

Minutes of meeting held at Bar 27 on 9th March 2026

Present:

Caroline Harrop Chairperson and Communications
John Abbott Finance
Mike Clark
Steve Caulcott
Sue Caulcott
Patrick Birch
Chrissie Thompson Secretary
James Walker
Matt Todd
Robert Smethurst (Only there for a short time)

Apologies:

Myra Clark Treasurer
Jon Smart
Andy Worth
Mike Hutchinson

1. The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. James Walker and Matt Todd thanked the SST for the ongoing financial support. We thanked them for the very good work that they do in keeping the fans in touch with the team with their excellent commentary of matches. They are considering joining the board and said it would be good to record some board members speaking about the work of the SST prior to matches, to play at half time when the Mixlr team are having a break. Also recording John Rooney and the players.
3. John Abbott went through our finances. We currently have £12912 in our various accounts. Included in this figure is £1471 which is owed the club, being their share of the 50/50.
The Silk Pledge stands at £1083 of which £148 has been paid.

Sponsorship of £1311 has been paid to the Mixlr team so far this season. The SST are committed to sponsor the Mixlr team in the 2026/27 season.

The SST are also going to sponsor Chelsie Wilson's cameras maintenance at the end of the season.

John has also renewed our sponsorship with Bob Trafford for the boards around the ground and the programme pages, after consulting and getting agreement from the board members.

4. 50/50 There are only 4 more home matches this season. Matt Todd asked us if we had considered selling 50/50 tickets online. John Abbott explained that we had tried it, but it was not successful. Matt said Darlington were very successful with their 50/50 online sales, having sold £1000 to fans online, but they are a fan owned club so they must have a better system than we tried.
5. Communications are reaching more people, currently 1.1k on Facebook, 1.1k on X (previously known as Twitter) and 32034 on the SST website.
6. Caroline asked on behalf of a current 50/50 volunteer if the SST would consider financially supporting her to become a steward, by paying for or towards her getting the correct training. We had a discussion, but it was decided that the club should pay for any training for stewards.
7. **A.O.B.** John Dines has given the profit of £180 to the SST for the sales of the mugs that he had produced. Patrick has given the 2 players, Paul Dawson and Isaac Buckley-Ricketts the mugs numbered 6 and 7, which are their squad numbers. They were very pleased. Chrissie is going to get a thank you card for John to send on behalf of the SST.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm Venue TBA.