

Minutes of the meeting of the board of the Silkmen Supporters' Trust
held in the McIlroy Suite, Moss Rose at 7.30 pm on Monday
17 January 2011.

Present

John Rayner (Chair)

Myra Clark (Treasurer)

Andrew Mellor (DLO)

Jon Smart

George Williams (communications)

Adam Waller

David Woolliscroft (Hon Sec)

Sally Brealey (MTFC)

Steve Mundy (Member)

Chrissie Thompson (Member)

Apologies were reported from Rob Wilson. The Chair welcomed individual SST Members. In the continuing absence of Bob Trafford, it was agreed that, by default, he had resigned.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2010 (minutes confirmed by correspondence).
2. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda
 - Share purchase using Silk Alliance funds (+ other funds). Club requested to issue share certificate for most recent purchase.
3. Chairman's points **Chair**
 - Walk to Stockport. Coordinate Council permission for on street collections (DW); contact SCFC Trust for permission to tour the ground collecting (DW); support car (Gail Feay; sponsor form design and distribution (JR); (later in the meeting, AM agreed to be involved). Beneficiaries Marie Curie (the FA Charity of the Year).
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4. Treasurer's Report **MC (Treasurer)**
 - Annual accounts – the Secretary reported that the 2009/10 accounts had been re-submitted to FSA.
 - Balance at bank ££2418.46; Uncleared cheque £ 483.81; balance £1934.65
 - Christmas Draw. Income £580; expenditure £113.70 (licence £40; printing £51.70; prizes £22.00); profit £466.30. MC thanked all for prize donations and ticket sales.
 - Market stall. The two day sale had raised almost £600 all of which had been passed to the club.
 - Coaches. MC reported that, to date this season, total losses amounted to £104 – this was deemed acceptable. In connection with away transport, JS indicated a possible sponsor for the upcoming Southend game. He agreed to liaise with RW. **JS/RW**
5. Secretary's Report
 - 2011 Elections/nominations. No nominations had been received to date.
 - Outcome of market stall (see above). SB raised the possibility of taking a stall at the Treacle Market and would enquire about cost. **SB**

6. Web site **Chair/RW**
Carried over
7. Disability Liaison Officer
DW to try to arrange meeting with club **DW**
8. Media/communications/Canalside **GW**
- All information about elections had been issued either by email or by post.
 - Twitter – currently over 120 followers.
 - Match commentary. The ‘old’ message board had registered some criticism about the quality of both the commentary and the broadcast – these would be drawn to the attention of RP.
 - SB had been quoted £6,000 for two ISDN boxes, one for home and one for away Silk Player commentaries. In practice one kit could be shared between the two commentary teams, if they handed over the kit at the Moss Rose ground before/after each home/away match. This approach had worked in practice for former pairs of commentators.
The old kit BT flipjack still works, having been repaired by John Rayner, and is being used for home games in the Mclroy suite.
RP was requested to confirm the ISDN costs that he had researched for ISDN kit, and pass them on to SB. **RP**
 - Canalside. With only one guest and little interaction, there was much concern about the future of the show. JR agreed to discuss with Nick Wright. **JR**
9. Membership
- Membership circa 150
10. AOB/date of next meeting
- The Chair had suggested calling an EGM to address the future of the Trust; it was agreed to await the outcome of election nominations before further action.
 - Message boards. All agreed that more positive messages were needed to counteract the negative postings. **All**
 - SST website needs attention **JR**
 - Ground catering contract under discussion.
 - GBL relaunch planned.
 - Paypal account to receive donations for a commemorative flag in hand.
 - It was agreed that the Trust should fund 50% of cost of a flag; any excess collected would be donated to a charity chosen by Richard’s family. JS agreed to liaise design and purchase.
 - Board dinner 7 February, 7.30pm at Wetherspoons, Macclesfield.
 - Next meeting to be called as required.