



Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The New Manor Ground on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 8.00pm.

Present: Duncan Payne, Darren Jones, Duncan Lapping, Jon Shapland; Lynda Bacon, John Attewell, Alex Middleton, David Potter, Lee Francis

Action

35/15	<u>Introductions and Apologies</u>	
	<p>Apologies were received from Kevin Cross. Keith Windley and Roger Brown were introduced and welcomed to the meeting as potential co-optee's Catherine Atkinson, Alex Rowley-Kearns and Nigel Harrop were introduced as special guests to the meeting.</p>	
36/15	<u>Awsworth Road Pedestrian Safety Measures</u>	
	<p>The Chairman was pleased to welcome Catherine Atkinson and her assistant, Alex Rowley-Kearns. Catherine was instrumental in ensuring that Derbyshire County Council allocated funds for the pedestrian safety measures that are being put in place on Awsworth Road between the NMG and the canal bridge. It was noted by all present that the footpath construction works had now commenced. All present agreed to a vote of thanks to Catherine for her assistance in ensuring action occurred to carry out these works.</p>	
37/15	<u>Comments from Ilkeston FC Chairman – Nigel Harrop</u>	
	<p>The committee Chairman was pleased to welcome Nigel Harrop as the new owner and Chairman of Ilkeston FC. Nigel commented on the follow points:</p> <p>(i) Club sponsors – These are of vital importance to the club with sponsorship being worth approximately £50,000 per year to the club. Nigel was concerned that negative comments from some people on on-line forums are seen by sponsors and can cause concern to them.</p> <p>(ii) Dave Mantle – Nigel confirmed that DM has a charge over the club in relation to the future sale of shares in the club. Otherwise, he has no further business interest in the football club.</p> <p>(iii) Fees for players sold – Nigel advised that the fees received for players sold can't be disclosed for contractual reasons. But the business had been essential to the clubs finances with a positive</p>	

<p>(iv)</p> <p>(v)</p> <p>(vi)</p>	<p>impact on clearing certain elements of debt.</p> <p>The Club House – Nigel told the committee that he has a positive working relationship with the club house leaseholder, Clifton Mitchell. He sees the success of the leaseholders business as being essential to the football clubs overall success and would encourage all supporters to use the club house.</p> <p>The Managers (KW) position – Nigel stated that KW knew that his contract would not be renewed in September 2014 and had agreed to wait till the end of the season before disclosing the details. The reasons for the decision were as Nigel had previously stated in press releases.</p> <p>Fans Forum – Nigel was asked for his views and responded positively by saying that he felt that these were a useful way for the football club to engage with supporters and that he'd be happy to try his best to attend any that could be arranged.</p> <p>The committee Chairman and all others present thanked Nigel for his comments and the honesty of his responses to questions that arose.</p>	
<p>38/15</p>	<p><u>Minutes of meeting held on 19th March 2015</u></p>	
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were noted and agreed.</p>	
<p>39/15</p>	<p><u>Matters arising and action points from meeting held on 19th March 2015</u></p>	
<p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p>	<p>It was confirmed that the football club had agreed on distribution of the statement at the turnstiles.</p> <p>It was noted that this is now something that the Group can do on a regular basis to disseminate information to supporters</p> <p>Raffle for canvas – The canvas needs to be displayed at the next home game to push sales of tickets</p> <p>Player of the Year Trophy - JS Reported that the he was able to use a trophy that the Group already owned, having bought it at the same time as the previous annual trophy.</p> <p>However, the previous supplier now works another business, "Aford Awards" from Kent. JS advised that he has some of their catalogues but any purchase(s) from them would be on a mail-order basis and we would not thus be able to view the item(s) before buying.</p> <p>Finally, it was reported that engraving of the perpetual trophy can still be done locally for a nominal fee (this year £6.00).</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>40/15</p>	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p>	
	<p>DJ advised that he was in the process of preparing the Group's annual accounts and that he would present a full report to the next meeting on 13th May 2015.</p>	<p>DJ</p>

41/15	<u>Away Travel Report</u>	
(i)	LB reported that a surplus had been generated from the Grantham trip.	LB
(ii)	The bus to Nantwich is already fully booked. After some discussion it was agreed that a second bus should be made available for the Nantwich fixture.	
42/15	<u>Membership Report</u>	
(i)	JA circulated his report to the committee and confirmed that the Group has 169 members. 120 were renewals from last season and 49 are new members this season.	
(ii)	It was also noted that the Group provides 2 free of charge memberships that are donated to Ilkeston Royal British Legion on an annual basis.	
43/15	<u>Website and Media Report</u>	
(i)	Easy Fundraising - LF reported that £767.93 had been raised through the 'Easy Fundraising' initiative since the Group joined it.	
(ii)	Matchday Programme & The Flying Robin – There was some discussion on the prospect of TFR becoming the matchday programme. It was noted and agreed that discussions should remain ongoing with the club on this matter.	
(iii)	The Flying Robin – The next edition of TFR will be published in July/August 2015 in anticipation of the start of the next season.	
44/15	<u>Co-option of new committee members</u>	
	LB proposed that Keith Windley and Roger Brown be co-opted as members of the committee. The proposal was seconded by DJ and all other committee members present agreed to their co-option to the committee.	
45/15	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
(i)	JS advised that he will be visiting Slovenia in June 2015.	
46/15	<u>Date, time & venue of next meeting</u>	
	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 th May 2015 at 8.00pm at the NMG.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:30pm

ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 15th April 2015

Minute:	Action:	By Whom:	By When:	Comments:
39/15 (ii)	Ensure canvas is on display in the clubhouse at next home game to promote ticket sales	All	18/04/15	
40/15	Present draft accounts for 2014/15 to the next meeting	DJ	13/05/15	
41/15	Book second bus for Nantwich away fixture	LB	Immediately	