

**Unconfirmed minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board and Members of the
Silkmen Supporters' Society Ltd held at 1945h on Monday 20 February 2017 at
MTFC, Moss Lane, Macclesfield**

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: S Mundy (Chairman), J Abbott (Board), Mrs BM Bell (Member), Mr G Brinkhurst (Member), Mrs G Feay (Member), Mr R Heys (Member), Mr B Milligan (Member), Mrs J Mitchell (Member), B Rickman (Board), Mr R Stirling (Member), Mr A Worth (Member), Mr S Worth (Member), DH Woolliscroft (Secretary).

Apologies were noted from Mr & Mrs Clark, Mrs Woolliscroft, Mrs Milligan, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Morgan, Mr Neale, Mr Garvey, Mr Roff, Mr Williams and Mrs Grundy.

The Chairman welcomed all members and introduced those board members present.

2. Chairman's Report

In response to comments made in the 2016 survey

- The speakers and wiring in the London Road PA system had been replaced
- New hand driers had been purchased and installed in the Star Lane Ladies' and Gents' toilets
- Investigations were in hand relating to the purchase and installation of a new scoreboard. The existing board had been examined and found to be unusable; an offer of the board on the former Cheshire BS building had been considered but rejected as it did not fully meet needs; an appropriate source had been identified and discussions were in hand to identify funding.

Action: SST

- An issue relating to overly officious stewarding in London Road had been raised with the SST. Following consultation with Mr Heys, additional training has been provided to stewarding staff.
- The perennial question relating to the plans of the owner had been raised and the Club Chairman Mr Blower had agreed to pass on any questions to the owner. The Chairman agreed to seek questions to raise and consider the matter further at the next board meeting. **Action: Chairman**

3. Lotto update

Mr Stirling reminded the meeting that the Lotto was just into its third year with over 250 subscribers. It was currently providing £500 per month to the club and had a strategic target to increase subscribers to 300-500. A third charity had been recruited, the local Space4Autism. An unused turnstile in the SLE had been converted and could be used as an office base on match days to recruit more members – SST assistance in finding volunteers would be welcome. Should the target be met, consideration would be given to additional prize(s).

4. Finance update

Mr Abbott introduced his financial report. The year-end had been moved to end June; Trust funds currently amounted to around £5000 collected via pledge, raffle, membership, easy funding etc. Costs were limited but needed to be maintained. Reference was made to the easyfunding income and members were encouraged to make use of the option.

Copies of the Accounts were provided for those present and the Chairman thanked Mr Abbott for all his work on these and the Super Silk Lotto.

5. Membership

Mr Rickman reported a continued loss in members to around 130-140. All members have been contacted either by email or post and investigations were in hand to replace the member contact software.

6. Questions from members

- Julia Mitchell had a number from kit sponsorships which she offered for fundraising purposes. As well as SST, these could also be offered to the Museum Trust who ran a stall in the concourse or auctioned at the POYA evening.
- The possibility of SST sponsoring coach travel in the event of a small shortfall would be considered in more detail by the Board.
- Season ticket sales would begin shortly; Mr Heys mentioned the possibility of including a tick box on the form to link ST sale and SST membership. The Board would seek to promote ST sales
- The board would consider in detail promotion of SST activities especially successfully completed projects. Even putting links on the Wraggs site to published programme notes would help promote the Trust.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and contribution to the meeting and closed the meeting.