



**Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Little Acorn, Ilkeston on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm**

Present: Chairman – Duncan Payne; Secretary – Duncan Lapping; Treasurer – Darren Jones; Membership Clerk – Jon Shapland; Travel Secretary – Lynda Bacon

Committee Members – Alison Wall; Alex Middleton; John Attewell

		<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>1/14</b>	<b><u>Introductions and Apologies</u></b>	
	Apologies were received from Lee Francis.	
<b>2/14</b>	<b><u>Minutes of meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013</u></b>	
	The minutes of the meetings held on 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 25 <sup>th</sup> October and 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 were agreed and approved and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>3/14</b>	<b><u>Matters arising from the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013/Chairman's Report</u></b>	
<b>(i)</b>	<p>Race night – The Chairman reported that the presence of Kevin Wilson (KW) and some players had helped the attendance, as expected. But KW and the players left before the end of the event and when they did, so did some supporters.</p> <p>It was felt that attendance could have been improved with more publicity and by not having to compete with the 80's disco event in the main bar.</p> <p>After some discussion, it was agreed that next year's event would be better if held in mid-week with checks being made to avoid alternative distractions.</p> <p>DJ reported income from the event as £415.29.</p> <p>It was proposed by JS and seconded by DL that the funds should be held by the Group until the Tannoy improvement works are completed and paid over to IFC when they are invoiced.</p> <p>All present agreed.</p> <p>Proposal carried.</p>	<b>DJ</b>
<b>(ii)</b>	<p>End of season event – The Chairman reported that he will be meeting with Terry Bowles (TB) of the IFC on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 1.15pm at the NMG before the Grantham Game. Any other members who can make it are welcome to attend.</p>	<b>ALL</b>

<b>(iii)</b>	<p>Fans Forum – The Chairman reported that he chaired the event and that KW and TB attended from the IFC.  Unfortunately, Dave Mantle was not able to attend.  The event was attended by approximately thirty supporters.  KW dealt with a range of questions from supporters and despite some challenging questioning, his responses were well received and he received a round of applause at the close.</p>	
<b>4/14</b>	<b><u>Treasurers Report</u></b>	
	<p>DJ reported that the Group has a healthy bank balance with the key sources of income being from donations, football cards and prediction sheets.</p>	
<b>5/14</b>	<b><u>Membership Report</u></b>	
	<p>JS stated that he wished to stand down from the role of Membership Secretary at the next AGM, but remain a member of the committee.  JS stated that he would ensure that the database format is in place for whoever follows in the role.  Both JA and AW expressed an interest in the role.  The Chairman confirmed that this will be a matter to be dealt with at the AGM.</p>	
<b>6/14</b>	<b><u>Away Travel Report</u></b>	
	<p>LB presented a reported detailing income from the sale of prediction sheets. It was noted that losses from away trips had been offset by the prediction sheet takings to ensure no overall loss to the Group in providing travel to fixture.  It was also reported that; (i) The bus for the Skelmersdale fixture was full; (ii) Thus far, twenty one had their names down for the Buxton (DSC) fixture and; (iii) Twenty seven had their names down for the Kings Lynn fixture on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014.  FC United fixture (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014) – it was agreed that consideration should be given to running two buses.  After some discussion, it was also agreed that consideration should be given to a review of costing's and drafting a budget for next season (2014/15) at the next meeting.</p>	<b>DL</b>
<b>7/14</b>	<b><u>Website and Media Report</u></b>	
	<p>The Chairman requested that his thanks be recorded to Mark Duffy (MD) at the Ilkeston Advertiser.  The Secretary agreed to write to the Advertiser to express thanks on behalf of the Group for the support provided by the paper and to invite MD to attend the AGM, the player of the year and hall of fame awards.  The Chairman proposed that the Hall of Fame award should be subject to nominations from the committee only. Motion seconded by</p>	<b>DL</b>

	DL. All present agreed. Proposal carried.	
<b>8/14</b>	<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>	
<b>(i)</b>	DL confirmed that a person had been ejected from the ground at the FC United home fixture. It was agreed that the committee should ask the IFC to confirm the name of the person and that if they are a member of the Group, then the Group should cancel their membership.	<b>DL</b>
<b>(ii)</b>	Some members are concerned that the club house bar closes during play and that the curtains are drawn preventing those staying in the bar from seeing the game. It was agreed that this matter should be raised with the club with a request that the clubhouse bar be allowed to serve customers throughout the game.	<b>DP</b>
<b>(iii)</b>	A concern was raised about postings on the Whiteball forum with a suggestion that they may bring the Group into disrepute. The Secretary confirmed the process of dealing with complaints about Group members and advised that he had received none to date.	
<b>(iv)</b>	It was confirmed that two members had expressed an interest in joining the committee as co-optees, these being; Kevin Cross and Andy Tilford. It was proposed by LB and seconded by AM that both be invited to attend the next meeting. All present agreed. Proposal carried.	<b>LB</b>
<b>9/14</b>	<b><u>Date, time &amp; venue of next meeting</u></b>	
	The next meeting will be held on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm at the Little Acorn.	
<b>10/14</b>	<b><u>Draft schedule of meetings for 2014</u></b>	
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February; Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March; Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April; Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May ( <b><u>AGM</u></b> ); Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June; Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July; Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August; Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October; Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October and; Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2014.	

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.35pm**

## **ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
3/14 (i)	Hold Race Night funds for NMG Tannoy improvement works and do not pay over until works are completed and IFC have been invoiced.	DJ	Ongoing	Report upon transfer of funds
3/14 (ii)	Chairman's meeting with Terry Bowles 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 1.15pm. Any other members who can make it are welcome to attend.	All	18/01/14	
6/14	Ensure agenda item to cover review of costing's and drafting a budget for away travel for next season (2014/15) at the next meeting.	DL	07/02/14	
7/14	Write to the Ilkeston Advertiser to express thanks on behalf of the Group for the support provided by Mark Duffy and to invite MD to attend the AGM, the player of the year and hall of fame awards.	DL	07/02/14	
8/14 (i)	Write to the IFC to request confirmation of the name of the person ejected from the NMG at the FC United fixture.	DL	07/02/14	
8/14 (ii)	Write to the IFC to request that the clubhouse bar be allowed to serve customers throughout the game.	DP	07/02/14	
8/14 (iv)	Invite potential co-optee's to attend the next meeting.	LB	Immediately	