

Silkmen Supporters' Trust

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022 at the Pack Horse Bowling Club.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Phil Gibbons
Mike Hutchison
Liz Bowgett

1 Welcome by Chairperson.

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

2 Apologies.

Patrick Birch (PB)	
Andy Mellor (AM)	Disability Liaison
Jon Smart (JS)	

3 Councillor Mike Hutchison.

AW introduced Councillor Mike Hutchinson (of Macclesfield Town Council) to the SST Board who all provided Mike with a short resume about themselves, and the background to their rationale behind their love for all things Silkmen. Before asking Mike to tell the SST board something about himself, Andy made it clear that the SST are a non-political organisation which is fundamentally committed to improving the matchday experience of supporters; providing a channel of communication between supporters and the club on issues raised by supporters, and raising funds to benefit supporters, the club and the local community.

Councillor Hutchison introduced himself, gave brief career details and explained that he was present to understand how the SST worked, it's relationship with the club with a view to joining the SST and possibly even the SST Board at some time in the future.

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4 Phil Gibbons.

Phil was welcomed to the meeting by AW, and he subsequently thanked the SST board for allowing him to speak at this evening's meeting. Phil spoke of how over the course of last season, past players and managers have been invited to the club and Phil had volunteered his services as a host to them. Unfortunately, the club do not provide refreshments, and Phil subsequently requested that the SST assist with funding refreshments for these special guests.

It was agreed that AW would approach the club to enquire if they would be amenable to the SST purchasing a package to pay for two meals for invited guests for a number of targeted games next season. It was agreed that the SST would be willing to pay for this initiative in advance.

5 Finance.

JA updated the meeting on the finances:

We currently have £9267.36 in our various accounts.

The 50/50 report shows that we are currently holding approximately £1000 of the money due to the club – pending further investments. It was agreed that the SST hold this money for future joint projects.

Silkmen Supporters Trust
Bank Accounts
as at 11th April 2022

<u>Opening balance as at 1st July 2021</u>	SST £
Main	9069.06
Reserve	71.26
Paypal	127.04
	<u>9267.36</u>

<u>Movement in period since 1st July</u>	SST
Main	(443.93)
Reserve	0.01
Paypal	170.04

(273.88)

Closing Balance

SST

Main	8625.13
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Reserve	71.27
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Paypal	297.08
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8993.48

Silkmen Supporters Trust

Main Bank Account

as at 11th April 2022

Activity since 1st July 2021

Receipts

Main Account

£

Membership	368.00
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50/50	9528.60
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EasyFund	115.00
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Lotto	60.76
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Donation	28.68
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Paul Bamford - Shirt Sale	55.00
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Car Boot	70.30
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10226.34

Payments

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Danny Whit Course	900.00
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50/50 Costs	2038.45
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Match Sponsorship Ashton	600.00
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Donation Re Anna Ledger	800.00
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Ukraine Disaster 5050	314.00
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Evac Slide	200.00
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POY Ballot Boxes	209.70
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POY Trophies	135.70
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Substitute Board	609.99
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MFC - PA System SLE	2922.00
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MFC - Emergency Lighting	1700.00
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Charges	0.96
Lotto Licence	20.00
	10670.27

Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	(443.93)
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Paypal

Memberships	180.00
Paypal Costs	(9.96)
	170.04

6 Membership.

BR gave an update on the current membership. We have had one new member join in the last month. The number of members is now 344.

BR suggested introducing a Membership package. A discussion then ensued as to what this package might entail. A proper proposal needs to be drawn up.

7 Communications and Website.

Communication with members continues to improve. The SST Facebook page and Twitter is continuing to increase the numbers viewing. Currently, both are attracting circa 1000 followers.

BR is continuing to carry out a slow upgrade of the SST's website. Currently BR is working on a new page to give information on teams in the Northern Premier League West.

8 Fundraising.

The 50:50 is still going well but as always; more volunteers are required.

A new date is still to be agreed for the proposed meeting with the club regarding the rebranding/restarting of the Lottery. AW has contacted Mike Griffiths in order to get contact details on a firm that helps run lotteries on a low-cost basis.

The Silk Pledge will start next season. BR, RW and JA will be involved in the running of it. Agreement was made to start promoting the Silk Pledge.

9 Any Other Business.

MC raised the subject of access to the disabled toilets. There was difficulty in carers accessing the toilets due to the size. At the last meeting it was agreed to approach the club

to see if the head steward could allow disabled access to the gym in order to use the disabled toilet.

MC also raised the problem of fans constantly walking in front of disabled fans obstructing their view of the game. A raised area within the ground was briefly discussed but was deemed impractical. Part of the problem was caused by people queueing for drinks from the vendors set up in the old tunnel entrances.

10 Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th May 2022.