

Chorley Supporters Society Limited –Chorley Supporters Trust
Annual General Meeting: Thursday 4th June 2015
8.00 pm



Minutes

1. **Opening words of welcome:** Fraser Hilton thanked all those attending and briefly outlined the agenda and conduct of the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from:
Ed Cookson
Dan Feeney
Andrew & Rachel Hargreaves
Nigel Chadwick
Nigel, Alison & Jack Holgate
3. **Members attending** –there were 48 members at the meeting.
4. **Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting were read and approved.** Proposed Mark Rees, seconded Sheila Brennan PASSED.
5. **Matters arising:** none.
6. **Chairman’s report (F Hilton).** The Chairman thanked all members of the CST board especially the Treasurer and Secretary. Both were key roles which needed dedication and hard work to be successful. In particular the Secretary had to be fully aware of the rules of an Independent Supporters Association to ensure all decisions were legal and transparent. Membership was increasing healthily and the Trust should be confident of making further progress after twelve months of consolidation which nevertheless had had several successes such as distributing many thousands of leaflets in Chorley and district, and taking over the funding of “MagpieWatch”.
7. **Presentation of the Statement of Accounts 2014-15 by the Treasurer, JP Lynch.** He explained that the accounts cover a fifteen month period when some responsibilities of CST such as organisation and funding of coach travel to away fixtures and the sale of match-day programmes had been transferred to Chorley Football Club. The accounts were accepted –proposed by Dave Perris, seconded by Carol Turner. PASSED.
8. **Matters arising from the accounts**-there was brief explanation of the Trust’s Co-operative Bank account, the so-called “ring fenced” account, which was designed to save enough funding for the Trust to act in the best interests of CFC and the supporters should the need arise, as in the event of a transfer of ownership. Several Trust members make regular contributions to CST which are deposited in this account which can only be accessed by the decision of an EGM of CST. It was made clear that each member of the Trust is entitled to one vote in any decision making and making financial contributions in excess of the membership fee did not alter this fact.
9. **Election to the board of directors 2015-16**
The following were elected without a vote:
John Derbyshire
John S Derbyshire
Fraser Hilton
Ryan Modlin
Dave Perris
Mark Rees

Existing Board members:
Paul Brennan
Grenville Hartley

John Paul Lynch
Jue Vass

10. Any other business

There was a discussion about a variety of topics which included:

- The future of Chorley Supporters Trust including publicising its role, achievements and benefits.
- Projects that could be funded by CST following on from the PA system upgrade and construction of the ramp for disabled supporter access.
- The nature and function of the Co-op account and whether it should be re-named.
- The ownership of the ground, the lack of a long term lease agreement, the feasibility of undertaking ground improvements without secure tenure and the recent communication with Mr Hemmings and his representatives by the board of CFC.
- The views of members of the CFC board about the long term future of the club, the ground and the relationship between CFC and CST.

11. Date of next General Meeting

Wednesday 1st June 2016.