



Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Little Acorn on Friday 11th April at 7.30pm.

Present: Duncan Payne, John Attewell, Darren Jones, Alison Wall, Lynda Bacon, Lee Francis, Kev Cross, Jon Shapland.

		<u>Action</u>
	<u>Introductions and Apologies</u>	
20/14	Apologies were received from Alex Middleton and Duncan Lapping.	
	<u>Minutes of meetings held on Wednesday 12th March 2014</u>	
21/14	Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 th March were agreed, approved and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman opened the meeting by congratulating Lynda Bacon on coming 2 nd in Supporter of the Year Award.	
	<u>Treasurers Report</u>	
22/14	DJ reported that the IFCSG's funds as of 27/03/2014 were £7992.94. Membership money had yet to be paid in. All monies will be banked by the next meeting, the draft total will then be £9258.94.	
	<u>Membership Report</u>	
23/14	JS reported that the IFCSG now has 201 members: 69 adults and 32 juniors.	
	<u>Away Travel Report</u>	
24/14	(i) LB circulated a report and stated the following; Prediction sheet sales are improving with £2851.00 raised in addition to £1176.50 from football cards. Outlay for buses has been £650. A discussion took place on the possibility of a second bus for the last match of the season at Trafford, both buses to depart at the same time. The Chairman agreed to the proposal. Two buses are booked for the Derbyshire Senior Cup Final on 29/04/2014. It was suggested they both set off at the same time, around 6pm. (ii) LB further advised that if supporters travelling to Marine wished to visit the Cavern Club in Liverpool, no-one would be allowed in if they were wearing football attire.	

	<p>(iii) Nigel Harrop has suggested to LB that we have a sponsor for away travel, and would look into it. Apparently not many teams at Ilkeston FC's level have organised away travel for fans.</p> <p>(iv) LB is doing a sponsored hair dye (dyeing her own hair to look like a pineapple) – amount pledged so far is £543.00.</p>	
	<u>Website and Media Report</u>	
25/14	<p>LF reported that he will provide formal reports on the website from next season – number of visitors to website, etc... Another sponsor will be required as the current one 'DE7' has withdrawn. If no sponsor is found LF step in with Creative Blur.</p> <p>It was proposed that we could advertise webspace in the programme.</p>	
	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
26/14	<p>(i) <u>Player of the year/Hall of Fame:</u></p> <p>JS said he would collect the Player of the Year trophy and arrange its engraving ready for the presentation.</p> <p>The Chairman has been in touch with John Shiels regarding portraits. He may not do the Player of the Year portrait as Joe Maguire has won the award before. He has photos of Des Mitchell for the Hall of Fame portrait.</p> <p>(ii) <u>AGM:</u></p> <p>It was suggested that the AGM be advertised on the website.</p> <p>There was concern over Louby's doing the catering for the AGM as opposed to the club. LB & JS did not agree with the AGM catering proposal. The Chairman will contact DL to see how far he has progressed with arranging the pie & peas.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Meetings with IFC:</u></p> <p>The Chairman will also contact Terry Bowles with regards to Dave Mantle being available for a meeting. The meeting would need to be around June so discussion could take place on plans for next season. Those present discussed possibility of maybe holding a raffle for free match tickets again next season.</p> <p>LF suggested we have two meetings if possible to; (1) ask what we can get from the club and; (2) to get an answer. It was suggested that we be more proactive in our meetings with the club.</p> <p>JS suggested e-mailing the club regarding fans' benefits for next season i.e. free tickets etc...</p> <p>The Chairman suggested a half-time penalty shoot-out with some of the Academy players to raise money for the Tannoy fund. It was decided that we find out where the club got the figure of £8000 from</p>	

	<p>regarding installation of a new Tannoy system.</p> <p>(iv) <u>Membership:</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to an email received from an IFCSG member who intended to resign their membership due to the football clubs situation. After some debate between those present it was agreed that no further action would take place on this matter.</p> <p>(v) <u>Complaint made against an IFCSG member:</u></p> <p>A verbal complaint has been made about a members conduct. No letter of complaint has been received and the complainant is not an IFSCG member. Complaints can only be considered if made in writing to the Group Secretary by a member. So, if a Group member were to make a complaint against the same individual in future the matter would be looked into again.</p> <p>(vi) <u>Player of the Year award:</u></p> <p>It was noted that an incident of repeated on-line voting for one player had occurred. The Chairman stated that the person responsible was a junior member who had owned up to what he'd done. It was agreed that no further action be taken.</p> <p>(vii) <u>Louby's catering:</u></p> <p>The Chairman had received an e-mail from Paul Rice of Louby's catering. They are considering pulling out of catering at the New Manor Ground. The Chairman advised he had e-mailed Terry Bowles with a view to getting a dialogue going between Louby's and the club. However in the end it is a matter for between the two businesses and now further action will be taken by the Group on this matter.</p> <p>(viii) <u>IFCSG Merchandise:</u></p> <p>LF provided draft designs for mugs, scarves, badges and membership cards, in blue. KC will find out about a supplier for the mugs, quantities and how soon they can be ready or, can they prepare a sample for the AGM.</p>	
	<p><u>Date and time of next meeting</u></p>	
<p>27/14</p>	<p>Pre-AGM meeting 7th May 2014 at The Little Acorn, 7.30pm.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:40pm