

Silkmen Supporters' Trust

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th July 2021 at the Pack Horse Bowling Club.

Present:

Andy Worth (AW)	Chairperson
John Abbott (JA)	Finance
Patrick Birch (PB)	
Mike Clark (MiC)	
Myra Clark (MC)	Treasurer
Caroline Harrop (CH)	Communications
Bernie Rickman (BR)	Membership
Chrissie Thompson (CT)	
Robert Wilson (RW)	SST Secretary

1 Welcome by Chairperson.

The meeting was opened and everyone welcomed at 8pm by the Chairperson AW.

2 Apologies.

Andy Mellor (AM)
Richard Pattrick (RP)
Jon Smart (JS)
Robert Vernon (RV)

3 Fan Led Review Wash Up.

RW and AW gave a brief precis and their impressions of the Fan Led review enquiry stating how well it had gone on Monday 21 June 2021. The enquiry team were very surprised at the demise of MTFC once the actions of Mr Alkadhi and the EFL were explained to them.

4 Finance.

JA briefed the Board on the current state of the SST's finances:

The SST have £9253.75 in various accounts. There are still a few stragglers who haven't cancelled their standing orders to the Lotto, which need sorting (this may involve some small repayments to individuals).

5 Membership.

BR gave an update on the current membership. Currently the SST has 338 members. Approximately 130 members are up for membership renewal in October 2021.

6 Communications and Website.

RW requested that Board members use a standardised email template if sending emails outside the SST Board.

RW proposed that if Chelsie Wilson is not wanted by MFC to photograph First Team games that she be asked to photograph on behalf of the SST for use on the SST's media pages. This will include the full range of in game photographs, fan cam and goal cam video footage. All photographs will be copyrighted to Chelsie and the SST.

Prior to this RW requested PB to clarify with MFC, in particular Mr Smethurst, whether Chelsie is wanted or not as there is some confusion with MFC's lack of engagement with Chelsie. If Chelsie is not required by MFC it is requested that she is entered onto the matchday media list as the SST's photographer.

7 Match sponsorship.

Mr William Jones and his son in law have been invited to take up 2 of the tickets as part of the SST's first game sponsorship. They will be hosted by Mike and Myra Clark.

8 Fundraising.

The SST will take part in a Car Boot Sale at the PHBC on Sunday 25 July 2021.

50:50 tickets. AW will contact Mr Smethurst over the situation.

25th Anniversary Function. It was agreed to look into arranging a function to commemorate the 25th anniversary of MFC getting promoted into the Football League. RW will research local venues.

9 AGM.

The AGM will be held in August. AW will consult with Dean Holmes to fix a date as up to 70 people could attend the meeting.

JA will chase up Clive Westbury for the completion of the Financial report.

10 Matchday Experience.

PB gave a comprehensive update on all the actions at MFC to provide a positive matchday experience for fans.

AW spoke of the involvement of PB, Dominic Lisle (Disability Information Bureau), Laura Smith (Macclesfield Town Council) and himself in a tour of the ground and the area surrounding it on Friday 9th July 2021. Dominic and Laura offered invaluable advice and support as to how to optimise the matchday experience for disabled supporters in the

2021/22 season, and our sincere gratitude to them is hereby highlighted within the minutes.

AW proposed a vote of thanks to congratulate PB and RP for all the work they had done.

11 Any Other Business.

AW spoke of how AM had contacted him by telephone to advise of how his recent experience of using the disabled toilet facilities in the male toilets situated between Star Lane End (SLE) and the Moss Lane Stand. AM spoke of how space was rather tight, and he found it a struggle to be able to close the toilet door. AM expressed further concerns that a disabled person requiring the additional support of a carer would really struggle for space. AM further indicated that he had spoken with Danny Walker (Ground staff) who had advised that the ladies disabled toilets between SLE and the main stand did provide more width. PB has agreed to investigate this further.

12 Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be the AGM in August at a date to be fixed.