

Silkmen Supporters Trust

OpenMeeting

Held on

Monday 12th November 2018

PRESENT            STEVE MUNDY (CHAIR)  
                          MARIE GRUNDY (MINUTES)  
                          DAVID WOOLLISCROFT (HON SEC)  
                          BERNIE RICKMAN  
                          BOBBY TRAFFORD  
                          ROB WILSON  
                          JAMES WILSON  
                          RYAN CAWLEY  
                          CHRISSIE THOMPSON  
                          RICHARD PARTICK  
                          JULIA MITCHELL  
                          ANDY WORTH  
                          CLIVE WESTBURY  
                          PETER BRYANT  
                          GRAHAM BRINKHURST  
                          JOHN ABBOTT  
                          ANDY MELLOR  
                          MICHAEL CLARKE  
                          TERRY HILL

APOLOGIES        MYRA CLARKE  
                          JON SMART

11/18/01        Chairman's Report

Steve gave a resume of the activities of the SST for the last 12 months and how the money had been raised and what it had been spent on over this time. Most of the money had been raised from the following:

Silk Pledge

Easy Fundraising website

Christmas Raffle

Sale of donated items

## Membership subscriptions

In the last 12 months the SST has given money for the following:

Improving fire standards in various areas of the ground (League 2 requirements)

Sit on mower for ground staff (50 - 50 with lotto committee)

Aeration of pitch (50 - 50 with lotto committee)

New radios for stewards

Glass washer for suite (50 - 50 with lotto committee)

Donation to Volunteers Night organised by Dean Holmes and Rob Stirling

Donation to players and manager for a celebration meal

Trophies for the POY

£3000 for the insulation of the Mcllroy Suite with another £1000 from the Lotto. The balance for this was from a grant from FA.

Replacing of copper piping in main stand (50 - 50 with lotto committee)

11/18/02

### Club Liaison

Steve reported that the SST had requested an open fans forum with chairman which had been agreed but did not materialise. A further meeting was held with Mark Blower where questions provided by SST members had been put to him (copies of minutes on the SST website).

Discussion ensued around the accuracy of the answers given by Mark. It was explained that without evidence of the inaccuracies we had to accept the answers given.

Steve reported that a meeting had also been held with John Askey to ask him about the rumors which at the time were circulating around the lack of amicable relationships within the club. John had requested that the meeting not be minuted which had been agreed. However he did answer all the questions as openly as he could and again without contrary evidence we had to accept his answers.

Those present express their regret that an open forum had not been held. It was questioned if that now that we are in League 2 is it a requirement to hold at least 2 open meetings with fans per year. Whether this was the

case was unsure but could be looked into.

It was felt that as Amar is the major shareholder it was difficult to get anything passed which he didn't agree with and that as he was the only person registered against the club at Companies House he controlled when and if AGM's are held.

Rob Wilson stated that when the SST had been formed it was the case that shares were exchanged for every pound that was given by the SST to the club and asked why this was still the case. David Woolliscroft explained why this was no longer the case. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Trust should again request shares against payments made.

There was some discussion around the relationship of the club with local business. It had been reported that a number of local business were no longer willing to sponsor/support the club due to the way they had been treated in the past. Also that a number of very prominent supporters had been snubbed by the club recently which also causes 'bad blood' in relationships.

- Actions:**
- 1. Share issues to be looked into**
  - 2. Representation to the owner about lack of AGM's.**
  - 3. Lack of sponsorship - club response**
  - 4. Reaction to lack of local business involvement/sponsorship**

11/18/03 Any Other Business

Standards of ground - The lack of facilities in London Road for fans was raised. It is seen as a 'them and us' as the facilities for fans are better in the Moss Lane stand. Dean Holmes and Rob Stirling were praised for the work they have done in trying to keep Butches Bar open in difficult circumstances so that fans can get a alcoholic drink. It has been reported that rain water has been seen coming through electric lights which is a risk. One member felt that perhaps with SST was contributing to things

that didn't directly support the fans experience. However it was pointed out it has been felt that improving some of the facilities were out of the remit of the SST and it was agreed to contact the CEO to see what plans there were to support the fans experience on match days.

Rubbish Bins - The lack of rubbish bins was raised. It has been previously stated that it had been seen as a security risk. However there are some available that use see through plastic bags which could be purchased. This is to be taken up with the CEO.

Catering - Concerns were raised about the lack of diners on match days. The cost had been increased and the courses reduced. The standard of the food was also a concern. However the 'pub grub' was excellent. Again this is something to be brought up with the CEO.

Openness of Club Officials - Mark Blower has always indicated that his door was always open to fan. There was little evidence of this, except for one person present who reported Mark had quickly replied to an email of concern.

It was felt that representation should be made to the CEO and senior staff around the openness of the club management and major shareholder.

It was agreed that there was a number of issues raised during the evening that required response from the club formally and therefore the SST should formally request answers to points raised.

SST Future - during the course of the meeting the lack of knowledge of what the SST do was raised. It was felt that although the SST have a website, facebook and twitter accounts not many fans are either aware of these or visit them. It was agreed that links be made with the administrators of the SLT and Wraggs to Riches to raise the profile of the SST to younger fans which could increase the SST membership.

Steve closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending and at this point offered his resignation as Chairman.