



Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The New Manor Ground on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 8.00pm.

Present: Duncan Payne, Duncan Lapping, Darren Jones, Alex Middleton, Keith Windley, Lynda Bacon and Roger Brown

Action

11/16	<u>Introductions and Apologies</u>	
(i)	Andrew Raisin (AR) and John Attewell (JA) were welcomed to the meeting to comment on and discuss matters relating to Ilkeston Football Club (IFC). The discussion with AR/JA is summarised in an appendix to these minutes. The Chairman completed this discussion session by thanking AR & JA for giving up thier time to meet with the committee and for answering all the questions put to them.	
(ii)	Apologies were received from Jon Shapland; Kevin Cross; Lee Francis; Dianne Hall; Wayne Morledge, Liam Attwood, Billy Booth, Steven Attwood and Tony Booth.	
12/16	<u>Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2015 and matters arising</u>	
(i)	The minutes of the last meeting were noted and agreed and approved by the Chairman .	
(ii)	<u>Action Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust fund proposal – DL confirmed he had looked into this and found that; (i) The Group can set up an account with five or more (odd number) signatories; (ii) A proposal needs to be carried at the AGM (or an EGM) prior to implementation. • Race night prizes – it was noted that The Chairman (DP) still has some prizes for collection. • Fans Forum – The Chairman (DP) proposed that he will try to arrange a Q&A session with himself, Nigel Harrop and Mark Duffy. 	<p>DL</p> <p>DP/AII</p> <p>DP</p>
13/16	<u>Treasurers Report</u>	
	The Treasurer (DJ) had circulated a comprehensive report on the current position by email prior to the meeting and he read through the details for all present to confirm matters.	

	<p>It was noted that balance as at 9th March 2016 was £18,633 including; £1,959 as the travel float; £2,724 ring fenced for the tannoy fund and; a cash balance of £79.</p> <p>DJ was thanked for the presentation of such a comprehensive report for the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that cash from sales of merchandise and/or donations must be presented to DJ in good time to be backed and accounted for prior to the presentation of the accounts at the next AGM.</p> <p>In addition ,it was also reported that an anonymous donation of £50 had been received along with car boot sales income of £165</p>	
14/16	<u>Away Travel Report</u>	
	DJ circulated a report to those present and was able to confirm that, as previously reported, the initial loss reported on bus travel continues to be more than offset by income from prediction sheet and football card sales to maintain a healthy working float (£1,959) for LB to work with.	
15/16	<u>Membership Report</u>	
(i)	The Membership Secretary (DJ) confirmed the membership as 182 with 160 adult; 21 junior and 1 honorary member.	
(ii)	The proposal to discuss membership fees for 2016.17 was deferred to the next meeting.	All
16/16	<u>Website and Media Report</u>	
(i)	<p>The Chairman (DP) referred to the report provided by The Website and Media Officer (LF) via email and noted:</p> <p>Website Hits: 2013: 7,899; 2014: 11,593; 2015: 16,354; 2016: 2,207 to date</p> <p>Twitter Followers: 364 (268 at last AGM);</p> <p>Facebook Likes: 237 (190 at last AGM);</p> <p>Easyfundraising: 43 Members Donations: £929.31 (3 new members since AGM and £776.29)</p>	
(ii)	<p><u>Website forum:</u></p> <p>Some members of the Group (and the Committee) have raised concerns about abuse towards other members and the use of explicit language.</p> <p>After some debate it was agreed that co-moderator roles should be introduced to assist the LF in moderating the forum.</p> <p>It was also agreed that consideration should be given to the introduction of an explicit language filter</p>	<p>LF</p> <p>LF</p>

17/16	<u>Project Reports</u>	
(i)	<u>NMG25 Publication:</u> The Chairman (DP) advised that there was no additional information to add at this time to the report he provided to the last meeting.	
(ii)	<u>IFC Match day programme:</u> It was noted that The Flying Robin is now in effect, incorporated into the match day programme.	
(iii)	<u>Pin Badges:</u> It was proposed and agreed that the Group should approach the football club about the production of a club pin badge	DL
(iv)	<u>Player of the Season/Hall of Fame:</u> Forms will be available at the Micklover game on Easter Monday. The Chairman (DP) will contact JS about supplying PoS trophy and John Shiels for a Hall of Fame portrait.	DP
18/16	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
(i)	<u>Consultations with IFC:</u> It was agreed that AR, as IFC representative be invited to attend every 2 nd meeting of the committee.	DL
19/16	<u>Date, time & venue of next meeting</u>	
	The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20 th April 2016 at 8pm in the Sponsors Lounge at the NMG. The final committee meeting prior to the next AGM on 11 th May 2016 will be held on 4 th May 2016 in the Sponsors Lounge at the NMG.	

ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9th March 2016

Minute:	Action:	By Whom:	By When:	Comments:
12/16 (ii)	Trust fund proposal – provide draft resolution for AGM	DL	20.04.16	
12/16 (ii)	Anyone who still needs race night prizes to contact the Chairman (DP) to arrange for collection	All	Immediately	
12/16 (ii)	Fans Forum – agree a date with IFC and publicise to supporters.	DP	20.04.16	
15/16 (ii)	Discussion and decision on membership fees proposal for 2016.17	All	20.04.16	Referred to next meeting on 20.04.16
16/16 (ii)	(i) Introduce website forum co-moderator roles to assist with moderating the forum. (ii) Investigate option for the introduction of an explicit language filter	LF	20.04.16	Completed
17/16 (iii)	Approach the football club about the production of a club pin badge	DL	20.04.16	Completed and awaiting response
17/16 (iv)	Contact Jon Shapland about supplying PoS trophy and John Shiels for a Hall of Fame portrait.	DP	Immediately	
18/16	Invite Andrew Raisin as IFC representative to attend every 2 nd meeting of the committee.	DL	Immediately	Completed

Appendix to the Minutes of the meeting of the committee of Ilkeston Football Club Supporters Group held at The New Manor Ground on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 8.00pm.

Notes of discussion session with Andrew Raisin (AR) and John Attewell (JA) from Ilkeston FC

- Match day video – DL commented on the recent improvement to the highlights put on the club website/youtube (i.e. the change from just the goals to highlights with commentary) and how this compares favourably with the content released by other high profile clubs such as Darlington and Salford.
- Communication – AR was asked by LB to comment on communication from IFC as it was felt that regular updates on the clubs situation would help/re-assure supporters about the clubs situation and on how the club is progressing. After some discussion, it was agreed that it would be best for the club to keep providing press releases to confirm facts on activities at the football club.
- Next season:
 - (i) The team:
The Chairman (DP) asked if next seasons playing squad will be dependent on the investment being sought by the club?
AR commented that it will always be the case that outside investment will be needed to bring in players from outside (i.e. not the academy) as the current football club doesn't have access to personal funds in the way that the old Ilkeston Town did when Paul Millership was in charge.
 - (ii) 2016/17 pre-season friendlies:
AM asked if any arrangements had been made yet for the next round of pre-season friendlies? AR confirmed that a top level club are pencilled in along with a number of championship and league one/two clubs for visits to the NMG. Away friendlies will be arranged with clubs at the same level as or below IFC's current status in the football pyramid.
 - (iii) Start Date:
AR stated that the likely start date for next season (2016/17) is 13th August 2016
 - (iv) League Structure:
AR advised that possible changes to league structures may affect which league the club is in next season as there are some radical changes being proposed to league structures from level three downwards.
 - (v) Away Kit:
It was confirmed that there will be a new away kit but the colour is still to be decided. AR was asked if the Group could be advised as soon as the colour has been decided as the colour of some of its merchandise (e.g. pin badges) is dictated by the away kit colour. AR also stated that there will be a new supplier with different sizing from the recent new home kit.

- NMG 25th Anniversary Event – The Chairman (DP) advised AR on preparations for the event to be held on 8th July 2017 to celebrate 25 years of the New Manor Ground. AR was pleased to confirm that this will be supported by IFC.
- Derbyshire Senior Cup Final – AR was pleased to let the Group committee know that the DSC final will be hosted at the NMG on 26th April 2016 with admission being £8/£5 concessions.