



**Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Little Acorn, Ilkeston on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30pm**

Present: Chairman – Duncan Payne; Treasurer – Darren Jones; Membership Clerk – Jon Shapland;  
Committee Member – Alison Wall

		<b>Action</b>
<b>78/13</b>	<b><u>Introductions and Apologies</u></b>	
	Apologies were received from Duncan Lapping, Alex Middleton, Lynda Bacon, John Attewell and Lee Francis	
<b>79/13</b>	<b><u>Minutes of meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and matters arising</u></b>	
	The minutes of the last meeting on 25 <sup>th</sup> September were agreed and approved by the Chairman.	
<b>80/13</b>	<b><u>Chairman's Report</u></b>	
	<p>The Chairman announced the resignation of Mike Needham from the committee and wished to place on record his thanks and gratitude on behalf of the committee for his contributions.</p> <p>The Chairman also wished to canvass the opinions of the committee regarding improving attendances at committee meetings. Suggestions raised included the possibility of the reduction in the number of meetings, the evenings they could be held on, and the possibility of discussions via email.</p> <p>The Chairman will email all committee members on the subject within 7 days in order to gauge opinions.</p> <p>The Chairman also advised the committee that the details of the 'Bring A Friend' half-price offer had been relayed to supporters following confusion as to the terms – both for the fans and the turnstile operators. The mediums used were the match programme, and the IFCSG and Whiteball message boards. It was noted that LB had experienced difficulties at the turnstile with this, as had JS earlier in the season. Nigel Harrop of the IFC had been informed by email and had replied stating that the situation will be resolved.</p> <p>Any further difficulties should be noted and reported to the club via the Chairman.</p>	<p><b>DP</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>

<b>81/13</b>	<b><u>Treasurers Report</u></b>	
	<p>Paper copies of the current financial statement were not available, but those present were able to view the report via laptop.</p> <p>DJ advised the committee that JA's contributions for the Race Night via sponsorship money etc. had been banked.</p> <p>The bank account showed a balance of £7169.88, and when accounting for total income due, a balance of £8435.66 (including travel and membership fees).</p> <p>The Chairman noted the positive financial situation and thanked DJ for his report.</p>	
<b>82/13</b>	<b><u>Membership Report</u></b>	
	<p>JS did not have the precise figures available but was able to report that the membership currently stands at over 200.</p> <p>The Chairman noted the positive membership position and thanked JS for his report.</p>	
<b>83/13</b>	<b><u>Travel Report</u></b>	
	<p>LB was not in attendance but the Chairman was able to advise committee that following the previous meeting LB had accepted the offer from the anonymous donor to sponsor the Blyth bus and that fares for the trip were frozen at £10.</p> <p>The Chairman was able to confirm that LB had thanked Stewart Quinn for his support with running football cards in the club house at home matches.</p> <p>LB had also expressed concern that trips such as Barwell and Belper were not going to break even.</p> <p>JS commented that the sales of prediction sheets were purely to cover loss making trips, and that there had been few shortfalls this season, which was down to LB's enthusiasm.</p> <p>The committee was in full agreement that LB is doing a superb job.</p>	
<b>84/13</b>	<b><u>Website and Media Report</u></b>	
	<p>LF was not in attendance but the following items were reported in his absence.</p> <p>JS informed committee that the Group email address method of communication was fully tested, implemented – and to everyone's agreement – working well.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that an initial Race Night press release had been published in the Ilkeston Advertiser and on the IFCSG website with more to follow in due course.</p>	

<b>85/13</b>	<b><u>Other Projects</u></b>	
<b>(i)</b>	<b><u>Pavement on Awsworth Road:</u></b> DP advised that the proposed pavement petition had yet to be handed over to the County Council but the matter was in hand and would be dealt with in due course.	<b>DP</b>
<b>(ii)</b>	<b><u>Race Night/End of Season event :</u></b> JS advised the committee on the current position as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is still no guarantee from IFC that either players or KW will attend and no final decision has made by IFC as to whether or not the Race Night profits will go towards the tannoy fundraising initiative. JS was concerned about an apparent lack of communication from IFC and that the proposal to contribute funds could be shelved unless IFC back the project.</li> <li>• JS projected that over £1.5K could be raised from the Race Night/End of season dinner/awards proposal, but the end of season event would not take place unless the club was fully behind the IFCSG's fundraising attempts.</li> <li>• JS/DP intends to ask IFC to make decisions on the matters. A meeting with Terry Bowles to discuss end of season event will need to take place quickly as there are; entertainers to book; seating options and dinner options etc.. to be arranged, so it is vital for IFC to confirm their commitment to support these proposals as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p>After further discussion about how progress with the Race Night race forms/sponsorship etc. was developing, the Chairman decided to email all committee members to provide details for a complete understanding of 'where we are at'.</p>	<b>JS/DP</b>  <b>DP</b>
<b>86/13</b>	<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>	
	DJ advised that he had concerns about the behaviour of a member of the Group both at matches and regarding comments posted on message boards. Some fans had discussed this with DJ and felt the member's behaviour was detrimental to IFCSG. The Chairman agreed to email all committee members for feedback before any decision would be made, but the Chairman also agreed in principle to meet with the member concerned and discuss the concerns with him.	<b>DP</b>
<b>87/13</b>	<b><u>Date, time &amp; venue of next meeting</u></b>	
	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the Little Acorn.	

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm**

## **ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
73/13	Post a message on the Group website and fans forums to confirm the details of the 'Bring a friend' offer.	DP	Immediately	Completed
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	Completed
(ii)	Keep the fare for the Blyth trip at £10 for members to ensure the trip will break even.	LB	Immediately	Completed
(iii)	Pass on the thanks of the committee to Stewart Quinn for his support with running football cards at home matches.	LB	Immediately	Completed
(iv)	Circulate details of Travel Gift Voucher initiative to all committee members to ensure there are no concerns.	LB/DP	25/10/13	Completed
75/13 (i)	Race Night - Issue a press release and advise the football club accordingly.	DP	30/09/13	Completed
(ii)	Proposed pavement – Arrange for the presentation of the petition to the County Council at Matlock.	DP	25/10/13	For further action
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	For further action
	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	For further action
(ii)	Market Stall – hold on a decision on running the market stall again.	All	Summer 2014	For further action

77/13	Implement and test Group email address.	JS	25/10/13	Completed
80/13 (i)	Email all committee members to canvass the opinions of the committee regarding improving attendances at committee meetings.	DP	1/11/13	
80/13 (ii)	Report any further difficulties with the 'Bring A Friend' half-price offer to the Chairman	All	Ongoing	
85/13 (i)	Pavement petition to be provided to Derbyshire County Council – see action point 75/13 (ii) above.	DP	31/12/13	
85/13 (ii)	Meeting with Terry Bowles (IFC) to discuss end of season event and race night	JS/DP	20/11/13	
85/13 (iii)	Email all committee members to confirm progress with the Race Night race forms/sponsorship etc. to provide details for a complete understanding of 'where we are at'.	DP	1/11/13	
86/13	Email all committee members for feedback on member behaviour problem and meet with the member concerned and discuss the concerns with issue.	DP	2/11/13	