

Minutes of the meeting of the board of the Silkmen Supporters' Trust
held at the Golden Lion, Moss Lane, Macclesfield
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3 April 2012.

Present: Jon Smart (elected Chairman – see item 2), Andrew Mellor (DLO), John Rayner, Rob Wilson, Myra Clark (elected Treasurer), David Woolliscroft (elected Secretary), Nicole Byram (Guest). Apologies were noted from Adam Waller.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2012 had been confirmed by correspondence.

2. Appointment of Chair, Hon Sec and Treasurer following election process. Myra Clark had been the only nomination and was elected unopposed. AW had emailed the Secretary with his apologies. Whilst not resigning as Chairman, it was apparent that he would stand down should a member of the Board, perhaps with more time and better access to the Club, offer to take on the Chairman role. After some discussion, Jon smart was invited to take on the position and this was agreed unanimously. AW was thanked for his efforts during a difficult season for the team. MC was elected Treasurer; DW was elected Secretary. Bank to be informed of change of Chair.

Hon Sec

3. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda

- Meeting with club. Despite a number of attempts, AW had been unable to attract a response from the Club; the Chair requested a reiteration of the matters to be discussed. **Secretary**
- Share purchase/transfer. No response had been received from B D'Arcy. This matter should be an item for discussion with the Club. **Chair**
- POYA 2012. In view of the uncertainty of the outcome to the season, it was agreed to delay POYA voting/presentations maybe till the close season. This needed to be discussed with the Club especially in view of the need for a sponsors' evening. **Chair**
- Coach update. RW reiterated his view that the level of away support could hardly warrant one coach and certainly not two. With the return of the commercial operation, SST coaches had been suspended. Depending on the run-in, a £5 per head **for SST members only** would be arranged for Bradford. **RW**

4. Chairman's points

In apologising, AW had referred to the development of the 'Ultra' wing of support. Whilst welcoming vocal support, concern had been expressed about the other modes. The Chair understood that a meeting had been held between the Club and representatives of the faction; boundaries had been clearly established and it was hoped that the active encouragement would support the team.

5. Treasurer's Report

MC (Treasurer)

- To note financial statement (to be prepared)
- Preparation for audit. For 2011/2012, expenditure £10 667; income £10281. John Abbott has agreed to carry out an independent review of the accounts.
- Bank signatories. The bank had been helpful in arranging changes in signatories to MC, DW, RW and JR.

- Asset transfer from Silkmen Supporters Club (£998.67). After a number of years, the previous Supporters' Club finances had been put in order resulting in a transfer of funds to the SST. It was agreed that these funds should be used towards a further purchase of £1000 of Club shares subject to issue of outstanding share certificates. **Chair**
- MC, supported by others, was concerned at the low level of subscription income for 2011/12. This was a basic asset that needed proper management possibly before other income streams were developed. RW and JR were addressing. **RW/JR**

6. Secretary's Report

- SST elections. See item 2 above.
- Trust insurance. Carried over. **Secretary**
- New model rules. First draft circulated and comments invited (from insomniacs) **All Members**
- Stockport County. The Secretary had circulated information about County and drew parallels with possible changes next season in the event of relegation.
- Supporters Direct. A significant loss of sponsored funding was faced by SD and they had requested additional voluntary contributions from members. After some discussion, it was agreed to make a single additional contribution of £50 and to encourage SD to consider increasing its subscription fees in future years.

7. Web site – item closed.

8. Disability Liaison Officer

AM indicated that he had nothing to report – which, in a way, was welcomed as an indication of the attention to detail by the Club.

9. Media/communications

- Programme notes. The active support of GW was welcomed by all members.
- Members' brief. RW had not prepared further issues and it was decided to cease activity.
- Communicating with members. The Secretary was still concerned at the lack of contact with members. As an example, minutes from previous meetings, which offered a chance to issue emails, had not been uploaded. **JR/RW**

10. Membership (see RW email 21 March). The issues raised by RW had been addressed during the meeting. The need to keep the membership listing up to date was stressed - in fact this was a major requirement of the Constitution which was not fully met. **JR**

11. AOB/date of next meeting

- Next meeting 8 May 2012
- Shares – it was agreed to approach major inactive shareholders to seek transfer of shares
- 6's Festival looked unlikely to occur.