



**Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Sir John Warren, Ilkeston on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.45pm**

Present: Paul Skillington – Chairman; Duncan Lapping – Secretary; Darren Jones – Treasurer; John Sheils – Membership Secretary; Duncan Payne – Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer; Alex Middleton – Committee Member; Lee Francis – Committee Member; Paul Francis – Committee Member

**ACTION**

62/11 **Introductions & Apologies**

The Chairman introduced Gary Skelton (GS), the landlord of the Sir John Warren as an observer to the meeting.

No apologies were received as all members of the committee were present.

63/11 **Chairmans Comments**

The Chairman advised that he had invited GS to join the meeting due to his role in organising transport for home matches from the Market Place to the ground.

The Chairman thanked DJ & AM for their efforts in the club shop, and DP & JS for the programme. In cases, sales & therefore income to Ilkeston Football Club (IFC) is understood to be exceeding expectations.

The Chairman also thanked all other committee members for their contribution towards the success achieved by the Group.

The Chairman expressed some concern over the expectations that IFC has for the Group, with particular reference to a request to circulate & promote fixture list posters. It was agreed that IFC should accept the limitations of a group of supporters who all have jobs and families.

The Chairman rounded up his comments by asking the other committee members to start proposing a fresh list of ideas & issues to raise with IFC at the next consultation meeting.

64/11 **Matters arising from the Fans Forum held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

DP reported the following points:

- Negativity over the first home (Goole) game being all ticket – after some discussion it was generally agreed that the club had made the right decision in order to promote interest in the fixture and that the attendance would not have been affected by that decision.
- Poor turn out from supporters at the forum (approx. 45 people) in light of the attendance of the manager & other IFC representatives.
- Positivity about being able to put a line under the debate over IFC finances and the positive role of SR Education in creating and sustaining the new football club!

65/11 **Secretary's Report**

DL referred to the minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> April; 26<sup>th</sup> May; 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 and any matters and action points arising from the last meeting.

Action 40/11: Write to the Ilkeston Advertiser – Actioned by DP but letter not published.

Action 41/11: Offer to help with the circulation of fixture lists; fixture posters and other publicity materials when made available by the club – It was agreed that this request must be referred back to IFC

Action 42/11: Circulate & seek approval of minutes of previous meetings – DL had circulated the minutes but approval is still required from the Chairman for the minute's book.

DL/PS

Action 59/11: Present away travel proposals to Fans Forum on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – Completed

Action 60/11: Procure design for enamel pin badge and circulate to committee members for consideration – Order placed with delivery expected early October 2011. Proposed retail price £2.50 (noted as the same price as IFC badges).

LF

66/11 **Treasurers Report**

DJ presented and circulated an Income & Expenditure report showing a credit balance of £566.89 as at 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The contents of the report were noted and accepted by all committee members present.

67/11

**Away Travel Report**

A report on away travel was presented by LF.

It was noted that prediction sheet income to week 4 of the season was £299 along with seat sales income of £535, giving a total income of £834. Expenditure to date was £440, leaving a balance of £394.

LF was thanked by all present for his efforts in managing the away travel activities.

68/11

**Membership Secretary's Report**

JS reported that there were now 215 members of the Group!

It was also reported that approaches were to be made to Robert Lindsey and at least one former professional player associated with the former Ilkeston Town to become members of the Group.

It was also reported that a new batch of membership cards is now required. It was suggested that a re-design be considered.

JS/LF

69/11

**Website/Media Relations Officers Report**

It was reported that the second market stall event had gone well. Particular thanks were recorded for LF who has organised the event.

It was proposed that Kenny Burns be invited to a fixture at the NMG as a guest of the Group.

PS

70/11

**Fund raising activities, activity events and activity proposals**

1. It was proposed that a Race Night be organised. It was agreed that it should be held in mid to late October 2011 at the Sir John Warren. It was agreed that AM would project manage the event with assistance from GS
2. It was proposed that a speakers night be organised. It was agreed that further discussion was required over the logistics and timing for this event.
3. DL confirmed that the proposed bands night had had to be cancelled due to some of the bands pulling out. It was agreed that consideration could be given to organising a similar event at a future time.

AM/GS

All

71/11 **Date, time & venue of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next committee meeting would be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at the Sir John Warren.

It was agreed that the next Fans Forum would be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at the Sir John Warren.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Group would be held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (that is the last Wednesday of the season subject to any changes to the fixture list).

72/11 **Any other Business**

1. Jon Shapland (JS) presented himself to the Group and offered his service to the committee. It was agreed that he be co-opted to the committee with a proposal for full committee membership to be presented to the AGM.
2. It was noted that the committee intended to meet with representatives of the Eastwood Town FC supporters group after the end of this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm

## **ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
42/11	Ensure approval of minutes of previous meetings	PS/DL	5/10/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
60/11	Pursue order for enamel pin badge with delivery expected early October 2011.	LF	5/10/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
41/11	Offer to help with the circulation of fixture lists; fixture posters and other publicity materials when made available by the club	PS/DP	5/10//11	Refer back to IFC
68/11	Procure design & order a new batch of membership cards.	LF/JS	31/10/11	
69/11	Invite Kenny Burns to a fixture at the NMG as a guest of the Group.	PS	5/10/11	
70/11 (1)	Organise a Race Night to be held in mid to late October 2011.	AM/GS	5/10/11	
70/11 (2)	Organise a speakers night with further discussion required over the logistics and timing for this event.	ALL	5/10/11	