

## Silkmen Supporters' Trust

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the Pack Horse Bowling Club.

Present:

Andy Worth (AW)	Chairperson
John Abbott (JA)	Finance
Mike Clark (MiC)	
Myra Clark (MC)	Treasurer
Caroline Harrop (CH)	Communications
Andy Mellor (AM)	Disability Liaison
Bernie Rickman (BR)	Membership
Jon Smart (JS)	
Chrissie Thompson (CT)	
Robert Wilson (RW)	SST Secretary

Apologies:

Patrick Birch (PB)  
Mike Hutchison (MH)

#### 1 **Welcome by Chairperson.**

AW opened the meeting at 8pm.

#### 2 **Finance.**

JA updated the meeting on the finances:

We currently have £11108.28 in our various accounts but we owe £3182.24 to the club.

The pledge roars on thanks to the continued success on the field. The current total has increased to £1168.80.

Silkmen Supporters Trust  
Bank Accounts  
as at 12th March 2023

Opening balance as at 1st July 2022	SST £
Main	8676.56
Reserve	71.27
Paypal	111.04
	8858.87
Movement in period since 1st July	SST
Main	2179.98
Reserve	0.09
Paypal	69.34
	2249.41
Closing Balance	SST
Main	10856.54
Reserve	71.36
Paypal	180.38
	11108.28

Silkmen Supporters Trust  
Main Bank Account  
as at 12th March 2023

Activity since 1st July 2022

Receipts	Main Account £
Membership	298.00

SilkPledge	317.90
50/50	6046.34
EasyFund	104.83
Lotto	34.72
Donation	0.98
	6802.77

Payments

I & I	195.51
50 50 Costs	1749.48
Licence Fee	20.00
Card Reader	46.80
Membership Cards	198.00
SST Badges	198.00
MFC - HUDL	1495.00
MFC - Player Sponsorships	720.00
	4622.79

Net Surplus/ ( Deficit)	2179.98
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Paypal

Memberships	75.00
Paypal Costs	(5.66)
	69.34

3 **Membership.**

BR gave an update on the current membership. Membership currently stands at 331.

BR continues to issue membership booklets.

#### 4 **Fan Engagement.**

##### SST Pin Badges.

BR has received the shipment of pin badges. Unfortunately, they are the wrong shade of blue. BR is in negotiation with the suppliers to get the badges changed.

##### SST Online Shop.

BR proposed setting up an online shop to sell small items such as pin badges. It was agreed to consult with the club on this.

##### Car Parking.

Macclesfield Town Council have raised concerns regarding car parking at the ground. The Board feel that this subject should be raised directly to the club and Cheshire East Council for a solution.

It was felt that using the college car park was clearly impractical especially for away fans or for parents taking children to the various academies. It was felt that the club would not countenance the use of their mini buses to ferry people to and fro.

A more practical solution would be for fans/parents to use the unused car parking around the office blocks at Lyme Green Retail Park especially on match days. This however would require council intervention.

With the proposed developments on Moss Lane it was felt that the council would have to put double yellow lines on the roads around the ground to keep traffic flowing. In this case it was suggested that the two councils and the developers get together and compulsory purchase some land off London Road and turn it into a fee paying car park.

Finally it should be noted that the stadium in its current location pre-dates the residential properties and the problem of car parking has basically been ignored by previous councils. The club did try to resolve the situation but were rebuffed by the land owner across London Road.

#### 5 **Communications.**

It was decided to postpone production of a newsletter to next season.

#### 6 **Website.**

BR continues to update the website.

Online followers continues to increase.

#### 7 **Fundraising.**

### 50:50 Online.

The 50:50 Online is slowly increasing.

### 50:50 Golden Draw.

It was proposed that the SST runs a Golden Draw starting at the beginning of next season. The whole draw will be run online.

### 8 Any Other Business.

#### Cre8.

The SST will advertise any Cre8 initiative regarding the club via all platforms.

#### Police Fans Forum.

The police have requested that a couple of SST members attend a Police Fans Forum. It was suggested that MH and Steve Caulcott may be interested.

#### Player of the Year (POTY).

Confirmation what trophies are required. AW will approach the club for that information

### 9 Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.