

Minutes of the Chorley Supporters Trust meeting on Thursday 7th August 2014

- 1) **Apologies** were received from Steve Parker, Fraser Hilton, Matt Bagot.
- 2) **Minutes** of April meeting were read and accepted, with the amendment that the addition of Sheila Brennan in the names of apologies received should be made.
- 3) **Matters arising:**
 - A gazebo for use to protect the CST match day contact desk has been purchased.
 - The Champions Dinner event at the Pines –it was agreed that the Trust would have a table of ten –four of those present agreed to go –therefore six more tickets (at the minimum) need to be sold.
 - It was noted that the ramp for access for disabled has some uneven ground near its approach which needs attention.
- 4) **Treasurer's report**

Income

	£
Donations	90.00
Membership Subscriptions	485.00
Sponsored walk	147.70
Sponsored bike ride (M Rees)	20.00
Golden Goal (49+46+70)	165.00
BACS	96.00
50/50 draw commission (29+21+30)	80.00
	1083.70

Expenses

Envelopes for Golden Goal	49.52
Golden Goal prize	25.00
Printing membership cards and leaflets (18+60+395+15)	488.00
Pitch side board	160.00
Sundries/stationery	24.00
	746.52

Situation of finances at 31/5/2014

Lloyds/TSB			
Balance			1597.41
Less u/p cheques	10.08		
	18.00		
	60.00	88.08	
			1509.83

Co-op			
Deposit account			1000.00
			2509.83

Summary

Bank balance last month	2172.15
Income	1083.70
Expenses	(746.52)
Bank balance this month	2509.33

The report was approved.

5) Membership report

There are currently 75 members.

It was agreed that past/lapsed members should be contacted and asked to re-new their membership.

- ACTION: JV to provide JD with a list of current members

6) Report of meeting between CST and CFC board members

Paul Brennan and Johnny Derbyshire on behalf of CST met Graham Watkinson and Jeremy lee of CFC on 7/7/2014.

- *Coaches* – the football club will be running these this season with a flat rate ticket price and a “season ticket” which includes a reduction for CST members.
- *50/50* –there will be a 10% commission for CST from sales generated by members.
- *Programmes* –commission will be lower because of more expensive printing costs.
- *Publicity Leaflet* -very much welcomed. A separate leaflet for Buckshaw Village was agreed with train times etc. 'Envirocare' were able to support
The leaflets have been delivered and proved successful with additional advertisers coming forward.
- *The ramp for access for disabled supporters*-a plaque highlighting CST's input has been ordered. An opening has not been arranged as yet.
- *Fundraising* - a calendar of Trust events should be drawn up and communicated to CFC to aid co-ordination

7) Relations between CST and AFC Chorley

James Wilson, Player/Manager of the supporters' team, AFC Chorley, spoke about his proposals to create stronger links between the two organisations.

The team has been more successful in attracting players, therefore giving them a regular sporting activity which also served to keep them occupied in a worthwhile pursuit. The team was continuing to pay its way but only with some personal subsidy from James. It was also difficult for him to have a secure and transparent financial arrangement using the current methods.

He is requiring all players of AFC Chorley to join the Supporters Trust and in addition all monies raised from events such as the Darts Evening in November, would be donated to the Trust. The estimated revenues from this, and other proposed events, was in four figures.

AFC Chorley's accounts would be overseen by the CST Treasurer and audited with all the other figures. CST would pay the outgoings of AFC Chorley such as officials' fees and ground hire but it was felt there would a surplus in all of the financial dealings.

It was proposed that AFC Chorley should be integrated into the structure of Chorley Supporters Trust with immediate effect

Proposed -L Fow ; Seconded -I Livesey

Passed

8) The Trust and charitable donations

Several members spoke highlighting that as part of the commitment to the local community the Trust should continue to raise and donate sums to local charities. For instance the fund raised in the recent sponsored walk had been shared with Chorley MENCAP.

Discussion followed on how and when the donations should be distributed and to which charity or charities.

There were several proposals

- One named charity per year or season
- Several charities between whom the monies were split
- A charity being nominated before each fund raising event

It was agreed to publicise the issue and ask the membership for their views before making a decision.

- ACTION –PB to include in the August newsletter.

9) Voluntary donations to the Trust

Several members already donate a specific monthly sum over and above their membership subscriptions. Some of these were made to the Squad Development fund, some to general funds.

It was felt this initiative could be extended and encouraged but that there needed to be clarification about the account these donations would be paid into.

It was proposed that:

- I. The existing scheme should be publicised amongst the membership
- II. The donations should be placed in the “ring fenced” Deposit account
- III. As previously agreed all movements of the monies in this account would need the approval by a Special General meeting of the CST.

Proposed -J Derbyshire; Seconded – S Brennan

10) Volunteers for match day tasks

50/50 sellers –L Fow, J Derbyshire, P Brennan, S Brennan, J Lynch
Programmes-B Wilson, A N other
CST contact desk –Golden Girls

The next meeting of the CST board will be on Monday 1st September at 7.30

The next meeting of CST will be on Thursday 4th September at 8.00