



Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The New Manor Ground on Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 8.00pm.

Present: Duncan Payne, Duncan Lapping, Darren Jones, Alex Middleton, Wayne Morledge; Keith Windley, Lynda Bacon, Roger Brown, Lee Francis, Liam Attwood, Steve Attwood, Billy Booth, Tony Booth

Action

31/16	<u>Introductions and Apologies</u>	
	Apologies were received from Jon Shapland; Kevin Cross and Dianne Hall	
32/16	<u>Minutes of meeting held on 20th April 2016 and matters arising</u>	
(i)	The minutes of the last meeting were noted and agreed and approved by the Chairman.	
(ii)	<p><u>Action Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust fund proposal – DL has circulated his draft report to the committee. No adjustments were suggested and the report will be presented at the next AGM • Fans Forum – The Chairman (DP) advised that there had been no progress and it was noted that it's unlikely that there will be until Nigel Harrop is well and recovered from his operation. • Accounts – DJ circulated the draft accounts for review under item 5 on the agenda • Membership fees – after further discussion it was agreed to present three options to members at the AGM (i) Freeze at 2015/16 rate; (ii) Increase to £7/£3 (recommended option); Increase to £10/£5 • Pin Badge – It was noted that the agreement with IFC was the Group to organise production and sale of an 'official' IFC pin badge with a 50/50 split on profits generated. The production number will be reviewed further after the next AGM. 	
33/16	<u>Chairman's Report</u>	
	<p>The Chairman (DP) advised that he intended to circulate his report to the AGM to Officers and committee.</p> <p>He advised that his intention is to engage with supporters to gain views on the future direction/purpose of the Group. He proposed an open forum to be held after the AGM to gauge opinions. It was agreed that there may be a need to manage expectations, but that</p>	

	the philosophy of the Group should be led by the aims of its membership.	
34/16	<u>Secretary's Report</u>	
	<p>DL confirmed that he has drafted a report to be presented at the AGM and re-affirmed that he would not be seeking re-election.</p> <p>The report will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretarial activities for the past year • A revision to the constitution to cover voting matters raised at the last AGM • A proposal to create a quasi-trust account to safeguard the Groups funds (appendix one). <p>DL also reviewed the nature of the Secretary role and main activities. The Chairman asked if any-one was interested to fill the role, they should let him know.</p>	
35/16	<u>Treasurers Report</u>	
	<p>The Treasurer (DJ) circulated the draft accounts for the period ending 30th April 2016 and briefed the committee on key facts as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income - £17,026 • Expenditure - £13,237 • Profit for the year - £3,789 • Accumulated profit carried forward - £15,060 • Working capital - £18,849 <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Represented by – Bank Balance £14,243 Travel Float £1,883 Tannoy Fund £2,724</p> <p>DJ proposed a vote of thanks to KW for his fundraising efforts at car boot sales (£885) that was unanimously agreed by all present.</p>	
36/16	<u>Away Travel Report</u>	
	<p>DJ circulated a report to those present and was able to confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total income – £11,014 • Total expenditure – £11,950 • Initial loss - £936; offset by football card sales £1,336 and prediction sheet sales £1,607 	
37/16	<u>Membership Report</u>	
	<p>DJ circulated a report to those present and was able to confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total membership – 182 • Made up of; 1 Honorary; 160 adult; 21 junior • Total income – £821 	

38/16	<u>Website and Media Report</u>	
	The Website & Media Officer (LF) reported that he is in the process of drafting a report to be presented at the AGM	
39/16	<u>Date, time & venue of next meeting</u>	
	The next meeting will be the fifth AGM on Wednesday 11 th May 2016 at 8pm in the NMG clubhouse.	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.20pm

Appendix to the Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The New Manor Ground on Wednesday 4th May 2016

Report and Proposal on the future management of the Groups funds

1. Since its inception in January 2011, the IFCSG has built up a significant body of funds via a range of sources such as; membership subscriptions; fund raising events (e.g. the annual race night); donations; easyfundraising; football cards and prediction sheets and, more recently, car boot sales attended by Keith Windley and Roger Brown
2. After the demise of Ilkeston Town FC, one of the original aims of the IFCSG was to allow for the option of a new supporter's run football club, should the new/current club face a similar fate to ITFC, or allow for the opportunity to maintain the existing football club in the event of any future financial difficulties.
In any event, it would be a decision of the whole body of the IFCSG at an EGM or the AGM, on how to invest the accumulated funds should the situation ever arise.
3. In the meantime, the Group committee has had several discussions and made investigations into the ways in which the accumulated funds can be protected to ensure that they remain available for their intended use.
4. Ideally, the funds would be invested in a Supporters Trust. However, it has been established that to do so would take up some of the accumulated funds in legal and other costs. In the event of the need to form a new club, it is likely the formation of a Supporters Trust would be a necessary step at that time, but for the time being it's suggested that the funds be transferred to a multi-signatory bank account with the signatories being nominees of the main body of the Group. In effect, this would offer the protection of a pseudo-trust with-out the full set up costs and administrative regime that a full Supporters Trust would require.
5. Proposals:
 - 5.1 It is proposed that seven signatories be put in place with the main rule of the account being that all signatories would be required to release the funds and that they could only do so after a relevant motion has been passed by a majority vote at an AGM or EGM of the IFCSG.
 - 5.2 The signatories would be the post holding members of the Group committee (Chairman; Treasurer; Secretary; Membership Secretary; Travel Secretary and; Website & Media Administrator) along with other members of the Group nominated as required to ensure the necessary number of signatories
 - 5.3 The Group's constitution be amended to reflect the formation of a holding account for the accumulated Group Funds and the rules required for the management of the account.
6. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposals be accepted by the AGM and implemented by the Group Committee with an EGM to be held before 31st December 2016 to review and ratify the implementation of the proposals and to agree proposed amendments to the Group constitution.