



**Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting of the Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at New Manor Ground Club House, Ilkeston on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013**

Present: Duncan Payne – Interim Chairman and Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer; Duncan Lapping – Secretary; Darren Jones – Treasurer; Jon Shapland – Membership Secretary; Lee Francis – Travel Secretary; Alison Wall - Committee Member; Lynda Bacon and Mike Needham– Co-optee’s. Other members of the Group – 30

<b>1</b>	<b>Introductions and Apologies</b>
	<p>Duncan Payne (DP) introduced himself as Interim Chairman of the Group after the resignation of Paul Skillington in December 2012.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Alex Middleton and Tracy Spitzmuller (Committee Members).</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Meeting of the First AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012</b>
	The minutes of the first AGM held on 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 were noted and agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed off by the Interim Chairman.
<b>3</b>	<b>Interim Chairman’s Report</b>
	<p>DP presented his report to the meeting and recorded his thanks to the Groups first Chairman, Paul Skillington who resigned due to ill health in December 2012.</p> <p>A copy of the Interim Chairman’s report is appended to these minutes.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Treasurers report and presentation of accounts</b>
	<p>Darren Jones (DJ) presented the accounts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and advised the Group of the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total income: £14,622;</li> <li>• Total expenditure: £12,602;</li> <li>• Profit for the year; £2,020</li> <li>• Accumulated Profit Brought Forward; £4,497</li> <li>• Surplus balance: £6,517.</li> </ul> <p>Lee Francis reported on the travel activities of the Group and advised on the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The travel activity is supported by selling prediction sheets at £1 each.</li> <li>• Travel income £8,965</li> </ul>

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<b>5</b>	<b>Secretary's report</b>
	DL presented his report to the Group. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.
<b>6</b>	<b>Membership Secretary's Report</b>
	Jon Shapland (JS) reported that the Group had 183 members made up of 160 adults and 24 juniors. This had yielded membership income of £824
<b>7</b>	<b>Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer report</b>
	<p>DP made a verbal report to the meeting.</p> <p>It was reported that a new website had been set up at: <a href="http://www.ifcsg.co.uk">www.ifcsg.co.uk</a> and it had received over 2,500 visits since it was launched.</p> <p>DP expressed his thanks to the local press for their support and particularly to Mark Duffy of the Ilkeston Advertiser for his promotion of events. DP proposed a vote of thanks to Mark Duffy which was seconded from the floor and unanimously supported by those present.</p> <p>DP also thanked local radio station, Erewash Sound for allowing the opportunity to present match reports and for presenting messages on the teams progress.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Election of Officers and further members for 2013/14</b>
	<p>In accordance with the Group's constitution all committee members duly tendered their resignations.</p> <p>All former committee members offered themselves for re-election along with the former co-optee's standing to be elected as committee members.</p> <p>David Potter acted from the floor to nominate all the former committee members to their former posts and all nominations were seconded by Sean Trusswell.</p> <p>All former committee members were re-elected unchallenged to their former posts.</p> <p>The former co-optee's Lynda Bacon and Mike Needham were elected as committee members.</p> <p>John Attewell put himself forward from the floor to stand as a committee member.</p> <p>He was nominated by John Hendy and seconded by David Potter and duly elected by a show of hand with no objections.</p>

	<p>The new committee was noted as being made up as follows:</p> <p>Chairman – Duncan Payne; Secretary – Duncan Lapping; Treasurer – Darren Jones; Membership Secretary – Jon Shapland; Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer – Lee Francis; Travel Secretary - Lynda Bacon; Committee Members – Alex Middleton, Alison Wall, Mike Needham, John Attewell.</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
<b>9.1</b>	<p>DP stated the following as some of the benefits of membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ilkeston Football Club are proposing to keep the status quo on its offers to members.</li> <li>• Members will have access to the Sir John Warren function room</li> <li>• Trent Barton free travel offer to IFCSG members on match days, otherwise £5 to non-members.</li> </ul>
<b>9.2</b>	<p>Questions from the floor:</p> <p>(i) Will the cost of bus travel to away games be increased for next season?</p> <p>DP stated that the committee will review travel arrangements and make an announcement in due course. The intention will be to keep travel prices as cheap as possible for members.</p> <p>(ii) John Hendy asked the committee to ask the football club to request that the last away fixture be at Whitby.</p> <p>DP stated that he would write to the football club with that request.</p> <p>(iii) Stuart Quinn proposed that the Group run a golden goal ticket as a fund raising initiative.</p> <p>DP stated that the committee would consider any new fundraising proposals at its future meetings.</p>
<b>9.3</b>	<p>Votes of thanks:</p> <p>(i) Paul Miller proposed a vote of thanks to John Hendy for his support of the Groups travel arrangements.</p> <p>(ii) Paul Miller proposed a vote of thanks to Paul Skillington for his work as the Groups first chairman.</p> <p>Both votes were seconded from the floor and unanimously supported by those present.</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm

## **Report of the Interim Chairman to the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM of the Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013**

When I was elected as interim chairman by my fellow committee members three months ago it was a tremendous honour. It was also tinged with sadness for me because I was stepping into the shoes of my good friend Paul Skillington, the IFCSG'S first ever chairman, and a man who did a first class job in the role. I would have been more than happy continuing to serve under Paul in my position of Media Officer. But Paul felt compelled to stand down shortly before Christmas and it was a decision I totally respected however disappointed I was feeling at the time. I am sure you will all wish him all the best on his long road to full recovery, and I would like to place on record my heartfelt thanks for everything he did for the Group, the fans, and the football club.

Talking of the football club I am sure that you will agree that we came out of the season on such a positive note. There is a real feeling about the place that next year could be our year. I share that view but as fans we must try to manage our expectations. Ilkeston FC is still a very young club. Failure to win promotion next May would not be a disaster. But I do know that Dave Mantle, Kevin Wilson, Darren Caskey and the rest of the staff will be doing everything they can to continue to grow the club.

The club cannot flourish without the supporters. We are the 12<sup>th</sup> man who can turn defeats into draws and draws into victories. The backing you have given since day one, both at the New Manor Ground and on our travels has been fantastic. Collectively and individually you have been an inspiration, and the actions of young Joseph Hunt who handed in a large sum of money which was the property of Marine FC won widespread praise.

Few clubs at our level can boast such numerical and vocal support as you, especially on the road. Lee Francis and Lynda Bacon have done a superb job in providing transport at exceptional prices to encourage as many of you to go to away games as possible. It's a tough job to do and I, as I'm sure you do, fully appreciate what they have done. And if you haven't used the Supporters Group coach yet, please try it if you can, even if it's only the once. I am certain you'll enjoy the experience.

The whole of the committee are heroes to me, giving up hours of their free time to do their utmost for the IFCSG and the club. Some people wonder if they are in it for themselves. Well in one respect they are. They, like everyone in this room, want this football club to prosper. Knowing that their passion in what they do will help towards that goal, they get enormous satisfaction from it, however stressful it can be at times. I'd like to thank all the committee members for their hard work over the past 12 months and beyond. They have ensured that the Supporters Group has continued to grow and prosper.

Can I also thank everyone in the room for their first class support of the group this year and hope that you choose to renew your membership for the next 12 months. News of what will be available to members in terms of offers will be explained later.

Thank you all again.

Duncan Payne – Interim Chairman  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

**Secretary's Report to the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM of the Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 at the New Manor Ground Ilkeston**

During the year since the first AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012 the committee has held nine meetings in total with the last being on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Most meetings have been held at the Sir John Warren on the Market Place. This remains the preferred venue for committee meetings, but we do and will in future, occasionally meet at other venues.

The availability of the minutes of committee meetings has been reviewed and it is intended to create a section of the Group's website for minutes. All past and future minutes of meetings will be posted there in pdf format. Paper copies of minutes can also be provided, upon request, from myself.

We will continue to work with the football club to arrange fans forum meetings when the manager and other club representatives can make statements about the clubs progress and answer questions from supporters. The last, held in September 2012, was a success and well attended and we hope that another will be held before the start of next season. It is important to note that given the commercial position of the football club, not all items discussed at the committee's own 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 formally approved at the last AGM and all proposed amendments to the original draft document were incorporated.

During the year the Groups first Chairman, Paul Skillington resigned as did the first Membership Secretary, John Shiels and one committee member, Gary Skelton. Since those resignations, the committee elected the Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer, Duncan Payne as Interim Chairman and Jon Shapland as Membership Secretary. At this time we have the committee is made up of five officers (Interim Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Membership Secretary; and Travel Secretary) plus three 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  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013