



**Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Punch Bowl Tavern, West Hallam on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.30pm**

Present: Paul Skillington – Chairman; Duncan Lapping – Secretary; John Shiels – Membership Secretary; Duncan Payne – Website Administrator/ Media Relations Officer; Lee Francis – Committee Member; Paul Francis – Committee Member

31/11 **Apologies**

Darren Jones and Alex Middleton

32/11 **Purpose of this Committee Meeting**

It was noted that this meeting had been called at short notice in response to the FA's decision to place the new Ilkeston FC at step four in the non-league pyramid and into the Evo-Stick South (Northern Premier League Southern Division).

33/11 **Minutes of last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting are still to be produced and circulated with this meeting having been called before the previously agreed date for the next meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.

34/11 **Chairmans Report/Comments**

The Chairman commented that the news of the pyramid and league placing was excellent. The other members agreed that the FA's decisions were as good as could have been hoped for. The Chairman also confirmed that, as reported on the club website and in the Ilkeston Advertiser, the Ron Brooks Toyota dealership had entered a major sponsorship deal with the new club. Again, all present agreed that this was excellent news.

35/11 **Secretary's Report**

DL apologised that the notes of the last open meeting and minutes of the last committee meeting were not yet available. He advised the committee that the notes and minutes would be available in due course along with the minutes of this meeting. DL

36/11 **Treasurers Report**

In DJ's absence, the Chairman reported that DJ was dealing with the need for Public Liability Insurance to cover the hiring of a market stall from Ilkeston Borough Council. A premium had been paid but the certificate of insurance had not yet been received. DJ

37/11 **Membership Secretary's Report**

JS felt that now that the decisions on the new clubs status had been announced, the move to marketing merchandise would be imminent. Therefore, it will be important to ensure that members have a proper membership card to help them to achieve the benefits of membership.

It was agreed that LF would take the lead on design, price and ordering of the permanent membership cards & that these are to be plastic credit card style cards. LF

It was agreed that JS would co-ordinate the circulation of the new cards at the first home friendly fixture on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011. This would be a swop of new for old. Thereafter, cards for people not able to attend would be hand delivered JS

38/11 **Website Administrator and Media Relations Officer Report**

DP reported that he had investigated the availability of market stalls and having a stall in the Tesco foyer.

He advised that the Council have pre-set dates for the availability of free stalls on summer Saturdays. He also advised however, that the hire fee was £10. DP proposed that in the event of not being able to secure a free stall, the committee should commit to paying the hire fee. This was agreed by all present.

DP also proposed that the committee should commit to run stalls over four weekends, two on the market & two at Tesco's. Again, this was agreed by all present, but with the understanding that any stall at Tesco's may only be promotional & that Tesco might not allow the sale of club merchandise.

- 39/11 **Market Stall Promotion and New Shirt Launch**
- DP proposed that the supporters group should seek to co-ordinate a market stall as the opportunity for the new clubs merchandise launch, particularly the first sale of club shirts. It was also suggested that Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 would be a suitable target date for such an event.
- All present agreed with the proposal & that the club should be contacted accordingly. DP
- 40/11 **Letters to the Press**
- DL proposed that a letter be written to the Ilkeston Advertiser to promote the successes of the new Ilkeston FC and the role of the supporters group.
- All present agreed the proposal and that DP would deal with this. DP
- 41/11 **Circulation of Fixture List**
- The Chairman proposed that the committee and other supporters should offer to help with the circulation of fixture lists; fixture posters and other publicity materials when made available by the club.
- All present agree with the proposal and that the club should be contacted accordingly. DP
- 42/11 **Fundraising Activities and Proposals**
- It was noted that the following activities had been proposed at the last open meeting: Charity football match – no progress; Prediction sheets – to be circulated in local pubs/places of work for committee members; Rock music event – provisional date 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 at the NMG clubhouse; Market Stall – see minutes 38/11 & 39/11; Increasing Membership – expected to improve as fixtures commence
- 43/11 **Date, time & venue of next meeting**
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.30pm at a venue still to be set.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 10.00pm

## **ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
35/11	Produce & circulate notes of open meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> May and minutes of committee meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	DL	3/6/11	
36/11	Pursue insurers for PL insurance certificate	DJ	6/6/11	
37/11	Design, price and order of the permanent membership cards in plastic credit card style.  Co-ordinate circulation of the new cards at the first home friendly fixture on 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2011. Thereafter, hand delivered remaining cards	LF  JS	2/7/11  2/7/11	
39/11	Seek to co-ordinate availability of a market stall with the shirt launch	DP	11/6/11	
40/11	Write to the Ilkeston Advertiser	DP	31/5/11	
41/11	Offer to help with the circulation of fixture lists; fixture posters and other publicity materials when made available by the club	DP	11/6/11	