



**Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Sir John Warren, Ilkeston on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.30pm**

Present: Paul Skillington – Chairman; Darren Jones – Treasurer; Duncan Lapping – Secretary; John Sheils – Membership Secretary; Lee Francis – Travel Secretary; Gary Skelton – Committee Member; Jon Shapland – Committee Member; Alison Wall – Committee Member; Lynda Bacon – Co-optee; Mike Needham – Co-optee.

**Action**

**41/12 Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Alex Middleton, Duncan Payne, and Tracey Spitzmuller.

**42/12 Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and matters arising**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 were agreed and approved by the Chairman.

**43/12 Action Points from last meeting**

All action points from the last meeting had been completed apart from the Group's website which remains in development.

**43/12 Chairmans report**

The Chairman expressed concern about the withdrawal of benefits to Supporters Group members by the football club and the increase in ticket prices. He also advised however, about the re-introduction of two 'bring a friend' tickets for Group members.

**44/12 Treasurers Report**

DJ circulated his Treasurers report to the meeting.

In summary, it was reported that as at 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 the Group bank account has a balance of £2,500.76. In addition, £1,466 is held by LF as the away travel balance and £539.70 is outstanding from the sponsored walk. This gives a total cashbook balance of £4,506.46.

DJ also circulated the Income & Expenditure account that had been presented to the AGM. The I&E account showed the income for the

year as £13,197 (with £7,496 from away travel); expenditure for the year as £8,800 (with £6,921 due to away travel); and a surplus of £4,397 to be carried forward.

#### **45/12 Away Travel Report**

There was a discussion of the costs incurred last season and the expected costs for next; the benefits of income from prediction sheets; the greater distances to be travelled next season; and the healthy balance on account.

It was proposed that prices for away travel be fixed for next season irrespective of distance.

It was agreed that the prices for Group members will be:

£10 for adults and £5 for children

Prices for non-members will be:

£15 for adults and £10 for children.

All agreed that this would represent excellent value for money especially for some of the more distant away trips (e.g. Blyth Spartans),

#### **46/12 Membership Report**

It was reported that there are 242 members of the Group.

JS circulated a draft membership renewal form and it was noted that it will need to be amended to allow for a statement of benefits available to members (e.g. pin badge; wrist band; pen).

It was agreed that the membership fee for 2012/13 will be frozen at £5 for adults and £1 for children.

It was noted that the estimated cost of new membership cards will be £125 plus VAT.

#### **47/12 Player Sponsorship**

A proposal that the Group should not sponsor a player for next season was made.

After some discussion, it was agreed that an approach would be made to the football club to sponsor a player and that the Chairman would seek a meeting to negotiate a deal to include some benefit for members.

It was proposed and agreed that the benefit to be sought would be two season tickets (one adult & one concession/child). These would be raffled to Group members on a weekly basis for each home game through the season.

#### **48/12 Working Parties**

DL proposed that in order to progress some of the key activities for the Group, working parties or sub-committees should be formed.

The key activities and project leaders (with, in some cases other members) would be as follows:

- (i) Race Night – Project Leader: Alex Middleton (two other volunteers needed to assist).
- (ii) Away travel/Predictions Sheets – Project Leader: Lee Francis (two other volunteers needed to assist).
- (iii) Market Stall – Project Leader: Gary Skelton (two other volunteers needed to assist).
- (iv) Match day programme input – Project Leader: John Sheils. Team member: Duncan Payne
- (v) Driveathon Fundraiser – Project Leader: Duncan Payne. Team members: Jon Shapland & Duncan Lapping.
- (vi) Website Development – Project Leader: Lee Francis. Team members: Duncan Payne & John Sheils.

All members present agreed with the proposal and that initial feedback from the project leaders be provided at the next meeting.

#### **49/12 Date, Time & Venue for Next Committee Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at the Sir John Warren, Ilkeston.

#### **50/12 Next Meeting with Ilkeston FC/SR Education**

To be agreed.

#### **51/12 Date, Time & Venue for Open Meeting of the IFCSG**

To be agreed (but not till after the next meeting with IFC/SR Education).

#### **52/12 Any other business**

- (i) IFCSG Website – LF proposed that a new website to be set up for the Group. It was agreed that LF should progress with that initiative.

LF

- (ii) IFCSG Merchandise – It was agreed that any decisions about what merchandise to develop for the Group should be kept pending until after the committee has met with the owners and/or they have confirmed their intentions for next season.
  
- (iii) Fundraising – GS reported that a member of the Group, 'Nick', had raised £100 from the sale of European Championship prediction sheets. The Chairman asked that a special note of thanks be recorded from the committee for Nick's efforts and that GS pass on those thanks on behalf of the committee.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

**ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
40/12 (i)	LF to set new website to be set up for the Group. It was agreed that LF should progress with that initiative.	LF	August 2012	
48/12	Working party feedback	All team leaders	Next meeting	
52/12 (iii)	Ensure Nick is thanked for raising funds from the sale of European Championship prediction sheets	GS	Immediately	