

The Silkmen Supporters' Trust.



BOARD MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2020
AT
THE PACK HORSE BOWLING CLUB

PRESENT:

Andy Worth (Chair)
Brian Brown
Chrissie Thompson
Myra Clarke (Treasurer)
Michael Clarke
Richard Pattrick
Rob Wilson (Secretary)
John Abbott (Accountant)
Jon Smart
John Mail
Andy Mellor
Bernie Rickman
Caroline Harrop
Marie Grundy

1. Apologies

None given

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed as a correct record

3. Matters Arising

Richard Pattrick's name written incorrectly and will be amended. Brian Melling is not a member of the committee and should have read Brian Brown.

4. Disability Issues

Andy Mellor had nothing to report. Arrangements to update the disability policy on the website to be looked at. **Action:** Andy M, Andy W, Bernie and Caroline to work on this outside of the meeting.

5. Finance

John circulated the monthly finance report prior to the meeting. John reported that the Hardship Fund was currently at £13,000 net and approximately £4200 had been paid out with some being repaid. The Crowdfunder closes Tuesday 14th January 2020 and has raised approx £500. The supporters of Forest Green very kindly donated £1250 and it was decided to mark this generosity at the next time the two teams play over the coming weeks. It was agreed a round of applause and thanks on the scoreboard should be done. **Action: Permission from Club to be sought.**

The Lotto currently has 215 members which has dropped significantly since the issues with the major shareholder became more of an issue.

John brought up the issue of having to pay £30 to hold the meeting at The Pack Horse. **Action:** Chrissie to speak with Caroline Hall about us using the Boardroom at the club for the next meeting.

6. Membership

Bernie reported that we have had a few new members recently. New forms will be available on the website to help to make joining easier.

7. Any Other Business

Update relating to the financial position of the club - Andy updated the meeting on the recent communications with the Premiership and EFL. A request had been made for the next made payment from the Premiership of £225,00 expected on the 13th January 2020 be paid direct to the EFL to ensure that players and debtors are paid. Early indications are that they are looking into this quite favorably but at the time of meeting no decision had been made.

David Rutley MP has been in touch with the SST to inform that he has made representation to both the EFL and Amar regarding recent issues. He reported that the EFL have been very impressed with the way the SST have conducted themselves in recent discussions and communications. Thanks, were offered to Andy and Trust for this.

Concerns were expressed that it had been found out recently that some members of the board had had meetings with various interested parties about the sale of the club and other issues. It was confirmed that a few people had met up with two of the interested people in buying the club by a third party, but this was NOT as SST representatives and a request had been not to make this public knowledge. **All board members were reminded that anything that was considered confidential should remain so, to avoid misunderstandings.**

Share Price – Rob Wilson asked the question about the recent issues of shares. An email had been sent to some shareholders offering the sale of share for 25p to raise funds. This raised the question of how this was possible and if this could possibly devalue the percentage of shares held by current shareholders. It has been reported that Amar has changed the Articles of Association. However, this is something that none of the committee have experience/expertise in. John Salmon, someone who has experience in legal field

around football is to be approach for clarification. **Action: Andy W and Richard P to make contact with someone who has significant legal experience in such matters**

Crewe Game - Mike C expressed concern that it has been reported on SLE that there is a possibility that the Crewe game was again in question due to issues with the Safety Certificate. It was felt that the Trust should offer support to ensure that the games goes ahead. **Action: Andy to email Caroline Hall.**

Winding Up Hearing - Discussion ensued around the forthcoming winding up hearing due to be held on the 15th January 2020. Richard Pattrick from the SST the board has kindly offered to travel to London to sit in the public gallery at the hearing in the hope that we could get a more accurate report of the proceedings.

Christmas Raffle- Sincere thanks were expressed to Myra for the sterling efforts she put in to the Christmas Draw which raised over £900.

Sub Committees – Andy spoke of how at the Open Meeting he had raised the issue of having sub-committees in order to reduce the length of the monthly meetings. The following sub-committees were agreed:

POY – Andy W, Marie, Caroline, Myra Chrissie and Steve Littler and Steve Smith are to be approached to see if they would be interested. It was felt that only a few meetings for POY would be need due to previous experiences.

SST Soccer 6's - A competition for under 10's to be organised for the Spring. Andy W to speak with Julian Jones, Dan Ashton and Steve Mundy to see if they would be interested in being involved. Andy W also to speak with Danny Walker about the use of the pitch. The Community Sport Trust (CST) are to be approached to see if they would be interested in being involved.

Programs / 50-50 - Myra expressed her concern at the lack of sale of 50/50 and programs around the ground at games. It had been reported that the people who had sold 50/50 in the past are no longer doing this and the club have not sought replacements. Programs are being sold in the shop prior to the game. Some SST members have offered to help with the selling of 50/50. **Action: Andy W to contact Caroline Hall about this matter.**

Fundraising idea - Rob Wilson mentioned that Chelsea has a large number of photographs that could be made into postcards which could be sold at games and the players could autograph. This is to be looked into for next season.

SST Outing - Andy asked if people were interested in have a late 'Christmas meal' in February. It was agreed and a venue which has disabled access is to be looked at.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 10th February 2020 at 7:45 pm. Venue to be confirmed.