

Minutes of the Chorley Supporters Trust meeting on Wednesday 1st July 2015

1. Chairman's remarks

Ryan thanked the CST board of 2014-15 for their efforts and especially the retiring Chairman, Fraser Hilton.

There were many plans and targets for the forthcoming year and he and the board were looking forward to the challenge.

In addition, congratulations were offered to the five runners in the Asda Pennine 10k in Burnley who had been successful in completing the run and raising both monies for charities and awareness of CST.

2. **Apologies** were received from Fraser Hilton, Brian Parker, Steve Parker, Mark Rees, Steve Unsworth, Deborah Whipday

3. **Minutes of the May meeting were read and accepted.**

4. **Matters arising:** the cost of the CST flag was clarified.

5. Treasurer's report for May and June 2015

Income

	£
Golden Goal sales	150.00
50/50 draw commission	110.00
Membership subscriptions	1167.00
Donations BACS	78.00
Pledges from fans	35.00
Sale of badges/merchandise	45.00
Competition income –attendance estimate	8.25

1598.71

Expenses

Beer Festival (sponsorship of barrels)	200.00
Beer Festival CST beermats	108.00
Supporters Direct –subscription & donation 200.00	
Golden Gaol prizes	50.00
Trophies	8.00
Printing	48.00
CST banner	50.00
Chorley MBC -pitch hire AFC Chorley	165.00
Magpie Watch (2X bills)	39.00
CST website renewal	123.91
	26.33
BSS coach hire –AFC Chorley	100.00
Outdoor Land	6.00
Accountants' fees –annual audit	612.00

1736.29

Situation of finances at 30/06/2015

<i>Lloyds/TSB a/c</i>		
Balance		4840.16
Less u/p cheques	612+100+19.50+26.38	957.88
		3882.28
Add unbanked cash	40.00	
		3922.28
<i>Co-op</i>		
Deposit account		1610.00
		5532.28

Summary

Bank balance last month	5674.86
Income	1593.71
Expenses	(1736.29)
Bank balance this month	5532.28

The report was approved.

6. Re-branding of the Co-op bank account

The CST board had responded to comments at the 2015 AGM that the account should be re-named – the two alternatives are “Fund Our Future” and “The Fan Ownership Fund”. The latter was chosen as the name of the account by a show of hands.

It was proposed that there should be a transfer of 50% of monthly income from the current account to the FOF fund
PASSED

7. CST activities and responsibilities 2015-16

Support for the following was reiterated:

- Magpie Watch
- AFC Chorley
- Match day roles including 50/50 sales and the Trust information point.
- Publicity leaflets
- Links with charities and community groups –recently Ryan and Jue had met local businesses and groups at a networking event at Runshaw Adult College. Ryan had also been interviewed on Chorley FM’s Community Show. It was agreed to re-launch the Food bank appeal. Time credits –this initiative to encourage volunteers for groups in conjunction with local councils is something CST is actively exploring.
- “Twincess” –Ryan was intending to cycle to one CFC away day in the coming season to raise funds for and awareness of the charity.
- B&Q Chorley have approved an application for funds for ground maintenance –the request is to be judged against those of other North west groups with the successful applicant securing £500.

8. Fundraising and events

Pledges –these had been successful last season despite not being in place until after the season started. It was proposed to have a pledge system again starting when National North fixtures begin. Events –several were suggested –Vegas Night, Legends evening with Paul Mariner and Lee Trundle, Comedy Night, Quiz nights etc. It was agreed that, linked with CFC, there should be four big events per year with additional ones being organised as often as possible. It was stressed that all events need volunteers to help organise and publicise them to ensure they were successful.

9. Links between CST and CFC

It was intended that the relationship with CFC and its Board of directors (seen as the most productive and positive for many years) would be maintained and strengthened.

Sponsorship of CFC through a variety of opportunities would be continued.

James Wilson had had discussions with CFC physio and Trust member, Danny Fishwick about the possibility of acquiring an emergency oxygen supply equipment which could be used for players or supporters if necessary. Danny and the match day first aid stewards had the required training. A three year contract with British Oxygen was available.

A proposal for CST to pay for the contract was PASSED.

It was decided to have "bucket collections" at all 2015 home pre-season friendlies to raise funds and publicise the sponsorship to supporters. ACTION PB to ask for volunteers.

10. Proposed change to meeting start time

After discussion it was decided that, for the foreseeable future, the start time of 8 pm should remain.

11. AOB

- The Supporters Direct AGM includes the opportunity to vote for SD representatives. The responsibility for the casting of CST's votes was delegated to the Secretary.
- Trophies for Player of the Month and other awards will continue with the Golden Girls maintaining their role.
- Sponsorship of coaches for away travel. Cath Still would welcome any offers of sponsorship - £100 is the figure.
- Programme sellers-any volunteers would be very welcome.

There was a discussion about CST aims and objectives focussing on planning and target setting. The Chair detailed the responsibilities of CST board members and the organisation of the board into teams. These can be viewed on the Trust website.

The teams were beginning to initiate plans and organise the Trust's activities –all would be approved by General meetings of CST. Any assistance from members, particularly those with relevant skills would be greatly appreciated.

The next board meeting of CST will be on Monday 3rd August at 7.30.

The next general meeting of CST will be on Wednesday 5th August at 8.00.