



Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Little Acorn, Ilkeston on Wednesday 25th September 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman – Duncan Payne; Secretary – Duncan Lapping; Treasurer – Darren Jones; Membership Clerk – Jon Shapland; Travel Secretary – Lynda Bacon
Committee Member – Alison Wall

		<u>Action</u>
70/13	<u>Introductions and Apologies</u>	
	Apologies were received from Lee Francis; Alex Middleton; John Attewell; and Mike Needham	
71/13	<u>Minutes of meetings held on 24th July and 16th August 2013 and matters arising</u>	
	The minutes of the meetings held on 24 th July and 16 th August 2013 were agreed and approved by the Chairman.	
72/13	<u>Treasurers Report</u>	
	DJ presented a detailed report showing a healthy half year position for the Group. With regard to the Lloyds/TSB split DJ was able to confirm that the Ilkeston branch would remain as Lloyds as so there would be no need to change the Groups banking facilities.	
73/13	<u>Membership Report</u>	
	JS reported that the Group has 199 members, 167 adult and 32 under 16's. This is an increase of 15 (8%) over the 2012-13 membership of 184. JS also reported that he had received concerned comments from some members about the 'bring a friend' for half price offer. DP stated that he would post a message on the Group website and fans forums to confirm the details of the offer	DP
74/13	<u>Travel Report</u>	
	LB reported that the away travel finance account was showing a surplus for the season so far.	

	<p>LB advised that thirteen people had registered to travel to the Blyth Spartans away fixture and that the trip would be expected to make a substantial loss. A number of obstacles to attendance were noted;</p> <p>(i) people not being able to finish work/school etc... in time to travel;</p> <p>(ii) potentially crucial England international on the same evening.</p> <p>LB was however, able to advise the committee that an offer to sponsor half the cost of the Blyth bus had been made with the donor wishing to remain anonymous (full cost £400, donation offered £200). All members present agreed that the offer should be gratefully accepted, but that standard fare of £10 for members should remain as it represents very good value for money for the length of the trip.</p> <p>LB also reported that a Group member, Stewart Quinn had taken the initiative to run a football card in the club house before home matches. This initiative has been run successfully on away travel buses. Stewart's initiative has proved to be a successful fund raising exercise and the members asked Lynda to express the thanks of the committee to Stewart for his support.</p> <p>LB also advised the committee about her Travel Voucher Gift initiative. All present agreed that this was an excellent idea. DP felt that details of this item should be circulated to involve those not at present at the meeting just in case there were any concerns.</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>LB</p> <p>LB/DP</p>
75/13	<u>Website and Media Report</u>	
(i)	<p>Race Night – DP raised the matter of issuing a press release to cover publicising the Race Night and the Group's intention to raise funds towards replacing the tannoy system at the NMG.</p> <p>After debating the issue, all present agreed that the Chairman should issue a press release and advise the football club accordingly.</p>	DP
(ii)	<p>Proposed pavement – The Chairman reported that he had met with Catherine Atkinson, two Borough Councillors and two County Councillors at the NMG, all of whom support the proposal. The next step will be to present the petition to the County Council at Matlock.</p>	
76/13	<u>Other Projects</u>	
(i)	<p>End of season event - JS & LB reported that they had met with the Manager The Festival and presented a number of options for seating; menu choices; and charges.</p> <p>After debating the options, those members present agreed on the option to be followed. The details will remain embargoed until the Group was in a position to properly advertise the event.</p> <p>JS advised that the next step will be to arrange another meeting</p>	LB/JS

(ii)	<p>between DP & JS (on behalf of the Committee) and Terry Bowles (and possibly Dave Mantle) to formally present the idea of the end-of-season dinner to them and gain their approval on it. Arrangements can't be confirmed with the Festival until after getting the Football Club's agreement.</p> <p>Market Stall – the potential of running future market stall events was debated with different views on the purpose of such an event and how the success of it should be measured being expressed. The Chairman proposed that any decision on running the market stall again should be held for a future time and all present agreed.</p>	
77/13	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
	<p>Email - LB was concerned about all committee members being included in emails being circulated to cover the Groups business. JS advised that a Committee email address could be set up; that he will discuss the requirement with LF; and would then test it to ensure all committee members could use it.</p>	JS
78/13	<u>Date, time & venue of next meeting</u>	
	The next meeting will be held on Friday 25 th October 2013 at the Little Acorn.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm

ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th September 2013

Minute:	Action:	By Whom:	By When:	Comments:
73/13	Post a message on the Group website and fans forums to confirm the details of the 'Bring a friend' offer.	DP	Immediately	
74/13 (i)	Accept offer from anonymous donor to sponsor the Blyth bus and offer the thanks of the committee for this generous offer.	LB	Immediately	
(ii)	Keep the fare for the Blyth trip at £10 for members to ensure the trip will break even.	LB	Immediately	
(iii)	Pass on the thanks of the committee to Stewart Quinn for his support with running football cards on away trips	LB	Immediately	
(iv)	Circulate details of Travel Gift Voucher initiative to all committee members to ensure there are no concerns.	LB/DP	25/10/13	
75/13 (i)	Race Night - Issue a press release and advise the football club accordingly.	DP	30/09/13	
(ii)	Proposed pavement – Arrange for the presentation of the petition to the County Council at Matlock.	DP	25/10/13	
76/13 (i)	End of season event - Arrange a meeting with the Football Club to discuss the End of Season event proposal. DP and JS to attend.	DP/JS	25/10/13	
	Refer back to the Manager of The Festival on preferred options for seating; menu choices; and charges.	JS/LB	After DP/JS meeting with IFC	
(ii)	Market Stall – hold on a decision on running the market stall again.	All	Summer 2014	

77/13	Implement and test Group email address.	JS	25/10/13	
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