

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 22
November 2010.

Present

John Rayner (Chair)
Andrew Mellor (DLO)
Jon Smart
Rob Wilson (Membership)
George Williams (communications)
Adam Waller
David Woolliscroft (Hon Sec)
Sally Brealey (MTFC)
Dave Towns (MTFC)
Andy Worth (Member)
Steve Mundy (Member)
Gail Feay (Member)

Apologies were reported from Myra Clark. The Chair welcomed visitors from the Club as well as individual SST members.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2010 (minutes confirmed by correspondence).
2. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda
 - Share purchase using Silk Alliance funds (+ other funds) On pitch presentation of shares to mark £30k+ (carried over – Hon Sec to follow up with Club) **DW**
3. Chairman's points **Chair**
 - SB introduced a discussion on gates/receipts and how they affected the Club finances.
4. Treasurer's Report **MC (Treasurer)**
 - As at 25 October there are no cheques outstanding but the invoice for printing the raffle tickets is awaited. Balance £1645.95.
 - Annual accounts. FSA have raised some comments but DW hoped to deal with them without recourse to the Board. **DW**
5. Secretary's Report
 - SD consultation on governance. No comments had been submitted but it was clear that SD were preparing a revised set of model rules and that, when complete, all Trusts would be expected to implement them.
6. Web site **Chair/RW**
 - The Chair was in touch with Matt Berresford with a view to updating the website. **Chair**
7. Disability Liaison Officer **AM**
 - SB reported on discussions with NADS. DW was a member and AM was also involved. They (DW/AM) had considered offering 'secret shopper' services to NADS (who had funding to support such a project) but had decided to hold back. Much was to be learned from the organisation especially with regard to stadium design in relation to disabled fans. Many of their proposals were based on European Standards for stadium design. There was some debate

on the variation in support for disabled fans – it was understood that Lincoln required proof of disability whilst MTFC were fairly ‘open’.

- DW and AM to seek meeting with Club on disability issues. **AM/DW**
8. Media/communications/Canalside **GW**
- Away commentary. RP had circulated an extensive critique of equipment available. The Trust acted only as a coordinator but many subscribers to the service were critical of transmission quality. The Club agreed to consider funding more up to date equipment. **RP/GW**
 - Canalside. The format needed refreshing and there was doubt about the move to a monthly programme. Studio guests were becoming more difficult to attract and phone in levels were poor. Chair to discuss with the Station. **Chair**
9. Membership
- SD ‘in touch’ software – it was understood that the direct debit had been signed.
10. Merchandising
- All SST merchandise had been handed over to the Club. A market stall had been booked for 3 and 4 December. **DW/SB**
11. AOB/date of next meeting

There was an open discussion during which the following were noted:

- GW to put DT in touch with hospital communications team.
- DT is ‘postering’ local pubs and has introduced small reminder cards (sponsored by local business)
- An attempt was being made to involve local companies who could offer some service support to the Club.
- The area behind the away end was to be tidied in a joint project with CPPHT.
- It was hoped to set up a ‘volunteer force’ with a range of identified skills that could be called on by the Club. There was an urgent need for a coordinator (around half day per week commitment)
- Links should be forged with the wide range of local junior teams/clubs
- David Lewis apparently could offer low cost printing.
- Car boot - volunteer needed to organise
- Stockport walk. The FA Charity for the season was Macmillan – it was agreed to support the same charity; contact needed with CE Council/Stockport Council for on street collection; GF agreed to act as safety car; link with Stockport Trust to be established.
- Links to disabled population in town to be developed by AM/Trust
- Two coaches to Huddersfield.

The Chair thanked all for attending the open meeting; a further Board meeting would be held in the New Year as required.