



**Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The Sir John Warren, Ilkeston on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7.30pm**

Present: Paul Skillington – Chairman; Duncan Lapping – Secretary; Duncan Payne – Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer; Alex Middleton – Committee Member; Lee Francis – Committee Member; Jon Shapland – Co-optee

**Action**

**87/11 Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Darren Jones, John Shiels, Paul Francis and Gary Skelton of the Sir John Warren.

**88/11 Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and matters arising**

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

**89/11 Action Points from last meeting**

- Enamel pin badges – Completed.
- Invitation to Kenny Burns – The Chairman confirmed that he had met with KB but had not been able to agree an appearance fee. An invitation to attend a game as a guest of the Group would be made to KB . PS
- Speaker's night – proposal cancelled due to prospective costs and logistical problems.
- Matchday programme – DP advised that while there had been an issue with team details on one occasion, information is generally being supplied as required.
- Organise draw for meeting/presentation with Russell Cooke – Draw to be organised by the Membership Secretary and Chairman to liaise with Kevin Wilson on availability of Russell Cooke. JS(1)/PS
- Fans Focus feature in matchday programme – to be listed as a matter for discussion with IFC. DP/JS(1)
- Coach Service Providers – Review completed.
- Race Night – All actions successfully completed.
- Procurement of merchandise from IFC for raffles – action still PS

- outstanding.
  - Band night event and approach to Craig Lamont – action still outstanding. LF/DL
  - Questions for IFC – completed.
  - NMG club house booking for post-match event on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – action still outstanding and subject to liaison with IFC. PS
  - Market stall event for 10<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – action cancelled.
- 90/11 Secretary's Report**
- After briefing the Committee through the action plan, the Secretary had no further matters to present.
- 91/11 Treasurers report**
- AM and LF reported on behalf of the Treasurer that the Group has an estimated working balance of £1635. This is inclusive of £539.70 raised from the sponsored walk.
- 92/11 Membership Secretary report**
- No report was presented. It was however, noted that there are now approximately 240 members.
- 93/11 Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer report**
- DP felt that the club was getting good coverage in the local press (Ilkeston Advertiser).
- It was noted that all items previously discussed for inclusion in the matchday programme had been action. There was still some concern however over the Fans Focus feature and it was agreed that this needs to be a matter for discussion with IFC. DP/JS
- DP referred to the proposal for 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 agreed that the Chairman will make a request to Kevin Wilson for Russell Cooke to be available for this. PS
- 94/11 Away Travel Report**
- LF advised of the need to use different providers (Henshaws, Linberg and Little's) for recent away travel. From this, he reported that it had emerged that the best value provider, at this time, was Little's.
- LF reported a working balance of £959. While it had been previously minuted that away travel would normally be subject to

a fixed charge of £10 irrespective of distance, it was subsequently reported by LF that he had decided to vary this charge on occasions, to increase uptake of the service, hence the lower rate of £5 for the Hucknall fixture.

All Members present agreed with LF's decisions on this.

**95/11 Race Night**

It was agreed by all present that the Race Night had been a significant success and the Chairman expressed his thanks to all members of the Committee for their input into organising the event and running it on the night.

Particular thanks are recorded for the Sir John Warren for providing the venue and for their excellent hospitality on the night.

AM reported that the event had raised approximately £400 but a final figure was still not available at this stage.

It was proposed that the event should be repeated and after some discussion it was agreed that this should become an annual event.

All

**96/11 Sponsored Walk**

As with the Race Night, it was agreed that the sponsored walk had been another significant success.

LF reported that £539.70 had been raised. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Paul and Lee for their efforts.

**97/11 Other fund raising proposals**

The following were noted as new fundraising proposals:

- England match 50:50 draw – it was proposed that members should run a 50:50 raffle in the Sir John Warren when England fixtures are shown there. Agreed by all subject to the agreement of the Sir John Warren.
- Driveathon – DP is investigating the logistics of a sponsored drive to the 65 grounds used by other Evo-Stick league clubs within 24 hours. DL and JS(2) have agreed to support DP and to participate should the event become viable.
- Twenty Four Hour pedal – PS proposed that he intends to carry out an event to see how far he can pedal in 24 hours. It was proposed that a suitable venue for such an event would be the Tesco foyer.

All

DP/DL/JS(2)

PS

**98/11 Questions for IFC/SR Education**

DL referred the committee to a schedule of questions for IFC drawn from comments received from supporters through various internet forums.

DP proposed that IFC now be approached with a range of dates for a prospective meeting, these being the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

It was agreed by all present that IFC should be approached to fix a date for a meeting.

PS

**99/11 Date, Time & Venue for Next Committee Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at the Sir John Warren, Ilkeston.

**100/11 Date, Time & Venue for Next Open Meeting**

It was agreed that the next open meeting would be held in February/March 2012, after both the proposed meeting with IFC and the next committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Group should liaise with IFC to arrange joint open meetings/supporters forums.

**101/11 Any other business**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

## ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Minute:	Action:	By Whom:	By When:	Comments:
69/11	Invite Kenny Burns to a fixture at the NMG as a guest of the Group.	PS	31/12/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
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.	JS(1)/PS	31/12/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
82/11 (2)	Contact IFC/SR Education to procure signed posters/shirts/footballs for raffles on events nights.	PS	31/12/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
82/11 (3)	Approach Craig Lamont about organising and promoting a bands night	LF/DL	31/12/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
86/11 (1)	Book the NMG club house for a post-match event on 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	PS	31/12/11	Carried forward from previous meeting
95/11	Race Night to become an annual event	ALL	30/09/12	To be noted on this action plan for reference & then removed until September 2012 for further action at that time.
97/11(1)	England match 50:50 draw to be run in the Sir John Warren when England fixtures are shown there, subject to the agreement of the Sir John Warren.	ALL	29/02/12	

97/11(2)	Driveathon – investigate logistics of a sponsored drive to the 65 grounds used by other Evo-Stick league clubs within 24 hours.	DP/DL/JS(2)	31/01/12	
97/11(3)	Twenty Four Hour pedal	PS	29/02/12	
98/11	Approach IFC/SR Education for a meeting in January 2012.	PS	31/12/11	

**ACTION POINTS DEFERED TO MARCH 2012 and LATER:**

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
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.
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.
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.
95/11	Race Night to become an annual event	ALL	30/09/12	To be noted on this action plan for reference & then removed until September 2012 for further action at that time.