Silkmen Supporters' Society Ltd

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Silkmen Supporters' Society held at 19.45h on Monday 9 February 2015 at MTFC

Present: Jon Smart (Chairman), John Rayner, Myra Clark (Treasurer), George Williams (Comms), Steve Mundy, Steve Walker (new SST Board member), David Woolliscroft (Secretary), Marie Grundy (Lotto), Andy Worth (Lotto), Rob Stirling (Lotto). Apologies were reported from John Abbott, Andrew Mellor, Rob Wilson and Cathy Pengelly.

- 1. Minutes of meeting held on 12 January 2015 confirmed by correspondence.
- 2. Matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda
- 3. Lotto update (RS,AW and MG invited to attend; see email from RS)
 - Back subs. The Treasurer updated members on recovering back subs which was making good progress. The Lotto group was asked to continue with recovering missed subs using the information provided by MA/DW on income.
 - Payment to Club (see email from RS). Whilst there was believed to be insufficient funds in the 'Lotto' account, it was agreed to 'loan' the account £500 as a way of promoting the Lotto. In addition a further £1000 would be offered from SST funds to purchase shares subject to receipt of a share certificate for 2000 shares (current + previous purchases). The Chairman agreed to contact the club owner with the offer.
 - Share debate. It was agreed unanimously that payments to the club from Lotto income were not expected to attract shares in the club. The SST involvement was largely to facilitate the formation of the Lotto business – in due course it might be hived off as a separate entity.
- 4. Club media arrangements
 - It was agreed to invite the club media team to attend a future meeting.
 - Twitter had 600 followers and facebook had 300 'friends'. Additionally, Silkplayer seemed to be operating well.
- 5. Financial situation
 - Approximately £7k cash in bank.
- 6. Membership Rob Wilson carried over
- 7. Income generation

- Silk Pledge approximately £1300 promised
- Lottery final figures. Final profit slightly under £900
- Regular donations see email from RW carried over
- Other

8. Chairman's points

- Board elections DW. Steve Mundy and Stephen Walker elected unopposed. It was also agreed to invite Marie Grundy to join the Board as a co-opted member. Stephen Walker gave a brief indication of his background and experience. In discussion, he agreed to prepare a brief for a study on 'the way forward' particularly from the point of view of the Manager.
- Football tournament. Because of pitch renovation, the club had been obliged to change to dates offered for the festival; as the new dates clashed with another tournament, it was agreed that the festival be shelved for 2015.
- Programme notes rota and subjects going forward. Noted and agreed.
- The way forward for SST. Carried over but with a firm commitment to action.
- POYA. AW provided a fully report on progress band booked, disco booked, sponsor for evening arranged by club, voting for POYA arranged, plans for shirt sponsors in place, catering agreed and tickets ready to go on sale. Trophies agreed for POY, players' player, Andrew Mellor shield, Jean Ridgway and a new Wraggs trophy. There was also preliminary discussion of a further unspecified trophy. All members welcomed the excellent progress. The Secretary asked that future communications should reflect the SST involvement on the lines of 'MTFC and SST supporting a group of volunteers' or similar. This was unsupported by other SST Board members. (Secretary's Note: this seems to be a matter of contention; if this an accurate summary, the SST has no input other than buying trophies/promoting the event. In that case, unless requested otherwise, POYA need not be included in the agenda.
- Conference Day Out (see email from RS). Noted
- 9. Any other business and date of next meeting (9 March 2015)