

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 Monday 18 March 2013

Present: Jon smart (Chairman), John Rayner, Rob Wilson, George Williams (Communications), David Woolliscroft (Hon Sec). Apologies were reported from Myra Clark, Jim Goodwin (and assumed from Andrew Mellor). It was reported that Adam Waller had resigned largely as a result of work pressure and tribute was paid to his contributions in the past. It was agreed to elect Jon Smart as Chair for a further year; MC and DW remained in post.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2013 (minutes confirmed by correspondence).
2. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda
 - Update Youth Development Team. The additional responsibilities of John Askey meant that it was unlikely that he could attend a 'Evening with JA'. Youth team work was no being led by another member of staff.
 - Shares – reply awaited from possible donator. **DW**
 - Coaches. RW had sent an email shortly before the meeting. It was agreed to support and promote Moose particularly in the reduction in demand for coach transport; the SST would look into arranging travel insurance via FSF in the new season but this would need an allowance in the cost; SST would offer to arrange on-line booking and payment system. **Chair**
 - Support for Club. Reply awaited – to be re-raised by Chair. **Chair**
3. Chair's points **Chair**
 - Asset of community value. The Secretary had circulated an email on the subject. It was agreed to proceed as proposed. **Sec**
 - Contacts with owners. The Chair had again been in contact and provided a brief update.
4. Treasurer's Report **MC**
Report carried over.
 - To note financial statement /current funding available
 - Youth team fund
 - Preparation for FSA submission
5. Secretary's Report
 - SD Secretary's course. The Secretary had attended a very useful SD Sec Development Course on Sunday 3 March; papers were available for any Board member.
6. Disability Liaison Officer **AM**
Carried over.
 - Maintenance issues
 - Pricing for disabled fans
7. Media/communications **GW**
 - GW reported changes in staffing for 'The Silkmen' match programme.

- Twitter followers 400; Facebook 'likes' 178; 1900 tweets
- The Chair was congratulated on his match reports on Canalside
- There was some discussion on the video quality of Silkplayer and it was also noted that there had been some negative comments about the match-day commentary. The Chair agreed to explore the issue with the Club.

8. Membership

JR

It was noted that membership was now dropping to around 80 members; this was a cause for concern.

9. AOB/date of next meeting

- Next meeting – to be agreed as necessary

Confidential extension to minutes

Asset of Community Value. The Secretary had collected an extended brief on the Localism Act 2011 which introduced the opportunity to seek to bid as a right for any local asset listed by the local authority as of community value; the SD view supported by significant legal advice, was that supporters' trust should be recognised as appropriate bodies to seek local authority listing; that football grounds and associated buildings (ie stands etc) would be appropriate premises to be listed; listing meant simply that the nominating body (eg SST) would be given a right to bid for the asset should the owners decide to sell; there would be no obligation on the SST to proceed with any bid and this might be the case if, on being informed of a proposed sale, there was an acceptable group pursuing purchase.

Subject to there being no negative impact on a possible buyer, it was agreed to proceed with a proposal to Cheshire East Council that the stadium and ground of MTFC should be listed by CEC as an asset of community value.

For the time being, it was agreed that this matter should be kept confidential although it was agreed to inform specified former MTFC Directors.