

**Minutes of the meeting of the board of the Silkmen Supporters' Trust**  
**held at the Golden Lion, Moss Lane, Macclesfield**  
**at 7.45/8.00 pm on Wednesday 1 May 2013**

**Present:** Jon Smart (Chairman), Rob Wilson, Andrew Mellor (DLO), Myra Clark (Treasurer), John Abbott (by invitation), David Woolliscroft (Secretary). Apologies were reported from George Williams and John Rayner (Secretary's Note; Due to an unintentional error for which I apologise, JR was not invited to the meeting).

Following the previous meeting, members with legal and/or financial skills had been invited to take part in Board discussions. JA had volunteered and attended by invitation.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2013 had been confirmed by correspondence.
2. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda
  - Update Youth Development Team. The Chair reminded members of the approach by John Askey requesting support for the youth development team. A successful Sportsmen's Evening had been held; support had been put in place at youth team home games; pitch charges had been sponsored by the SST; it had been agreed to offer proceeds from the SST Raffle. It was also reported that youth team trials were in course coincidentally with the meeting. **Chair**
  - Shares. Carried over **DW**
  - Coaches, Moose and insurance. It was agreed to take no further action. Coaches would be arranged by SST subject to demand and subject to expected breakeven. (Item closed) **Chair**
  - Support for Club (support requested and provided). Various requests had been made and filled. (Item closed) **Chair**
3. Chair's points **Chair**
  - Asset of community value. The Secretary sought confirmation that members were content with the proposal and it was agreed that it be submitted subject to a reference to the statement by Mr Pickles MP contained in the MUST proposal relating to Old Trafford. **Secretary**
  - Freedom of information. Information requested and expected from CEC shortly. **JR**
  - Contacts with owners. It was suggested that the Chair continue his contacts with the Club owners and in particular, as a result of the present meeting, he should seek clarification on the current financial position. **Chair**
  - POYA outcome. The event had been successful and in particular Andy Worth was commended for the professional and speedy manner with which he had conducted proceedings. **Chair**
4. Treasurer's Report **MC**
  - To note financial statement /current funding available (the balance at the end of March was £6616.52).
  - Youth team fund (to be advised)

- Preparation for FSA submission; first draft of Annual Report. The written part of the Report had been started and would be completed on preparation of the financial statements.

5. Secretary's Report

6. Disability Liaison Officer

**AM**

AM reported a useful meeting with Dave Towns of MTFC. Maintenance matters had been completed and there had been a discussion about admission prices. Mr Towns had recognised the valuable input made by AM during the year and had expressed the hope that AM would continue with his DLO responsibilities next season. **AM**

7. Media/communications

**GW**

Carried over

8. Membership

**JR**

- RW had investigated alternatives to ITWM but he believed that it provided good functionality. Certain facilities which provided automatic reminders to members about subscriptions due were being tested in order to make better use of the system.
- Membership numbers were improving slightly and RW/JR agreed to make information available to DW for the annual report.

**RW/JR**

9. AOB/date of next meeting

- RW mentioned a sponsorship scheme linked to the youth team of another club. He agreed to make a formal proposal.
- SST should seek publicity in the local paper especially in relation to the Community Asset project.
- Next meeting 10 June 2013