



**Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Sir John Warren, Ilkeston on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm**

Present: Secretary – Duncan Lapping; Travel Secretary - Lee Francis; Website & Media Relations Officer – Duncan Payne; Membership Clerk – Jon Shapland  
 Committee Members – Alex Middleton  
 Co-optee’s – Lynda Bacon, Mike Needham.

		<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>1/13</b>	<b><u>Introductions and Apologies</u></b>	
	Duncan Lapping (DL) took the role of acting Chairman in accordance with the Group’s constitution after Paul Skillington’s resignation from the post. Apologies were received from Darren Jones and Tracy Spitzmuller.	
<b>2/13</b>	<b><u>Votes of Thanks</u></b>	
	DL proposed votes of thanks to Paul Skillington and Gary Skelton both of whom had recently resigned from the Group’s committee.  Paul was thanked by the committee members for his work as first Chairman of the Group and for fostering the Groups excellent relationship with the football club.  Gary was thanked by the committee members for his work in providing transport opportunities to home games for supporters and his support to the committee in providing the Sir John Warren as the venue for committee meetings and the raise night.	
<b>3/13</b>	<b><u>Election of Interim Chairman</u></b>	
	The Group discussed the vacant Chairman role and agreed that it would be appropriate to elect an Interim Chairman until the next AGM in May 2013.  DL advised the committee that Duncan Payne (DP) and Jon Shapland (JS) had put themselves forward as being prepared to take on the role of Interim Chairman.  After some discussion, JS decided to withdraw in favour of DP. DL formally nominated DP. This nomination was seconded by JS	

	<p>and all present voted in favour of DP being elected as the Interim Chairman of the committee.</p> <p>DL formally handed over proceedings to DP as the new Chairman of the committee.</p>	
<b>4/13</b>	<b><u>Minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and matters arising</u></b>	
	<p>It was noted that no minutes were taken at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012. Also, minutes from the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September still need to be signed off by the Chairman.</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were agreed and approved by the Chairman.</p>	<b>DP</b>
<b>5/13</b>	<b><u>Action Points from the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012</u></b>	
	<p>The action points recorded on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were reviewed.</p> <p>It was agreed that any outstanding items will be carried forward to the action points arising from this meeting.</p> <p>Further to action point 81/12 Lee Francis (LF) asked for it to be recorded that he had been provided with a pair of complimentary tickets for each of the away fixtures at Witton and Buxton. He intends to contact all other clubs still due to be visited before the end of the season to request a pair of complimentary tickets for each game. In all cases, the complimentary tickets will be raffled on the supporter's group coach to each fixture.</p>	<b>DL</b>  <b>LF</b>
<b>6/13</b>	<b><u>Membership Report</u></b>	
	<p>JS reported that the Group has 184 members, 160 adult and 24 junior. This represents 76.3% of the total for 2011/12. He also reported that there had been a renewal rate from the previous period of 41.1%.</p>	
<b>7/13</b>	<b><u>Away Travel Report</u></b>	
	<p>LF advised that he is awaiting an update on the income and expenditure on away travel from the Treasurer, so a full report was not presented. He was able however, to advise that he is holding an operating float of £570.</p> <p>Also, two coaches had been booked for the FC United fixture, one of which was subject to an offer of a donation to cover the costs. It was agreed by all present that LF should accept the donation.</p>	

	LF advised that prediction sheet sales were averaging at one hundred per week. One member is known to be selling more than fifty sheets each week. LF proposed that in recognition of this the supporter concerned should be offered free away travel for the rest of the season. All present agreed with the proposal and LF will contact the supporter concerned.	LF
<b>8/13</b>	<b><u>Treasurers Report</u></b>	
	In the absence of the Treasurer no report was presented.	
<b>9/13</b>	<b><u>Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer</u></b>	
	DP thanked everyone who had referred supporter profiles to him for the match day programme. Particular thanks went to LB who had organised for eight supporters to provide their details.	
<b>10/13</b>	<b><u>Other Matters Arising</u></b>	
(i)	<b><u>Player Sponsorship</u></b> Alex Middleton (AM) raised the issue that the Group's sponsored player, Daryl Thomas had now left the club and so consideration should be given to transferring the sponsorship to another player. After some discussion of various options, the Chairman's casting vote was used to decide that the football club be asked to transfer the Group's sponsorship to Joe Maguire.	DP
(ii)	<b><u>Honorary Membership status</u></b> DL raised the issue of offering Honorary membership status to high profile people from Ilkeston. It was agreed that the Group should attempt to approach a number of well-known celebrities from Ilkeston accordingly	DL
(iii)	<b><u>Committee Membership</u></b> LF advised that he had been approached by a Group member, John Attewell about joining the committee. It was agreed that John should be invited to the next committee meeting and that if he wishes to join the committee he can be co-opted accordingly.	LF
(iv)	<b><u>Fund Raising</u></b> LF advised the Group that he is raising funds for Cancer Research and that any donations would be gratefully received.	
<b>11/13</b>	<b><u>Date, Time &amp; Venue for Next Committee Meeting</u></b>	
	It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.30pm at the Sir John Warren (SJW) with a further meeting to follow on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2013 again at the SJW at 7.30pm. Room bookings to be confirmed with Claire at the SJW	DL

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

## ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
79/12	Approve and sign minutes of meetings held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 1 <sup>st</sup> August and 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2012.	DL/PS	5/12/12	Completed
80/12	Notify winners of draws for match day tickets for the home fixtures against; FC United; Matlock; Whitby; Chorley; Nantwich and; Worksop. JS will notify the winners. Notify winner of the draw for the carvery prize won by the Group through its membership of the Ilkeston FC 100 club.	JS	Immediately	Completed
81/12	Raffle complimentary match day tickets for Hednesford away fixture on the coach to that fixture.	LF	27/11/12	Completed
83/12	Provide details for supporter's profiles for match day programme.  Provide details to Erewash Sound & the Advertiser with regard to the Race Night to ensure that it is advertised/promoted.	All  DP	Ongoing  Immediately	Completed  Completed
85/12	Provide donations for race night prizes to AM and advise JS of the exact details of the donation.	All	9/11/12	Completed
86/12 (i)	Asked Kevin Wilson to judge Movember event.	PS	Immediately	Cancelled
86/12 (iii)	Try to get a team together to play Whitby supporters on 24/11/12.	AM	Immediately	Cancelled
86/12 (iv)	Contact the football club to invite representatives and players to attend the race night.	PS	Immediately	Completed

86/12 (v)	Contact the football club to arrange a photo opportunity with Daryll Thomas & the junior members.	PS	Immediately	Cancelled
87/12	Contact the football club to arrange the next fans forum be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 at the NMG.	PS	Immediately	Completed

## **ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013**

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
4/13	Approve notes of meetings held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 6 <sup>th</sup> September and 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2012.	DP	Immediately	Completed
5/13	(i) Carry forward any outstanding items to the action points arising from this meeting.  (ii) Contact all other clubs still due to be visited before the end of the season to request a pair of complimentary tickets for each game. In all cases, raffle the complimentary tickets on the supporter's group coach to each fixture.	DL  LF	Immediately  Ongoing	Completed
7/13	Offer free away travel for the rest of the season to supporter selling the most prediction sheets.	LF	Before next away fixture	
10/13	(i) Player Sponsorship – contact the football club to request a transfer of the Group's player sponsorship from Daryl Thomas to Joe Maguire.  (ii) Honorary Membership status - approach a number of well-known celebrities from Ilkeston to offer honorary membership status.  (iii) Invite John Attewell to the next committee.	DP  DL  LF	27/2/13  27/2/13  Immediately	
11/13	Complete room bookings to be confirmed with Claire at the SJW for future committee meetings.	DL	Immediately	Completed