

Annual General Meeting
Stockport County Supporters' Society Ltd

Monday 23 November 2020, 7.30pm

Via Zoom

Minutes

Members present: 20

1. Apologies

Apologies and proxy forms were received from Laurence Cross, Iain Haigh, Sam Hall and Philip Robinson

Apologies were received from Lloyd Robinson

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2019 AGM

It was noted that copies of the minutes from the 2019 AGM held on Monday 11 November had been circulated with the Calling Notice. It was proposed by Ian Brown and seconded by Matthew White that these minutes were a true record of the meeting.

3. Chairman's Report: Pete Towey

The Chair reported on achievements since the 2020 AGM last November.

He reported that the Co-op had only met with the SCFC Board a couple of times over the last twelve months thanks to COVID restrictions. Steve Bellis remains the link between the two parties and there are plans in the pipeline to meet on a face to face basis with the Chief Executive Officer of the Board to introduce the Co-op and explain our values and principles.

Interest in the Co-op was much higher seven years ago in the McKnight era, but he stressed that the Co-op is just as important now as it was then, even though the Club is now under new ownership and is being heavily invested in, as you never know what the future holds.

4. Treasurer's Report and accounts for year ending 30 June 2020: Andy Burt

It was noted that the accounts for the year ending 30 June 2020 had been circulated with the Calling Notice.

5. Approval of the accounts for year ending 30 June 2020

This was proposed by Matthew White and seconded by Emma Mannion. Approved.

6. Approval for the 2020/21 accounts to be independently examined rather than audited

This was proposed by Pete Towey and seconded by Clem Beaumont. Approved.

7. Appointment of Inspectors of accounts

The Chair advised that Sedulo should be appointed to complete the inspection of accounts for 2020/21. This was proposed by Matthew White and seconded by Clem Beaumont. Approved.

8. Membership Report: Damian Beaumont

Damian outlined the current membership position. At present there are 275 members.

It was reported that, in line with other Trusts, expiring memberships had been extended beyond the AGM date as a gesture of goodwill as it is appreciated that members may have had difficulty in renewing during lockdown, especially cash payers.

When life gets back to normal, the Co-op will be looking at ways of driving membership numbers up.

9. Hatters Half / Fundraising: John Giles

John reported that the Hatters Half Marathon that had been scheduled to take place on Sunday 6 September 2020 had unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the COVID restrictions.

The Board are hoping that the 2021 event can take place. A date had been provisionally set as Sunday 5 September 2021 and a decision will be made in March as to whether it can go ahead. It was noted that costs will go up for this event as the Council now charge for traffic management where previously it had been free of charge.

The Half Marathon is the biggest contributor to the Guardian Account. The 2019 event raised £4,400.

10. Media Report: Ian Brown

Ian reported that the Co-op Cabin had been retired in order to create more space in the car park. The request from the Co-op for an alternative site on match days

to the Club had been granted and they had been offered a spot in the family lounge. This used to be based on the ground floor but there were plans afoot to move it up to the first floor which would make it even more remote. It was noted that negotiations were ongoing.

It was reported that the website was up to date. All communications were being posted to all message boards, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

A media subcommittee consisting of Ian, Mike Swann and Paul Thompson had been formed but had not managed to meet very regularly due to obvious reasons.

The membership were thanked for their support.

11. Guardian Account

It was noted that the current amount in the Guardian Account was £78,229.73.

It was noted that the full terms of reference for the account could be found on the Co-op website, but the money could only be used to purchase an asset for the Club and the members would decide what that was.

The account has four signatories, of which three would be needed to withdraw any monies. As one of the signatories was Ed Keane who was now no longer a member of the Board, this would need to be reviewed at the first meeting of the new Board.

12. Charity of the Year

It was noted that the Co-op charity of the year was the Wellspring. It was proposed by the Chair that we continue to adopt this charity for the next twelve months. This was seconded by Clem Beaumont. Approved.

13. Any other business – Danny Bergara Statue

The Board suggested the idea of funding a statue of Danny Bergara to the membership as a way of raising the profile of the Co-op in a positive way. Following on from some very early research this would cost in the region of £40,000.

This idea was agreed in principle and it was agreed that all fundraising over the following twelve months would now focus on this rather than the Guardian Account.

14. Election Results

The election results were announced.

The successful candidates were Andy Burt and Pete Towey who will now each serve a three-year term. These appointments were approved. It was noted that the Board is now carrying one vacancy.

Thanks go to outgoing Board member, Ed Keane, who decided not to stand again this year.

Being no further questions or comments from the audience, the meeting was declared closed at 8.56 pm.