

**Minutes of the meeting of the Silkmen Supporters' Society Board meeting held at 1945h on Monday 12 September 2016 at MTCF, Moss Lane, Macclesfield.**

**Present:** S Mundy (Chairman), Mrs M Grundy, A Mellor, B Rickman, Mrs C Thompson, G Williams, D Woolliscroft. Apologies were reported from J Abbott, J Smart and Mrs M Clark.

### **1. Secretary Role**

The Chair paid tribute to Stephen Walker who had now withdrawn from the Board. As a Provident Society it was felt essential to have a formal Secretary appointed but the Chair wished to explore some division of the role. A formal appointment would be made in due course but in the meantime MG agreed to act as minute secretary; BR agreed to oversee and share (SST or MTCF) movement; Chair agreed to prepare and circulate agendas and look after the web and the SST Enquiries and Secretary E-mail addresses in the interim.

This left the major tasks of Secretary, Web Master, Annual Report preparation and FCA return, and any other 'regulatory' type activity. These would be addressed at a future meeting.

### **2. Bureaucracy**

The Chair invited an open discussion on reducing meeting length and bureaucracy. In summary it was agreed to request short written reports to be pre-circulated for Lotto, finances and membership; all agreed on the importance of supporting the Chair in meeting time management; revert to email circulation of minutes, agendas and other documents.

All agreed to review the use of 'reply all' responses to emails.

ITWM invoked a £360 pa cost; GW and BR to review and propose a replacement if necessary.

A meeting with the Club needed to be arranged but all agreed that it was important to identify specific issues to be raised (one of which was identified as an SST noticeboard/small display possibly in the concourse). CT to speak to Rob Heys.

### **3. Future operation of the SST**

- Greater promotion of SST activities was critical – the recent publicity of the Newsletter on W2R had helped raise the profile in a positive way. Further proposals should be passed to the Chair.
- There had been some discussion of fundraising which was undertaken by a number of groups. This approach was understood and supported but all recognised that funds raised by SST especially from fans were disbursed in such a way that the funders had an influence via the SST on how the funds

were used. This answered the 'why SST' – a legally formed supporters' group that was answerable to supporters.

- Action was in hand to arrange a Footie Fest in 2017 possibly associated with a competition for disabled players.

#### **4. AOB**

- PA improvement estimate £540 agreed
- Toilet survey completed and actions costed at c£1000. Agreed subject to budget.
- SM had again asked for a response from Mark Blower to the letter regarding ground covenant/ debt issues and a response was awaited.
- Date of next meeting – **10 October 2016**