



Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The New Manor Ground on Wednesday 26th August 2015 at 8.00pm.

Present: Duncan Payne, Darren Jones, Duncan Lapping, Jon Shapland; Lynda Bacon, John Attewell, Alex Middleton, David Potter, Wayne Morledge, Diane Hall

Action

83/15	<u>Introductions and Apologies</u>	
	Apologies were received from Lee Francis, Kevin Cross, Roger Brown, and Keith Windley	
84/15	<u>Minutes of meeting held on 22nd July 2015</u>	
	The minutes of the last meeting were noted and agreed and approved by the Chairman.	
85/15	<u>Matters arising and action points from meeting held on 22nd July 2015</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agreed away travel fare structure has been implemented • The away fixture at Matlock on 31st August will kick off at 3pm as requested • The next edition of The Flying Robin will be published on 5th September • Membership no.1 has been allocated to Derek Holland as agreed • The 2015 Race Night plan will be managed by JS – see minute 91/15 	
86/15	<u>Chairman's Report</u>	
	<p>The Chairman commented about the role of the football clubs media team and the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes.</p> <p>He also commented on the football clubs 'Affordable Football' initiative and attendances so far, and that he is planning to discuss the initiative with the football club Chairman, Nigel Harrop.</p> <p>The Chairman asked those present for opinions what more the Group can do to support the club with the 'Affordable Football' initiative. The consensus was that the club needs to work on engaging with young potential supporters in the town.</p> <p>There was some discussion of the possibility of the football club working with local schools. As part of this JA stated that he would</p>	DP

	be prepared to volunteer to represent and promote the Group on any initiatives that the football club may take with local schools.	JA
87/15	Away Travel Report	
	It was reported that all away travel so far this season had been well supported and that a small surplus had been generated	
88/15	<u>Treasurers Report</u>	
	DJ circulated a comprehensive report to those present to confirm the financial situation for the period from 30 th April 2015 to date. It was reported that the Group is already starting to build a healthy surplus for the year to date. It was also noted that KW's car boot sale initiative had raised £250.	
89/15	<u>Membership Report</u>	
	DJ circulated a report to those present to confirm the Group had 142 members to date, made up of 128 adults; 13 junior; and 1 honorary member. Income from membership fees was stated as £653.	
90/15	<u>Website/Media Report</u>	
	The Chairman advised the committee that LF had successfully secured a new job which is clearly his priority commitment. Due to this change the Chairman will take over the chief editorial role for The Flying Robin.	
91/15	<u>Race Night 2015</u>	
(i)	<u>Event Date and Venue:</u> After some deliberation over alternative dates it was agreed that the event will be held on 5 th December 2015 at The Dukeries. LB was able to contact the landlady immediately to confirm availability and make the booking.	
(ii)	<u>Sponsorship:</u> There will be eight races that need to be sponsored, plus the auction race. The sponsorship fee was set at £25. Each sponsor will have their name and business details on the relevant race page in the programme. They will also be invited to attend the event and will receive a small gift on the night.	
(iii)	<u>Sale of horses:</u> Each committee member allocated with a race will need to sell the eight horses in the race for £2 each. It was agreed that the prize for each winning owner will be a bottle of wine (choice of Red; White; or Rosé).	

(iv)	<u>Auction Race:</u> This race will require a sponsor, but the horses will be sold on the night with a collection of donated prizes for the winner.	
(v)	<u>Allocation of races:</u> Race One: Duncan Lapping Race Two: Wayne Morledge Race Three: David Potter Race Four: John Attewell Race Five: Alex Middleton/Kevin Cross Race Six: Lynda Bacon Race Seven: Darren Jones/Lee Francis Race Eight: Duncan Payne Race Nine – Auction Race: David Potter	
(vi)	<u>Race Forms:</u> These need to be completed and returned to the October committee meeting. Any problems with getting sponsors or horse sales must be reported at the September meeting so that they can be dealt with by the date of the October meeting.	All
(vii)	<u>Publicity/Promotion:</u> Contact will be made to seek coverage through a range of outlets; Group Website; The Flying Robin; Erewash Sound; Social Media; Twitter; Ilkeston Advertiser; Football Club website; matchday programme etc... The Chairman will ask LF to produce an event poster for circulation	DP/LF
(viii)	<u>IFC Involvement:</u> JA agreed to request the attendance of players and officials of the football club.	JA
92/15	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
(i)	JS advised that he intends to do a beard shaving raffle for a local charity	All
(ii)	LB circulated a badge designed by a young supporter as a possible merchandise option. After some discussion it was agreed that the Group will not take up the option offered.	LB
(iii)	Tannoy System: JA reported that the FA football stadia improvement fund can provide grants of up to 70% of the cost of certain items (up to a maximum of £20,000), which would include the tannoy system. Given the that the estimated cost of the tannoy would fall within the grant limit and that the Group can make a contribution of approximately £2,000 to the works, it was agreed that the club should be encouraged to make arrange for quote and make an application for grant funding. It was suggested that the football club could approach other clubs with new grounds (e.g. Stamford FC) for details of suppliers and	JA

	costs. It was agreed that any funds left over after completion of the work would be carried forward to the Group's next fundraising project.	
93/15	<u>Date, time & venue of next meeting</u>	
	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 rd September 2015 at 8pm in the Sponsors Lounge at the NMG.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 26th August 2015

Minute:	Action:	By Whom:	By When:	Comments:
86/15 (i)	Arrange meeting with Nigel Harrop to discuss progress of the football clubs affordable football initiative	DP	18/09/15	
86/15 (iii)	Work with the football club to promote the IFCSG on any initiatives with local schools.	JA	Ongoing	
91/15 (vi)	Complete race night forms and return to JS	All	23/09/15	
91/15 (vii)	Promote race night and arrange for publicity poster	DP/LF	23/09/15	
91/15 (viii)	Request involvement of IFC players and officials at race night even	JA	23/09/15	
92/15 (i)	Support JS with beard shaving raffle	All	TBC	
92/15 (ii)	Advise badge designer that the Group will not take this up as a merchandise proposal	LB	Immediately	
92/15 (iii)	Confirm Groups support with any bid for grant funding for a new tannoy system	JA	Immedaitely	