

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ILKESTON FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP

“LITTLE ACORN”. WEDS. AUGUST 30. 2017 8.00 PM.

Present: Duncan Payne, Duncan Lapping, Liam Attwood, Alex Middleton, Lynda Bacon, Roger Brown, David Potter

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: It was generally agreed that, in view of the significant developments that had taken place since the last meeting of the committee regarding the football club, there would be very little of relevance to the newly formed Ilkeston Town F.C. contained in the previous minutes and it was decided to take the opportunity of starting with a “clean sheet” in this respect from this point onwards.

Agreement was reached to make every effort to complete and post, for general information, minutes of this and all future meetings within 14 days of each taking place. (Those will be subject to ratification at each following meeting and, should there be any change in that respect, details will be reported and highlighted in the following publication of the next minutes)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICER ROLES.: Several changes have taken place in this respect since the last meeting and those present were taken through the current members of the committee as of August 30 2017. Full details, and the specific Officer Roles now currently filled are listed in appendix A which are published as part of these minutes.

One significant change is the resignation of Duncan Lapping as Secretary and the meeting offered their whole hearted thanks for the many years of commitment and service Duncan has given to the role. They were delighted to learn that Duncan still wished to remain as a member of the committee meaning his wealth of experience and advice will still be readily available.

CONSULTATION WITH ILKESTON TOWN F.C. AND FUTURE WORKING RELATIONSHIP : Very little time was spent in reviewing the previous situation, all present preferring overwhelmingly to focus on future prospects and those areas of co-operation that appear to be ripe for consideration and discussion with the club under its new ownership and management. Published in appendix B are the committee's initial thoughts on this and, although it's recognised that the current management have, and will continue to have for a good while yet, their own list of priorities we've been encouraged so far by initial contacts with the relevant people in the clocktower and are optimistic of achieving a working relationship which can only be to mutual benefit.

AWAY TRAVEL/MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lynda Bacon is currently taking on responsibility for both roles as a result of Liam's imminent future priorities (although Liam will be taking on the role of Treasurer.) Initial indications thus far are extremely encouraging as to the continuing viability of providing a full away travel service and views were exchanged regarding coach departure times which should meet the expectation of the majority who continue to enjoy an Ilson away day experience.

Lynda also reported a total current membership of 89.

With the changed circumstances of the club and the initiatives that will be up for discussion and consultation in the near future your committee are committed to building these numbers back up to significantly higher levels as we and the club progress especially bearing in mind the potential to be exploited within the wider community of Ilkeston and District in which we intend to play a full and active part in partnership with ITFC.

Further points to note on travel:

Everyone concerned expressed their thanks and congratulations to Liam for the Wembley Non League Finals Day. There were one or two suggestions to tweak it but opinion was unanimous that that

this should now become an annual event and Liam adopt it as his baby.

Note was made of Cheggy Robin's suggestion that gaps in the Robins fixtures could be filled by away days elsewhere but the majority opinion was that it would be unviable to arrange coaches at short notice. (Of course individual and collective arrangements can always be made via the forum and elsewhere)

NMG 25th. ANNIVERSARY: Following a highly successful event (albeit with help of Eastwood Community CFC in lieu of the NMG for which much thanks) it's been suggested from several quarters that this now becomes an annual event and your committee will be happy to explore the possibilities.

RACE NIGHT. After much discussion the conclusion reached was that, bearing in mind all the preparatory work involved, it would be better to concentrate fund raising activities more productively elsewhere particularly in respect of potentially more involvement in the club shop and renewed (and increased) activity in car boot sales.....more of which later.

TANNOY FUND. The meeting was of the opinion that now would be an appropriate moment to raise the subject with the club and this been included on the list in appendix B

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY. " The time is right for a fresh and co-ordinated approach to building up a strong relationship with the football club.

The Supporters Group will have to be pro-active in this respect while understanding that those running the club have certain priorities in order to establish it on a firm footing.

Initial conversations have been extremely positive and I am confident that a mutually beneficial relationship can be realised.

Given the high level of interest within the local community towards Ilkeston Town F.C., it is important that the Group maximises every

opportunity to strengthen its position and build up membership levels.

This can best be achieved through positive dialog with the club.”

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. As a result of the changed circumstances at the club a short discussion was held on the subject of the Supporters Group name. A resolution was proposed by Lynda Bacon and seconded by Duncan Lapping that the name be changed to the ILKESTON FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP and was passed unanimously

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Weds. Oct. 11 8.00 p.m. Venue to be advised.

APPENDIX A

COMMITTEE OFFICER ROLES:

DUNCAN PAYNE	CHAIRMAN
LYNDA BACON	TRAVEL/MEMBERSHIP
LIAM ATTWOOD	TREASURER
LEE FRANCIS	WEBSITE/MEDIA
DAVID POTTER	SECRETARY

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

DUNCAN LAPPING

ALEX MIDDLETON

KEVIN CROSS

ROGER BROWN

KEITH WINDLEY

BILLY BOOTH

TONY BOOTH

STEVE ATTWOOD

APPENDIX B

POTENTIAL AREAS OF CO-OPERATION S.G./CLUB

***S.G. SPONSORSHIPS**

***COMBINED END OF SEASON AWARDS EVENING**

***ANNUAL NMG REUNION EVENT**

***FORMATION OF EX PLAYER ASSOCIATION (J.S.)**

***TRAVEL(INITIALY MIDWEEK)**

***CLUB SHOP PRESENCE (A.M)**

***JOINT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOLS AND
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME**

***TANNOY FUND AND
REFURBISHMENT/REPLACEMENT**