

Leicester City DSA AGM Saturday 9th September 2023

Welcome from Judith Smoraczewska new DSA Chair. Judith Thanked everyone for coming.

A minute's silence was held for departed Members.

Present -SH

Committee members: Judith Smoraczewska (Chair), Sarah Holland (Membership), Edward Smoraczewski (H&S, DP, Equality) David Gamble, Emma Dewis (Co-opted temp Secretary) Jim Donnelly (LCFC) Anna Dickman (LCFC Disability)

Members and Carers: Gary Clarke, Morag Clarke, Noah Dewis, Jane Hextall, John Hextall, John Knight, Wendy Knight, Dave Markley, Clive Mawby, Anthony Mitchell, Kenneth Moulton, Taresa Pallett, Simon Pallett, John Saunt, John Roy West, Madeline Chambers, Chris Pryke and carer.

Apologies -JS

Steve White, John Hunsley, Brian Toon, John Knight, Kelvin Knight, Ron Twigg, John Heighton, Emma Matts, Ann Herbert, Alan Herbert, Eddie Criglington, Neville Turner, Vic Shornyk, Bernard Rice, Quym Greaves, Andrew Greaves, Rosemary Keeber, Kirsty Ward, Terence Bloom, Brian Wightman, Robert Smith, Leanne Hurst, Luke Wardle, Tracy Brown, Lily-May Brown, Vickie Bulman, Paul Hicken, Dr. Paul Lunn, Karen Gibson, Demi- Leigh Siddon, David Hardy, Simon Devaney, Thomas and Samuel Bateman, William Fathers, Rita Kew-Moss, Kirsty Ward, Jignesh Vaidya, Natalie Sleath, John Sleath, Andy Ellis, Hannah Robinson, Sophie Bishop.

Minutes of last AGM – JS.

JS apologised for not having the minutes of the last AGM for inspection. SH read them from her laptop and these were approved. There were no further matters arising from the minutes.

Chairman's Annual Report – JS.

Only 10 people attended the last AGM meeting, so there weren't enough people to make a quorum. Committee members had to stand down to make sufficient numbers to hold the meeting.

We did have a discussion on how to try and increase membership. The committee will investigate online or text voting for the next AGM.

Unfortunately, only half of the committee were able to attend this AGM due to:

2 being ill with Covid

1 hospital appointment

1 out for a surprise birthday treat.

1 Resignation.

The last year has been difficult as we all know, we knew Sandra was ill but didn't think she would pass away so suddenly. We now have Sandra's laptop, but it was wiped, so we have nothing to show what she was working on or lists of contacts she may have had.

We held a disability day

match on 22nd April. We were the 1st football club to hold a disability event. Thank you for your support.

Treasurers report by - JS.

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, JS presented a brief summary of the accounts and stated that anyone wishing to see the full accounts could do so after the meeting.

Summary of Accounts: as of 31st January 2023 our total funds were £21,726.93. During the year there was an overspend of £1,395.74, due to ongoing annual costs. This is normal due to the three year membership term.

Community Account Held £4,117.19

BMM Account Held £17,609.74

Charitable Donations were made to Ukraine Appeal (£100) and Able Camp (£50).

The Accounts were fully audited with the Auditor again telling us we are holding too much money as a not-for-profit organisation

LCFC Report by Jim Donnelly.

The disability match is planned for the Southampton match (16th March 2024)

Another Disability Coffee Morning to be arranged.

Autism East Midlands and Deaf are holding staff training sessions for all LCFC staff.

75% of the Access Audit recommendations have now been completed.

Anna is now our Disability Liaison Officer and 1st point of contact at the club.

Special Resolutions -JS

To adopt amendments to the constitution draft 2023 - These were read in detail by JS and carried, except;

Reducing Quorum from 10-8 for AGM - not carried.

Reducing Quorum from 50-10 for Dissolution - not carried.

Reducing Quorum from 50-25 for Dissolution amendment compromise suggestion- carried.

If the DSA had to disband all monies left after all bills paid to be donated to the Vishai Foundation. - Carried

Free membership for existing members for the next Membership Term, due to excess funds and cost of living – carried.

Election of offices -JS

All existing Committee Officers were re-elected for another term.

Secretary – Paul Lunn was elected.

Events Officer – Emma Dewis was elected.

Junior member Noah Dewis was elected. (Subject to a safeguarding policy being agreed by LCFC.)

Annual Prizes - SH

£250 – 112 Tina Rigley

£50 – 107 Chris Pryke

£50 – 109 Steven Rawlings

£50 – 148 Stephanie Wakeling

£50 – 151 Jonothan Wayland

£50 – 73 Rosemary Keeber

£25 (meeting attendee raffle) – John Saunt

AOB

Member Suggestion that £100 to be donated to “Keep the beat” a children’s heart charity on behalf of the DSA. Voted on and carried.

WK asked if there could be an option to donate the money from ticket resale to the Vishai Foundation? Jim said this was not possible so any donation would have to be made privately.

D Markley “Thank you to the committee for everything you do.”

Future Events were discussed and the following were suggested:

Quiz – Christmas

Summer garden party

Training ground tour both men’s and ladies’ grounds

Stadium tour

Cream tea/afternoon tea

Meet and greet with the players.

ND asked if a day trip could be arranged by minibus, he suggested either the seaside or a zoo. JS said that uptake previously on day trips had been very poor but the committee will review demand for another outing.

A suggestion was made that the annual prizes should only go to people who attend the meeting but this was deemed unfair on those who may be ill or away on holiday or without an available carer. The committee will discuss further at their next meeting.

Meeting closed 12.45