

Ymddiriedolaeth Cefnogwyr y Sgarlets



The Scarlets Supporters Trust

11th October 2007

19:30

Scarlet's Supporter's Trust

Carwyn James Room

Meeting called by:	Wayne Roberts	Type of meeting:	Election Result Members Meeting
		Note taker:	Wayne Roberts / Barrie Jones
Timekeeper:	Not Applicable		
Committee Attendees:	Barrie Jones, Ian Lewis, Judith Tucker, Wayne Roberts. Ian Williams. Dorian Davies, Ceirion Herbert.		
Apologies:	Meurig Jenkins		
Special Guests:	Our Members		

Minutes

Agenda item: **Introductions** **Presenter:** Wayne Roberts

Discussion: Acting Chairman, Wayne Roberts, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced members of the Acting Society Board.

CRYYS16 launched as an official Supporters Trust on 25.01.07.

We have got to this stage due to the hard work and commitment of many volunteers and thanks was expressed in particular to those individuals who had contributed greatly to this process;

Bob Barnwell, Gareth Davies, Nicki Flatley, Neil Hopkins, Jason Palmer, Mike Richards, and Alun Roderick.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi gyd.

Agenda item: **Elections to the Society Board**

Presenter: Barrie Jones

Discussion: In accordance with our constitution, we had agreed to hold the first election to the Society Board. Nominations were sought to the 6-10 elected positions available. (There are also 2 co-opted posts to be filled at a later date).

Unfortunately only 9 nominations were received. After consulting Supporters Direct, a mandate was sought from Trust members present at the meeting to ratify the said members to become the society Board for the coming season. (A full A.G.M. will be held in June / July 08 when further elections will be necessary).

The nominations received were from:

Dorian Davies
Ceiron Herbert
Meurig Jenkins
Barrie Jones
Ian Lewis
Huw Roberts
Wayne Roberts
Judith Tucker
Ian Williams

The membership present voted to endorse the above named and they will be the society board until next elections in June / July 08.

Agenda item: **Achievements to date of CRY16**

Presenter: Wayne Roberts

Discussion: The Trust has carried out the following activities / been involved in over the last few months:

Operation Bog Off.

The Trust's acting society board gave a "face-lift" to certain South Side toilets at Stradey prior to the Munster H.C. quarter final. The Club were grateful for the efforts made and asked for further help over the summer with a general spruce up of the ground. A number of Trust members volunteered for this and great thanks to them.

Meetings with Scarlets Management.

We believe (wish) that CRY16 is the voice of all Scarlets supporters, that we are major stakeholders in what happens with our team. We have instituted regular meetings with Scarlets management to put forward members' views / opinions on all aspects of the Scarlets Experience. The Club have welcomed our presence and, to date, in the meetings already held have listened to and acted upon supporters concerns. Going forward, we intend that the meetings are a regular Trust function.

The Call-In and Helen Mary Jones.

CRY16 was concerned at the time delay in getting a decision from the Welsh Assembly after the planning inquiry late last year. The Assembly Elections in May and subsequent "hung parliament" meant further delays. We met Llanelli's A.M. Helen Mary Jones, on 16.05.07 and pressed for her to seek a decision from the minister responsible (Jane Davidson) a.s.a.p. H.M.J. gave assurances that she would do so.

Facilities at Stradey for Disabled Supporters.

The Trust was approached earlier in the year by one of our disabled members regarding facilities on match days. It was felt that the disabled section at the Pwll End of the ground was very open to the elements which, in winter, can severely affect the enjoyment of the game for people in this area. We considered the possibility of covering this area, approached the Club regarding our proposals. In costing the alterations it became an expensive option. In the meantime, the Club extended the area further northwards which does give more protection against the weather. It's not ideal but is an improvement on last season.

TAG Rugby.

Scarlets have been immensely successful with the TAG Rugby scheme at half time. We noticed, however, that the youngsters received no lasting memento of the occasion. CRY516 looked into the idea of presenting each child with a medal signifying their participation in the last season at Stradey. Unfortunately, Trust funds did not allow for this so it was decided to issue each player with a certificate to commemorate their participation.

Social Events.

A summer BBQ was held in June @ the Red Zone. Part of this was to show our appreciation to the Scarlets Choir & Scarlets Band who have contributed greatly to the match day experience.

Big Phil Speaks.

In August, Director of Rugby, Phil Davies met members to outline his vision for the coming season. Phil also presented a video of the squad training which included the run up the dreaded "Denham Hill". All who attended said that it was an excellent evening. Diolch, Phil.

Lou Reed Sponsorship.

The Trust was keen to sponsor an up and coming Scarlets player. In view of the need to develop front 5 players of sufficient quality for Scarlets & Wales we decided to sponsor Lou Reed. Lou is a promising lock forward and we'll continue to follow his progress in the professional game this season.

Area Representation, Supporters Direct.

CRY516 is a member of the South Wales & South West Supporters Trust group. This constitutes trusts from Swindon Town, Bristol Rovers, Bristol City, Bristol Rugby, Merthyr AFC, Newport Rugby, and others. We have attended two meetings so far and they're useful for networking, ideas etc.

Agenda item: **Future Plans** **Presenter:** Wayne Roberts
Discussion: **The Professional Game in Wales.**

As massive stakeholders in the professional game in Wales, Scarlets supporters need their opinions heard We intend to issue an invitation to W.R.U. Chief Executive Mr. Roger Lewis, to meet and talk with Trust members regarding the way forward for the professional game. We will contact Mr. Lewis to arrange a convenient date and time.

Other Matters.

CRYS16 has re-branded its logo to include the words: Ymddiriedolaeth Cefnogwyr Y Scarlets / Scarlets Supporters Trust above and below the image.

We are in discussion with the Club regarding the possible purchase of a large flag to be used by Scarlets supporters at all games (particularly away games).

We are to have a presence at Stradey on match days to increase membership.

We have asked the club to facilitate a link from the official Scarlets site to our website.

We would welcome any comments from you on any of the above topics. If any of you are unhappy with an aspect of the Trust's aims / activities etc please let us know. We are willing to meet you in person, correspond by e-mail or snail mail and are happy to receive correspondence in Welsh or English.

For the first time in The Scarlets history, supporters now have a "voice" to channel their views / concerns about our team. Thanks to the generosity of a Trust member, we are shareholders in The Scarlets and we are here to represent our members views at all times.

The Meeting closed about 8:40pm and a short sport pub quiz was put on for those members present.

Agenda item: **Footnote** **Presenter:** N/A
Discussion: Crys16 welcomes Trust member, Carwyn Owen to the Society Board as one of the 2 co-opted members. Carwyn has and will continue to express the views of our disabled members/ supporters and is keen to work with the club in discussing fully the facilities for the disabled in the proposed new stadium.