

Minutes of the meeting of the board of the Silkmen Supporters' Trust
held at the Golden Lion, Moss Lane, Macclesfield
at 8.00 pm on Monday 17 September 2012

Present: Jon Smart (Chairman), Myra Clark (Treasurer), Andrew Mellor (DLO), Jim Goodwin, John Rayner, Rob Wilson, Adam Waller, George Williams (Comms), David Woolliscroft (Secretary). There were no apologies as all members were in attendance.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2012 had been confirmed by correspondence. It was agreed that the AGM minutes could be published on the site.
2. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda
 - Bodycote shares. Agreement had been reached with Bodycote and the transfer forms would be lodged with the club on the availability of Barrie Darcey. It was agreed to approach Triangle Infotech plc to seek a similar arrangement and the write up in the programme would also include an invitation to all fans to consider transfer to the Trust. **DW/GW**
 - Coaches. Four coaches had been arranged; loss for the season £148; loss for the financial year £244. The latest coach had been near to break even; the offering had also attracted a few new members. Finally the Chair and RW indicated a useful discussion had been held with Moose
 - Business cards. Carried over. **RW**
3. Chair's points **Chair**
 - Disposal of remaining sweats/hoodies. DW had suggested gifting the remaining hoodies/sweats to the ladies' FC subject to demand. It was agreed to make one last effort to sell the stock. GW would push out a message in the match programme and on the social media channels. **GW/RW**
4. Treasurer's Report **MC**
 - To note financial statement (to be circulated)
 - The available balance stood at £1953.90.
 - The Secretary reported despatch of the audit to FSA
5. Secretary's Report
 - Trust insurance. No action. **DW**
 - Coach insurance. Closed **RW**
 - New model rules. Formal submission to FSA. The new rules were formally signed for submission to FSA.
 - Outcome from AGM. No actions required.
6. Disability Liaison Officer
 - AM reported some maintenance problems in the disabled toilets. These had been reported and he agreed to check on progress. If not corrected, these provided a safety issue. **AM**
 - AM had been in discussion with Dave Towns about possible reduced pricing for disabled fans and would report progress. **AM**
7. Media/communications

- Members recognised the quality of the programme notes. Two sets would be needed shortly (Forest Green and Mansfield); GW invited input.
- Some feedback was made on the commentary for passing on to the Silkplayer away volunteers.
- A new email address had been set up – sstcomms@yahoo.co.uk
- “SST Away Days” has been set up to store fans photographs from away games. Some of these pix will also be published on the Trust’s Facebook “Cover Page”
- We have 342 followers on Twitter, and 144 liking us on Facebook

8. Membership

New members had been added as a result of coach savings; the Secretary drew attention to the fall in numbers since the year-end.

9. AOB/date of next meeting

- Next meeting 22 October; dinner 3 December at Wetherspoons
- National non-league day. There had been much criticism of the proposed Cheshire Ring and RW agreed to prepare a draft letter to the club and *Non-League* for the Chairman. **RW**
- Gold Bond. The Secretary reported non-receipt of the Gold Bond membership card – other season ticket holders had been supplied.
- Away catering. Compared with home catering, costs still seemed excessive.
- RW agreed to offer the Simpson/Chamberlain away shirts as raffle prizes on the coaches. **RW/DW**
- Reference was made to the lack of a first team coach as a result of which the SST shirt had been placed on another player.
- Christmas raffle. MC agreed to make arrangements. **MC**