



Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Sir John Warren, Ilkeston on Wednesday 12th October 2011 at 7.30pm

Present: Paul Skillington – Chairman; Duncan Lapping – Secretary; Darren Jones – Treasurer; Duncan Payne – Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer; Alex Middleton – Committee Member; Lee Francis – Committee Member; Paul Francis – Committee Member; Jon Shapland – Co-optee; Gary Skelton – The Sir John Warren

Action

73/11 Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were received from John Shiels (JS1), otherwise all committee members were present with the addition of Jon Shapland (JS2) (co-optee) and Gary Skelton of the Sir John Warren.

74/11 Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2011 and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted by the members as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

75/11 Action Points from last meeting

- Ensure approval of minutes of previous meetings – completed
- Enamel pin badges – order still outstanding LF
- Offer to assist with circulation of fixture lists referred back to IFC
- Membership cards – It was agreed that temporary cards will now be used for new members to the end of the season. A new batch of cards will thereafter be ordered subject to the number of members. It was noted that an estimate for 300 cards was £133 + VAT and delivery. LF
- Invitation to Kenny Burns – pending with the Chairman PS
- Organise race night – date set for 11th November 2011 AM/JS2
- Organise speakers night – pending subject to making contact with Kenny Burns and proposing, ‘An audience with...’ event. PS

76/11 Secretary’s Report

No report was presented

77/11 Treasurers report

DJ circulated a report that showed a balance of £617.89 and turnover to date of £1583.63.

The Chairman asked for comments & questions. There were none, so DJ was thanked for his report prior to moving on to the next item.

78/11 Membership Secretary report

No report was presented. It was however noted that there are now approximately 230 members.

79/11 Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer report

DP proposed the following as items for the fans page in the matchday programmes:

- Race night details – Agreed
- Sponsored walk – Agreed (see minute 82/11 for further details)
- Bus times – hold back subject to space for other items
- Easy Fundraising – Agreed
- John Shiels birthday – Agreed

DP/JS

DP also prompted a discussion on the best way to present the Groups sponsorship of club captain, Russell Cooke. It was agreed that there should be a random draw to select a member of the Group to meet Russell Cooke for a photo opportunity and presentation of a signed photo. It was noted that this draw will exclude members of this committee.

PS

DP advised that he had a number of volunteers for the regular supporter feature. It was agreed that this should be available to new supporters to say how they have come to support the club, and to tell of their hopes and expectations for the club. It was also agreed that this feature should be allowed to feature couples who support the club.

DP

80/11 Away Travel Report

LF circulated a report. Only one copy was available and LF stated the report would be further circulated by email.

LF reported a working balance of £291 and that all away travel would need to be subject to a fixed charge of £10 irrespective of distance. It was agreed that there should be a review of coach service providers to ensure best value is achieved.

LF/PF

81/11 Race Night

AM reported that a date and venue had been fixed as Friday 11th November 2011 at the Sir John Warren with doors at 7.30pm and first race at 8pm.

The room booking, DVD and tickets for the night had all been secured at no cost to the Group. Thirty programmes would be available at a total cost of £30.

Race sponsorship was agreed at £25 per race. It was also agreed that dogs should be 'sold' at £2 each. There will be eight races with eight dogs in each race.

It was proposed and agreed by all present that a ninth 'auction' race should be added to the schedule.

Sponsors will be presented with a gift (spirits & glass presentation) on the night. The owner of each winning dog will be presented with a prize of cans of beer.

It was reported that four sponsors had already been secured.

It was agreed that members of the committee will purchase any dogs not already sold when the event commences.

All

It was also agreed the JS2 should assist AM with organising the race night.

AM/JS2

The Chairman and other members thanked AM for his efforts thus far for what all hope will be a successful event.

Publicity for the event was discussed and it was agreed that details should be put in the next available match day programme and that the Ilkeston Advertiser should be approached about an advertising feature in the 3rd November edition.

DP

82/11 Other fund raising proposals

It was noted that PF will be doing a sponsored walk from Coalville to Ilkeston along with some Coalville supporters on 31st October 2011. It is expected that the 27 mile walk will take approximately seven hours. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the prime charity, Macmillan Cancer Care, with the other fifty percent of what PF raises going to the Group. PF advised that thus far he had raised sponsorship of £211. All present congratulated him on his efforts and wished him every success for the walk.

The following were also noted as fundraising proposals:

- Euro championship prediction sheet – proposed by AM and agreed by all as an initiative to be run at the time of the championships in summer 2012. AM/LF
- Signed posters/shirts/footballs for raffles on events nights. It was agreed that the Chairman should approach IFC about these proposals. PS
- Bands night – LF proposed that an approach be made to Craig Lamont (a local promoter and an IFC supporter). DL advised that his son may still be interested in making a contribution. LF/DL

83/11 Questions for IFC/SR Education

After general discussion it was proposed and agreed that IFC/SR education be approached for a meeting in December 2011. PS

The main question arising from this meeting was to ask about rulings on taking drinks away from the bar to pitch side while watching the game. This is something that other clubs appear to allow, but not IFC. JS2

It was proposed and agreed that a message be put on the internet forums to put questions forward but only by emailing to the Groups email address. DP

84/11 Date, Time & Venue for Next Committee Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at the Sir John Warren, Ilkeston.

85/11 Date, Time & Venue for Next Open Meeting

It was noted that it had been previously agreed to hold open meetings on a quarterly basis. It was however, proposed and agreed that the next open meeting would be held back to January 2012 due to the commitment of members to organising the race night and the forthcoming Christmas period.

It was noted that should IFC/SR education arrange supporters forums in the meantime, then the committee would endeavour to support them and encourage all supporters to attend.

86/11 Any other business

- Presentation event: It was noted that the last home game will be on 14th April 2011. The Chairman proposed that the club house at the NMG be booked for a post-match event to include the presentation of the Supporters Group Player of the Season. PS

The event should include a disco and buffet. It was agreed that the Chairman would seek to procure a trophy.

- It was proposed and agreed that a market stall event be organised for the morning of Saturday 10th December 2011 (home to Grantham). DP
- DP proposed that an 'Ilkeston Football Hall of Fame' be developed, It was proposed that membership would be an honour open to any considered to have made a significant contribution to football in Ilkeston at any time. It was proposed that members of the Group would vote for any candidates put forward to each AGM. Proposal agreed by all present. DP

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12th October 2011

Minute:	Action:	By Whom:	By When:	Comments:
60/11	Pursue order for enamel pin badge with delivery expected early October 2011.	LF	2/11/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
68/11	Procure, design & order a new batch of membership cards.	LF/JS	August 2012	To be noted on this action plan for reference & then removed until May 2012 for further action at that time.
69/11	Invite Kenny Burns to a fixture at the NMG as a guest of the Group.	PS	2/11/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
70/11 (2)	Organise a speakers night with further discussion required over the logistics and timing for this event.	PS	31/12/11	Subject to negotiations with Kenny Burns
79/11 (1)	Ensure agreed items put forward for inclusion in matchday programmes	DP	30/11/11	
79/11 (2)	Organise a random draw to select a member of the Group to meet Russell Cooke for a photo opportunity and presentation of a signed photo.	DP	31/12/11	
79/11 (3)	Approach IFC/SR education about regular supporter feature in match day programme for inclusion of new supporters and couples who support the club.	DP	2/11/11	
80/11	Review coach service providers to ensure best value is achieved.	LF/PF	31/12/11	

81/11 (1)	Jon S. to assist AM with organising the race night.	JS2/AM	Immediately	
81/11 (2)	Ensure that race night details are put in the next available match day programme and that the Ilkeston Advertiser is approached about an advertising feature in the 3 rd November edition.	DP	Immediately	
82/11 (1)	Organise Euro championship prediction sheet	LF	Summer 2012	To be noted on this action plan for reference & then removed until May 2012 for further action at that time.
82/11 (2)	Contact IFC/SR Education to procure signed posters/shirts/footballs for raffles on events nights.	PS	2/11/11	
82/11 (3)	Approach Craig Lamont about organising and promoting a bands night	LF/DL	30/11/11	
83/11 (1)	Approach IFC/SR Education for a meeting in December 2011.	PS	2/11/11	
83/11 (2)	Post a message on the internet forums inviting questions for IFC/SR Education but only by emailing to the Groups email address.	DP	2/11/11	
86/11 (1)	Book the NMG club house for a post-match event on 14 th April 2011	PS	30/11/11	
86/11 (2)	Arrange a market stall event for the morning of Saturday 10 th December 2011	DP/AM	Immediately	

86/11 (3)	Develop 'Ilkeston Football Hall of Fame' proposal.	DP	April 2012	To be noted on this action plan for reference & then removed until March 2012 for further action at that time.
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