

Silkmen Supporters' Trust

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th August 2020 via Zoom.

Present:

Andy Worth (AW)	Chairperson
John Abbott (JA)	Finance
Patrick Birch (PB)	
Mike Clarke (MiC)	
Myra Clarke (MC)	Treasurer
Caroline Harrop (CH)	
Jon Mail (JM)	Legal
Richard Pattrick (RP)	
Bernie Rickman (BR)	Membership
Jon Smart (JS)	
Chrissie Thompson (CT)	Communications
Robert Wilson (RW)	SST Secretary

1 Welcome by Chairperson.

The meeting was opened and everyone welcomed at 8.10pm by the Chairperson AW.

2 Apologies.

Nil apologies.

3 Finance.

A financial update was given by JA. A copy of his report is at Annex A to these minutes.

Hardship Fund. It was agreed to leave further discussions about the future of the hardship fund until the SST Board meeting in October when the future direction of the club should be much clearer.

Concern was raised by JA about the number of people participating in the Silk Lotto. The figure has dropped below 200. AW indicated that Robert Stirling had initiated discussions with interested parties to increase membership.

4 Membership.

A membership update was given by BR. A copy of his report is at Annex B to these minutes.

BR stated that there was confusion with people joining via paypal as their email addresses were not coming through. BR & JA will look at this problem. BR also updated the Board on the ongoing work to make it easier to join the SST online. The new email form was almost complete.

5 Communications.

It was agreed to co-ordinate all official SST communications through the SST website and SST Facebook page only. This way we have greater control of the message.

CH agreed to take on the Communications role from CT. Thanks were given to CT for all the work she had done.

Point to note: CT transferred the admin role of the SST Facebook page to RW and CH on the morning of Tuesday 25th August 2020.

6 Board Elections.

Board elections are to take place in December 2020. Nomination forms are to be emailed out on 1 October 2020. To avoid the expense of postage the elections will be by email only.

Any current Board member whose tenure ends in December are to let the Secretary know.

7 Board Roles.

Specific Board roles are to be set out at the AGM in December. This is so the fanbase at large can identify what Board members do.

8 Conflict of Interest.

RW briefed the Board on conflict of interest questions raised by the fanbase. The advice from our governing body, the Football Supporters association (FSA) is that there is no conflict of interest provided Board members working for the club follow the SST constitution and do not disclose any confidential SST/FSA information to the club and vice versa.

9 Current Situation.

The Board undertook a discussion about the current situation with the club. The issues discussed are all in the public domain and the Board, like all fans, are keen to see developments and clarity relating to appointments and legal counsel.

10 Phoenix Club.

Discussions with other groups relating to a phoenix club have taken place. Whilst the club is gearing up for the new season no further action will take place on this matter.

11 Any Other Business.

MC has renewed the lottery licence for another year.
JA congratulated the academy on playing well.

RW raised the possibility of inviting possible new Board members to the next meeting so they could experience what the SST is like.

12 Next Meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 14th September 2020. Venue TBC.