

# The Silkmen Supporters' Trust.



Board Meeting Held via Zoom

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Andy Worth (Chair)</b>	<b>Marie Grundy (Minutes)</b>
	<b>John Abbott</b>	<b>Bernie Rickman</b>
	<b>Chrissie Thompson</b>	<b>Bryan Brown</b>
	<b>Caroline Harrop</b>	<b>Rob Wilson</b>
	<b>Jon Mail</b>	<b>Jon Smart</b>
	<b>Richard Patrick</b>	<b>Myra Clark</b>
	<b>Michael Clark</b>	

**APOLOGIES:** **Andy Mellor**

## 1. Welcome

Andy welcomed all to the meeting which had to be by Zoom due to the socially isolating restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 virus.

## 2. Finance Report

John (Abbott) had previously circulated the report via email, and briefly went through the accounts.

Silk Pledge – Due to the situation with Covid 19 it was agreed that the Silk Pledge should be suspended for this season. Each person who has participated in the Silk Pledge will be getting an email from John (Abbott) providing them with the opportunity to pay what is currently outstanding. It was however stressed that there would be NO obligation for people to pay.

Andy took the opportunity to thank John for the hard work he has put into the Pledge again this year.

## 3. Response from EFL

Andy has circulated the recent response received from the English Football League (EFL) with regard to the points deduction and other issues raised by the SST. It was agreed that the response was poor and vague.

#### **4. Future Purchase of Season Tickets**

Bernie put forward the suggestion that the SST should encourage fans **NOT** to buy season tickets for next season. It was also suggested that fans could approach the SST to act on their behalf to get a refund for the games not played particularly if Amar still refuses to sell the club. The SST could then look to facilitate a 'class action' at the High Court hearing in June for this money.

It was also suggested that fans should be encouraged **NOT** to purchase 'ifollow' should the outstanding matches be played behind closed doors. **Action: Bryan Brown agreed to do a statement to highlight these issues to fans.**

#### **5. Change to Constitution**

Rob proposed some changes to the SST constitution which he will put in emails to all members to be discussed at a future meeting.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

**Fraud** – Some discussion took place around the statement from the EFL around Amar providing a set of accounts. These have been asked for by recent prospective purchasers, and Amar has refused to provide them. The question of whether this should be reported to the Police was discussed when considering that non-payment of staff pensions has previously been reported to the Police. It was questioned as to whether the Police should be investigating this issue to see if any irregularities could be highlighted.

The issue of the number of shares held by various shareholders was discussed which is causing confusion. It was noted that it had been mooted by a source who has previously spoken to Andy Worth, that Amar may be willing to give his shares to the SST. **Action: Andy Worth to speak with his source, to see if this was still the case.**

The question was raised as to whether Joe Sealey was still interested in purchasing the club. **Action: Jon Smart to contact Joe Sealey to ask the question.**

It was agreed to invite Mike Rance to a future meeting to discuss the possibility of a Phoenix Club with the support of the Community Sports Trust (CST)

It was agreed that contact be made with David Rutley the Member of Parliament (MP) for Macclesfield, regarding his continued support (particularly with regards to improving relationships with Cheshire East Council) which all present felt would be very useful. **Action: Andy Worth to take up these tasks.**

Andy closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their co-operation during these strange times.