

CARDS TRUST AGM – MEETING ON 20 NOVEMBER 2014  
HELD AT THE CARDINAL'S BAR, KINGFIELD STADIUM

MINUTES

It was recorded that 32 members were present, with 6 proxies present.  
This constitutes a quorum under Trust Rules and the meeting was deemed valid.

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Peter Holdsworth introduced Nicky Banger and Geoff Chapple, who had been invited to attend by the Trust Board as representatives of the Club.
- 1.2 Geoff Chapple apologised for the late change of venue requested by the Club to accommodate a function in the Geoff Chapple Suite.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Brian Caffarey, Gary Baker, Nick Shaw, Clive Shaw, Hazel Long, Andrew Mildwater, G B? Griffiths? & D Bissey.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM ON 25 NOVEMBER 2013

- 3.1 The minutes of the last AGM were approved by the meeting.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 There were no matters arising.

5.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

- 5.1 Peter Holdsworth expressed his thanks for the support of his fellow Board members and co-opted Board members, Brian Caffarey and Rupert Philips and drew attention to the continuing need for volunteers and invited attendees to step forward.
- 5.2 Peter Holdsworth gave a review of the Trust Action Plan over the past year.
- 5.3 Through Boost the Budget the Trust would provide at least £30,000.00 to the Club for a third year. There had been a net gain of contributors including a single payment of £1,000.00 by an overseas supporter. Peter Holdsworth expressed the Trust's thanks to all contributors.
- 5.4 Bucket collections had raised significant amounts and were generally better after a victory.
- 5.5 The Trust Race Night was an entertaining evening and again raised a significant amount.
- 5.6 The beer festival had again been a financial benefit despite fewer people attending than the previous year. The Trust Board expressed their thanks to John Moore, David Holmes and all other volunteers in making the event a success.
- 5.7 Peter Holdsworth stated that Martin Oakley would be stepping down from his position as Board Member appointed for Fundraising due to family commitments and thanked him for his contributions.
- 5.8 The results of the fundraising not only helped the Club financially but also increased the supporter stake in the Club through the purchase of shares.
- 5.9 The Fans Matter scheme had been launched with the aim of increasing membership from the current 384 to 500 by the end of the season.
- 5.10 A priority will be set on encouraging and engaging younger supporters. Peter Holdsworth requested any ideas and help to make the Trust more attractive to younger supporters.

- 5.11 Alan Barnes has again negotiated a range of discounts for Trust members, this would be made available to members.
- 5.12 A plan would be formulated to reduce the losses on coaches, this would likely be done by reducing the number of coaches run particularly to games that made large losses previous seasons. The Trust Board and Club Board had subsidised costs on some coaches this season. The Trust Board expressed their thanks to the coaches working party, Alan Barnes, George Burnett and Rosemary Johnson.
- 5.13 Ian Nicholson had arranged a meeting between the Trust Board and WFC Club Board to discuss:
- Relative priorities for the season
  - Co-ordination between the Trust and the commercial team on fundraising.
  - Co-ordination between the Trust and the WFC Board on volunteers
- 5.14 The website was being used to communicate to members in addition to three newsletters throughout the season.
- 5.15 In order to focus on communication Phil Batts has been co-opted to the Trust Board to help raise the Trust profile.
- 5.16 Brian Caffarey will stand down as press officer and the Trust Board thanked him for his contributions.
- 5.17 Peter Holdsworth concluded that the past year had been a busy year but the Trust was continuing to build, raise significant funding and provide volunteer help to the Club.
- 5.18 Peter Holdsworth stated that the aims for the next year would be:
- To increase membership
  - To improve general fundraising
  - To improve Boost the Budget membership and contributions.
  - To improve communications, particularly on social media.
- 5.19 The Trust Action Plan would be amended after the Trust AGM to incorporate matters raised.

## 6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1 Darren Garner tabled his reports to the meeting, mentioning that the balance figures reflected a deficit. Funds were above any liabilities for the coming season.
- 6.2 The cash in the bank included £1,200.00 from next year's Boost the Budget contributions and £800.00 from the Race Night which would be included in the following year's accounts.
- 6.3 There was a loss on the coach travel, Wrexham & Southport each accounted for a £400.00 loss. Games moved from Saturdays to Tuesdays had reduced uptake.

## 7.0 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- 7.1 Darren Garner proposed that the accounts should be accepted. This was seconded by Rosemary Johnson and endorsed by the meeting.

## 8.0 ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

- 8.1 Formal elections for three vacancies on the Trust Board were held. There were three candidates.
- 8.2 For the position of Treasurer:  
Peter Holdsworth proposed that George Burnett should be elected as Treasurer of the Cards Trust. This was seconded by Darren Garner and endorsed by the meeting.
- 8.3 For the position of Board Member appointed for Fundraising:  
Rosemary Johnson proposed that Rupert Philips should be elected as a Board Member of the Cards Trust. This was seconded by Matthew Erskine and endorsed by the meeting.
- 8.4 For the position of Board Member appointed for the Vice Chair:  
Matthew Erskine proposed that Nick Doyle should be elected as a Board Member of the Cards Trust. This was seconded by Alan Barnes and endorsed by the meeting.

## 9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 Tickets for the Trust Quiz Night were available, but so far there had been a poor uptake.
- 9.2 Nick Doyle explained that due to late notification from the Club, the names of the people standing for election to the Football Club Board had only just become available.
- 9.3 Nick Doyle proposed that the Trust should use its vote at the Club AGM to elect Peter Jordan to the Football Club Board. This was seconded by Peter Holdsworth and endorsed by the meeting.
- 9.4 Nick Doyle proposed that the Trust should use its vote at the Club AGM to elect Kelvin Reay to the Football Club Board. This was seconded by Peter Holdsworth and endorsed by the meeting.
- 9.5 Costs of youths was discussed, prices were currently £3 for U16s and £10 for Student concession upon production of an ID card. It was noted that some schools like Winston Churchill did not have a student ID card scheme.
- 9.6 It was suggested that a discount could be offered to students upon production of a Trust membership card.
- 9.7 It was noted that entry prices and policies were the responsibility of the Club Board. It was proposed that Ian Nicholson, as a representative of the Trust, should raise the matter at the next WFC Board meeting.

The meeting was concluded.

Trust Board Members at the end of proceedings.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Term Started</u>	<u>Date of Re-Election</u>
Chair	Peter Holdsworth	November 2013	November 2015
Secretary	George Burnett	November 2014	November 2016
Treasurer	Darren Garner	November 2013	November 2015
Board Member	Nick Doyle	November 2014	November 2016
Vice-Chair			
Board Member	Rupert Philips	November 2014	November 2016
Fundraising			
Board Member	Alan Barnes	November 2013	November 2015
Boost the Budget			
Board Member	Nick Shaw	November 2013	November 2015
Communications			
Board Member (Co-Opted)	Phil Batts	November 2014	N/A
Communications			
Trust Representative to WFC Club Board	Ian Nicholson	November 2013	November 2015