

Minutes of the meeting of the Silkmen Supporters' Society Board meeting held on Monday 15 August 2016 immediately following the AGM of the Society at MTCF, Moss Lane, Macclesfield.

Present: S Mundy (Chairman), Mrs M Clark (Treasurer), M Clark, J Abbott (Board Member), Mrs J Mitchell, B Rickman (Board Member), J Smart (Board Member), R Stirling, Mrs C Thompson (Board Member), C Westbury (Independent Financial Examiner), D Woolliscroft (Board Member), Mrs M Grundy (Board Member).

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed members and reported apologies.

2. Actions from previous meeting

These were all included within the current agenda

3. Election results

This issue had been addressed at the AGM and is fully reported.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman outlined the actions taken by the Board since the last AGM and reported in the Annual Report – SSTea Bar refurbishment and extension, subsidy for club merchandise purchase, sponsorship of Manager's home and away strip, sponsorship of POYA awards, income generation by raffle and pledge, administrative support for Lotto and crowd funder, the close cooperation with the club evidenced by the series of liaison meeting and the extensive volunteer effort provided by SST members.

In particular, he highlighted the success of the Lotto (the financial management of which used SST resources) which was now providing a healthy monthly contribution to club income together with occasional 'top up' donations; the benefits of using Easyfunding for online purchasing and the valuable resulting fund release to SST. He also explained the administrative work undertaken by Myra Clark and John Abbott on behalf of the SOS fund and mentioned that approximately £5000 had been collected, counted and banked by the SST and that all the monies collected, some £40,000, had been paid to the Club as and when requested by John Askey.

During the year, the Board had undertaken a survey of members' expectations the results of which would set the objectives for the coming year(s).

Concerns raised in the Survey had included the lack of communication received from the Club. Members of the SST had raised this with the Club. It was noted that there have been two fans' forums and one meet the Chairman evening since then.

The liaison meetings with the club had clarified the major contribution to finances by the owner in terms of shares and secured loans as well as the position relating to the leasehold on the ground, and the broad situation concerning historical debt which, whilst still of concern, appeared to be well controlled. It was suggested that a review of covenants on the ground should be instigated.

The Chair concluded by outlining current projects – improvement to the PA system, defect survey of toilets within the ground, and cooperation with the club relating to reported abuse of visiting Directors.

5. Finance update

John Abbott reported a healthy £8.7k balance of which £4.5k is Lotto 'ring fenced'.

6. Lotto

Marie Grundy reported over 280 members with very small losses from previous 'annual' subscribers although efforts were being made to keep them within the Lotto.

7. Easyfunding

The Chair had reported on the valuable contribution from the scheme, approximately £400 since the last AGM and recommended all members to join.

8. Membership

Bernie Rickman reported 150 members as at 31 January. All members were recommended to promote membership to fellow supporters.

9. Communications

The Chair reported the transfer of this crucial role to Chrissie Thompson. A twice yearly newsletter was being planned for members.

10. SST Annual return

As a result of the AGM, the annual return to FSA would be submitted shortly.

11. Any other business

The chair had touched on trust objectives mainly coming from the survey. Stephen Walker had resigned as Secretary but had agreed to continue as Webmaster. Stephen Walker's contribution to the Trust was recognised and it was agreed that he would be a big loss to the Board.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and contributions.

Next meeting September 12th September 19:45