

## MINUTES OF SILKMEN SUPPORTERS TRUST (SST) MEETING: MAY 2019

### **PRESENT:**

ANDY WORTH (CHAIR)  
MYRA CLARKE  
STEVE LITTLER  
ANDY MELLOR  
JAMES WILSON  
RYAN CAWLEY  
JOHN ABBOTT  
BERNIE RICKMAN  
JON SMART

### **APOLOGIES:**

CHRISSIE THOMPSON

### **DATE & VENUE:**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Pack Horse Bowling Club, Macclesfield.

### **1/5/19 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Amendment to Disability Issues needs to be made where the words '*blind supporter*' should replace '*deaf supporter*'.

### **2/5/19 MATTERS ARISING**

None

### **3/5/19 DISABILITY ISSUES**

Andy Worth has planned a date to meet with Canalside Radio to see if they have managed to look into a facility for blind supporters to listen to the match live. Andy to report back at the next meeting.

Andy Mellor reported that he had undertaken a video interview with Bob Trafford, Macclesfield Town Football Club Media Manager on disability matters at the club which should soon be available on the club site.

Clarification is to be made with Bob Trafford regarding the date for a conference at Old Trafford regarding disability issues which Andy Mellor is keen to attend on behalf of the SST.

It was agreed the SST website should have a statement about disability issues which is available to both home and away disabled supporters.

#### **4/5/19 COMMUNICATION WITH THE CLUB**

It was agreed that in view of the fact that again players and staff had not been paid for April, the SST should try to arrange an urgent meeting with major shareholder of Macclesfield Town Football Club Amar AlKadhi to discuss a number of concerns regarding the current situation with the football club.

Andy Worth is to contact Amar to get a number of dates where he would be available to meet with the SST board.

Further discussion was held around what questions the board would ask. These are to be circulated to the SST board for comments and additions.

#### **5/5/19 SECRETARY VACANCY**

A vacancy is still held for the position of Secretary. The board members were asked to undertake serious consideration as to whether they would like to take on this challenging but very important role.

#### **6/5/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was reported that a number of people had withdrawn from the Super Silk Lotto due to the temporary suspension of payment of £500 a month to the club. It was agreed that we should have a project or something concrete to put the money to that could help to attract new members who would then see the value of their contributions. This is to be considered in more detail once talks have been held with Amar.

A few members have expressed an interest in joining the SST Board. There is one current vacancy and there are two members due for re-election in November. It would be possible to co-opt one person on until November 2019 after which any other interested parties can put up for election in November.

The question of how the SST itself could sell itself to potential new members was discussed. It was agreed that an open meeting would be a good starting point following the meeting with Amar.

## **7/5/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is due to be held on **Tuesday 11th June 2019 at 7:45pm at the Pack Horse Bowling Club.**