KW confirmed the Leader of Newport City Council had agreed to facilitate a round-table discussion involving all Rodney Parade stakeholders to consider the future of professional sport at the venue.

Budget/financial

A lengthy business-sensitive discussion took place regarding the playing budget and overall club budget for the 2018-19 season. It was agreed a small working group would meet during the week starting May 7 to finalise potential savings and increased incomes.

It was agreed to postpone the planned open meeting for supporters to May 23 to ensure the latest information was available in terms of budget and the viability of the current Trust ownership model given the low levels of income generated via Trust memberships.

Business-sensitive discussions took place regarding staffing, sponsorship and the relationship with Newport Live (KW declared an interest in the latter issue).

Academy

There was a business-sensitive discussion regarding plans for the Academy for the 2018-19 season. It was agreed that RC would be the lead director for Academy matters.

Club overview

AT provided a business-sensitive update on the ticketing system, the club shop, and the payroll system.



Safeguarding

To comply with EFL rules, Safeguarding must be an agenda item for every Board meeting. A director must be elected as the Safeguarding lead on the Board. BH was appointed as Safeguarding lead.

Equality and Diversity

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Training base

A decision on replacing the former Bar Amber building was deferred pending further information being received and continuing discussions with the FAW.

Vote of thanks

The Board wished to put on record its sincere thanks to all volunteers and staff for their hard work over the last season; often going above and beyond expectations to ensure a fantastic day and service every time.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 5.