



Minutes of the First Annual General Meeting of the Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at New Manor Ground Club House, Ilkeston on Friday 4th May 2012 at 7.50pm

Present: Duncan Lapping – Secretary; Darren Jones – Treasurer; John Sheils – Membership Secretary; Duncan Payne – Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer; Lee Francis and Paul Francis – Committee Members; Gary Skelton and Jon Shapland – Co-optee’s. Other members of the Group – 25.

1	Introductions and Apologies
	<p>Duncan Lapping (DL) introduced himself as Secretary of the Group and acting Chairman in the absence of Paul Skillington. The Secretary introduced the other committee members present.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Paul Skillington (Chairman) and Alex Middleton (Committee Member).</p>
2	Chairmans Report
	<p>DL read out a report that the Chairman had prepared. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.</p>
3	Treasurers report and presentation of accounts
	<p>Darren Jones (DJ) presented the accounts for the period to 30th April 2012 and advised the Group of the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total income: £13,197; • Total expenditure: £8,800; • Surplus balance: £4,397. <p>Paul Francis (PF) reported on the travel activities of the Group and advised on the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel income £5,991 • Expenditure £5,671 • Surplus balance £320 <p>PF advised that the travel activity is supported by selling prediction sheets at £1 each.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prediction Sheet Income: £2,397 • Payout Expenditure: £500 • Surplus Balance: £1,897

4	Secretary's report
	DL presented his report to the Group. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.
5	Mission Statement
	<p>DL presented the following as the Groups draft mission statement:</p> <p>'Working with Ilkeston Football Club to maximise support for the club both home and away. To represent the views of supporters and to make sure that their voice is heard'.</p> <p>A motion to adopt the draft mission statement was proposed by Gary Skelton and seconded by Alan Savage. The motion was passed on a show of hands from members with no objections and the mission statement was duly adopted.</p>
6	Constitution
	<p>DL referred members to the draft constitution that had previously been presented and consulted upon at the open meeting of the Group held on 3rd February 2011</p> <p>The members were advised that the following proposals for amendment brought forward at that meeting had been adopted into the constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft constitution stated that the AGM will be held in July of each year. It was proposed that as this is outside the of the football season and in the main holiday period, many supporter may not be able to attend and it should be changed. <p>It was confirmed that the draft constitution had been amended in accordance with supporter's wishes for the AGM to be held normally in the period between 31st March and the 31st May of each year or as adjusted by the Committee..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft constitution stated that an EGM can only be called by 25% of the membership. It was suggested that the committee should have the power to initiate an EGM and that this be changed. <p>It was confirmed that the draft constitution had been amended in accordance with supporter's wishes so that an EGM can be called at any time by either a majority of the full committee membership or 25% of the individual membership.</p> <p>Thereafter, the draft constitution had been posted on the 'Ilson Football' website and since then no further proposals for amendment had been brought forward, other than that proposed by DL in his earlier report to add a new office bearing post of Travel Secretary.</p>

	<p>A motion to adopt the draft constitution along with the above amendments was proposed by Gary Skelton and seconded by Paul Miller. The motion was passed on a show of hands from members with no objections and the constitution was duly adopted.</p>
7	Membership Secretary report
	<p>John Sheils (JS) reported that the Group had 242 members made up of 217 adults and 25 juniors. This had yielded membership income of £1,110</p>
8	Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer report
	<p>Duncan Payne (DP) made a verbal report to the meeting. He expressed his thanks to Mark Duffy and Rod Malcolm for the coverage given to the Group and to the Football Club in the Ilkeston Advertiser, along with coverage provided by BBC East Midlands Today. This coverage had helped to make events such as the market stall and the race night the successes they were. He also referred supporters to his website at www.ilsonfootball.co.uk and the Groups page in the matchday programme for supporters to be able to keep up to date with the Group's activities. He also advised supporters of the intention to set up the Groups own website at www.ifcsg.co.uk</p>
9	Election of Officers and further members for 2012/13
	<p>In accordance with the Group's constitution all committee members duly tendered their resignations. All former committee members offered themselves for re-election along with the former co-optee's standing to be elected as committee members. Paul Miller acted from the floor to nominate all the former committee members to their former posts and all nominations were seconded by Alan Savage. All former committee members were re-elected unchallenged to their former posts. The former co-optee's Gary Skelton and Jon Shapland were elected as committee members. Alison Wall put herself forward from the floor to stand as a committee member. She was nominated by Paul Miller and seconded by Paul Francis and duly nominated by a show of hand with no objections.</p>
10	Any other business
	<p>John Hendy asked if the Group could make representations to the Football Club on a number of points including: Away fixtures – could away fixtures that made for attractive weekend trips be arranged for bank holiday weekends; Segregation barriers and supporters safety; St Johns Ambulance presence at the ground. It was agreed that his concerns about these matters would be raised with the Football Club.</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm

Chairman's Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held on Friday 4th May 2012 at the New Manor Ground Ilkeston

First of all I'd like to apologise on being unable to join you all this evening. You all by now know my condition so we won't dwell on it.

Well what a season it's been for all concerned with the club. I don't think many in this room could have foreseen promotion in our first season. Most of us would have been more than happy with a mid-table place if we are honest, but as the season progressed and our performances improved I think we thoroughly deserve our place at the next level.

Our first season as a Supporters Group has been an education for all concerned, but I'm hoping you are all in agreement that we've done a reasonable job between us.

Our main aim for the first season was to get the "buzz" around the town again and get people back through the turnstiles on a regular basis. As the weeks went by it was evident that we were making great strides in that department. We ended up being the envy of every club in the league, and rightly so. Obviously performances on the field were helping keep the interest of the crowd but it works the other way, and Kevin admitted the squad react to the atmosphere created by the fans.

So a massive thank you to everyone who's cheered, sung and waved a scarf!

The group was so well received on the launch night with 40+ members signing up there and then. We wanted 100 members to the group for our first season. We ended up with over 240! A fantastic response.

The offers we battled for for the members were very well received. Alex will confirm the club shop has never sold so much merchandise in all the years he's been here.

The away travel, thanks to Lee has probably been the biggest success. Amazing days for anyone that travelled but as Lee will tell you very, very hard work.

The whole of the committee have been an absolute pleasure to work alongside and obviously now become very good friends. We all come from very different backgrounds and professions but that is what made it work.

Thank you...every one of you.

Can I thank everyone in the room for their first class support of the group this year.

Now our time has come to resign from our posts.

I hereby now put my name forward to represent you as Chairman for a further year.

I hope that that the relationship I and all the committee have struck up with the Chairman, management and staff at IFC will stand me in good stead to carry the group on to further success and growth.

If my nomination fails, I wish the incoming Chairman every success in their journey plus any advice needed.

Thank you all again.

Paul Skillington
IFCSG Chairman

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After the first meeting of the Group and its formation on 6th January 2011, the first meeting of the IFCSG committee was held on 13th January 2011 here at the NMG.

The committee has held twelve meetings in total with the last being on Tuesday 1st May 2012. Meetings have been held at a variety of venues including here at the NMG, the Commercial Inn on Awworth Road and the Sir John Warren on the Market Place. With the SJW being in the heart of Ilkeston, this has become the preferred venue for committee meetings.

The minutes of the committee meetings are posted onto the Ilsonfootball website and can be made available to members without internet access at open forum meetings.

There have been three open forum meetings, with the next to be held before the start of next season, but not until after the committee has met with IFC to discuss incentives for IFCSG members and all other supporters of the club. It is worth noting that given the commercial position of the football club, not all items discussed at meetings with the football club can be published. We as a committee respect the wishes of the club in such matters and hope that other supporters do so as well.

The constitution of the Group was first published on the website in January 2011 and was subject to consultation at the open meeting held on 3rd February 2011. Points raised were accounted for and the draft constitution was amended accordingly. I would like to propose an adjustment to add a further officer post, that being, Travel Secretary. The constitution is still to be formally approved however and therefore, I would like to ask for a member to propose and another to second a motion to formally approve the constitution.

The committee to be made up of six officers (Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer; and Travel Secretary) and the constitution allows for a further eleven committee members. At this time we have the six officers plus two other members and two co-optees who volunteered to help with committee business during the last year.

You will be aware that the constitution requires all committee members to resign and stand for re-election (should they choose to do so) for the forthcoming year. Therefore, I'd like to ask those members of the committee who wish to stand for re-election state so for the minutes and also, should any other members of the Group wish to stand to become a member to indicate their intentions now and also, should any member of the Group wish to make any other nominations please only do so only if the nominee is aware and agree with being nominated.

Duncan Lapping
IFCSG Secretary