

LEICESTER CITY FC DISABILITY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION AGM 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2018

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT

Sandra Fixter (Chair) Brian Toon, Bernard Rice, Judith and Eddie Smoraczewski, Sarah Mitchell, Julie and Robert Hyde, Ben Cox, Jim Donnelly, Tony Mitchell, Clive Mawby, Julian Wright, Debbie Quince, Dale Finch, Cheryl Taylor, Tim Taylor, Paul Hatton, Christine Hatton, John Saunt, Jackie Saunt, Pauline Lindsay, Steve Fisher.

APOLOGIES

Nev Turner, John McGrenaghan, Vicki Bulman, Colin Daulby, Chris Pryke, Jignesh Vaidya, Morag Clarke, Hannah Robinson, Sophie Bishop, Alan Herbert, Terry and Janice Green.

After a welcome by the Chairman, Brian Toon asked for a minute's silence for our departed Members.

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

Clive Mawby proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Dale Finch and carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING

- a) Handbook. Sandra Fixter said that the DSA will produce it's own Handbook next year with all relevant DSA information.
- b) Player of the Year. The DSA will no longer be giving a Player of the Year Trophy as we are not allowed any access to the Players. All visits to the Training Ground have been stopped. The DSA have had no acknowledgement of the trophy given to Kasper Schmeichel last year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sandra reported a successful and eventful year for the DSA. The change to three-year membership and the adoption of the Access Card as the membership card has created a great deal of work for the Membership Secretary with help from the Secretary and Website and Social Media Officer as well as other members of the Committee. The Database has been redone and all addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses have been checked and updated to make sure all members can be kept well informed of any events and activities.

We have purchased scarves and blankets for all members which are given to them without charge. Audio Descriptive handsets have also been purchased to lend to our visually impaired members and to away supporters on match days. We have also paid for training for commentators.

GDPR is another challenge we have had to deal with. We have produced a privacy policy and worked hard to ensure that we meet all legal requirements. This has now been done and details are on the website.

There have been a lot of problems with the company that originally set up our website. We were without a website for a considerable time and the company are now withholding our domain name and password. We have purchased a new domain name and Sarah has worked very hard to get a new website up and running with all the information for our members. More and more of our members are now using social media to keep in touch.

Our DSA has been asked to be part of the new Premier League Disability Advice Group which is run separately from the Premier League but has now been accepted by them as it's official advice group for disability matters. We will be asking our Members to assess facilities for the disabled at all stadia next season. We will keep our members up to date with information from the Group.

We work closely with LCFC and bring to their attention matters raised by our members. We have also been invited to work with them on the new stadium extension which will see many improvements for our members.

We have taken the opportunity to propose a new Constitution to bring the DSA in line with legislation covering Unincorporated Associations and GDPR. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

Sandra finished by thanking the Committee members for their hard work. We all have different points of view which are discussed amicably and usually, with a great deal of humour. She also thanked LCFC and particularly Jim Donnelly for their help.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer started his report by saying that the Committee had overspent for the year but that that was a good thing because the Auditor has reported that, as an Association we hold too much money in reserve.

Income for the year was £7,052.84 from membership fees, interest, donations and fundraising.

Expenditure was £12,412.97. Expenditure was for Membership cards, annual fees, expenses and blankets, radios, scarves and events.

This produced a nett deficit of £5,360.13

The Auditor has sent back all the corrected and approved accounts for the year.

The latest set of figures were; Community Account £9,770.41

BMM Account £17,489.83

Total £27,260.24

A question was put from the floor to ask if we could not get an account with a better interest rate as we had a good sum of money. The Treasurer replied that the banks were reluctant to give accounts to Associations like ours as they did not make any money from them.

Large expenditure items were listed as; Blankets £3036, Radios £3098, Scarves £1377.60.

Jackie Saunt asked about expenditure of £3,000 when a lower limit had been set by the Constitution. Sandra said she had had to buy two lots of expensive items in order to comply.

A discussion ensued after which the meeting decided that the Committee should be allowed to spend up to 20% of retained funds. This was voted on and agreed.

The Treasurer has a complete record of Committee spending and a new Asset Register has been produced.

Clive Mawby said that individual items of expenditure should be listed and asked about expenses. The Treasurer quoted a figure of £578.74 for office expenses.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There had been no further nominations for Officers of the Committee.

Clive Mawby proposed that all Standing Officers of the Committee be re-elected. This was seconded by Jackie Saunt and carried unanimously.

Brian Toon agreed to be elected for one year only in order to prevent the Chair and Vice Chair standing for election in the same year. This was carried unanimously.

### RESOLUTIONS

There were three proposed changes to the Constitution.

Clive Mawby asked that any proposed changes of membership fees be notified to Members in advance.

The number of Committee members required for a quorum be changed to 4

The Number of Members required to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting changed from 25% of Members to 50 Members.

These were all passed unanimously.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### JIM DONNELLY'S REPORT.

Jim commenced by saying that although the Meeting was small it was the best run meeting ever. This was due to the great co-operation and success of the Committee. He talked about the amazing plans for the expansion of the Stadium and that it would bring extra disability support. He said that LCFC came out very well in reports on disability matters. A Sensory room is planned and there will be a new Changing Places toilet. There will be 8,000 new seats in the East Stand. The new training ground will be at Seagrave. All in all, he thought it had been a phenomenal year thanks to the Supporters and the Committee.

Tim Taylor asked that the disability toilets be fitted with padded toilet seats and backrests. Clive Mawby said that even better would be bidet toilets.

Clive Mawby asked about season ticket renewal. They will be available from the 25<sup>th</sup> May to the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Pauline Lindsay asked about the car parking charge. JD said it would remain the same.

Clive Mawby asked if season ticket holders would get discount in the LCFC shop. JD said the reward points system would operate the same as last year.

#### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Sandra said that the Bingo night and Quiz night had been very successful and there would be a Stadium tour. The trip to Cadbury World had not attracted any interest probably because of the cost. Debbie Quince suggested that we make it a self-drive trip. Pauline Lindsay said drivers could give lifts to other members. She also suggested a trip to see our up and coming players. A DSA Barbeque was suggested. Sandra asked if anyone had any suggestions to let her know.

#### PRIZE DRAW

All eligible Members were allocated a number and the draw was made electronically.

First Prize £250     Scott Bates

Runner up prizes £50     Virginia Callaghan, Ian Roberts, Mark Newbold, Janice Lindsay and John Roy West.

#### AOB

Pauline Lindsay said that she was sorry for the Committee Members as they work hard for the Membership and it was a very poor attendance at the meeting.

Clive Mawby said he would take Pauline's words as thanks for everyone and to pass thanks on to the Chairman and the Board.

#### DATE OF NEXT AGM

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

The meeting closed at 8.45pm