

Minutes of the meeting of the board of the Silkmen Supporters' Trust
held at the Golden Lion, Moss Lane, Macclesfield
at 7.30 pm on Monday 7 November 2011.

Present: Adam Waller (Chair), Myra Clark (Treasurer), Rob Wilson, John Rayner, Jim Goodwin, Andrew Mellor, David Woolliscroft (Secretary), Dean Holmes (MTFC by invitation), Sean Worth (by invitation). Apologies were reported from Jon Smart; the Chair and Andrew Mellor requested that their apologies be recorded for the previous meeting. Dean Holmes and Sean Worth were welcomed to the meeting

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2011 had been confirmed by correspondence).
2. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda
 - Meeting with club - carried over **Chair**
 - Share purchase/transfer – carried over **DW**
 - POYA 2012. Carried over **Chair**
 - Footiefest. Overall the Festival had resulted in a profit of around £1400; the Trust could expect a settling cheque for £68.54 but would need to pay a settling cheque to MTFC of £202.33. A wash up meeting would be arranged later in the year and it was reported that there had been a number of changes in the personnel at MJFC. For 2012, it had already been reported that the Moss Rose would not be available due to the lateness of the Spring Bank holiday. Some initial discussions had been held with Congleton and further discussions would be held at the wash up meeting. **JR**
 - Coach to Burton/Barnet/East Thurrock.
 - New booking system working well in cooperation with MTFC
 - East Thurrock coach full. A reserve list would be formed for and additional coach subject to demand.
 - Barnet coach almost full.
 - Dean Holmes reported introductory discussions with Bostock's concerning a season long agreement. There was extensive discussion and the Board broadly welcomed the development. It was suggested that any agreement needed to allow cancellation in the event of low take-up. **DH/RW**
 - Christmas Draw. All tickets had been distributed and income had already covered costs. All Members were encouraged to sell their share of tickets.
3. Chairman's points **Chair**

The Chair expressed contentment with progress for the year.
4. Treasurer's Report **MC (Treasurer)**
 - A financial statement would be prepared and circulated in due course.
 - The balance stood at approximately £750 and the previous concerns were less pressing.
5. Secretary's Report
 - To consider the co-option of Cathy Pengelly. Item closed.
 - Trust insurance. The Trust currently carried no insurance cover and the Secretary was requested to consult Supporters Direct for advice. JR agreed to investigate public liability insurance. RW raised the possibility of away travel insurance for postponed/late cancelled games. It was agreed to investigate the matter further. **RW/Sec/JR**
 - The Secretary to contact Rob Stirling about a Christmas market stall.

6. Web site

It was agreed that it was unnecessary to include this as a standing item for future meetings.

7. Disability Liaison Officer

AM

Nothing to report

8. Media/communications/Canalside

- George Williams had reported on his Tweeting service.
- Canalside – message board outcome. As promised, JS had started a thread about the Canalside programme. There seemed to be little or no support. It was agreed to close this item unless Canalside approached the Trust.

9. Membership

- Membership strategy – item closed. JR agreed to take responsibility for maintenance of the membership database. **JR**
- Fund raiser. RW outlined a lottery scheme used at Congleton. Whilst all felt it was an attractive scheme, concerns were raised about the Trust's ability to resource its administration.

10. AOB/date of next meeting

- It had been noted that the hospitality bar at Burton had remained open during the recent game.
- Children in Need. DH reported that he was touring all League 2 Grounds to raise donations for the Charity. The meeting agreed to support and promote the tour as much as possible.
- The recent death of Frank Beaumont was noted with regret.
- Next meeting 5 December. A social event for the Board would be held in the new year.