

SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIASON MEETING 25TH SEPTEMBER 2002

MINUTES FROM SUSCT LIASON MEETING – 25TH SEPTEMBER 2002

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

Paul Fitzgerald, Dave Scriven, Geoffrey King, Derek Wiltshire and Chris Phillips all in attendance.

2. Roots Hall lease – expiry date

GK reiterated his previous statement made via the clubs official web site that the lease will be extended in March. The statement still stands.

3. Relocation away from Roots Hall

GK stated that an announcement would be made from the club as soon as they were ready.

4. Question and Answer session

The club will participate in a Q&A when an announcement on the relocation is made.

5. Catering

The club are due to make a lot of changes to the catering at Roots Hall in around 6 - 8 weeks time. Some of these will include changes to the menu and also a different supplier is going to be used to hopefully improve the quality.

GK also revealed that the club are currently seeking to purchase a second hand mobile catering unit to position in the Roots Hall car park on a matchday. PF and DS expressed that they thought this was a good idea.

6. SUSCT publicity around Roots Hall

GK agreed that SUSCT could hand out application forms at turnstiles on 25th October against Hartlepool United. GK also agreed that we could place application forms in the bars and club shop. Ray Davy and David Jobson should be kept advised.

7. SUSCT and Club shop

GK informed us that new ranges are expected to arrive soon, the samples they have received so far are impressive. SUSCT would like to get something made that doesn't compete with SUFC; PF suggested that the club could sell it in exchange for a share of the profits GK thought it was a good idea, and awaited ideas.

PF to action

8. Christmas Draw

GK agreed that it was OK for SUSCT members to distribute (but not sell) Christmas draw tickets within the bars and stands of Roots Hall.

Draw to take place on 28th December, DS to liase with commercial.

DS to action

9. Darryl Flahavan's shirts

PF expressed that the SUSCT had purchased 4 shirts for the SUFC goalkeepers last season but only two had been returned. GK to look into and arrange for the remaining shirts to be passed onto SUSCT.

GK to action

10. The North Bank

DS explained that many fans were starting to campaign for a return to the North Bank; GK stated that he had picked up on this on ShrimperZone. GK said that the Police would never allow it, as it is easier control away fans in the North.

GK also stated the local authority issue a safety certificate, necessary for sporting events to take place, and they would not do so if away fans were elsewhere.

11. Any other business

Swearing

GK informed us that he had received several complaints about the language of some fans in Roots Hall. GK enquired whether something could be placed into the SUSCT newsletter to try and curb the colourful language. All agreed that it was an issue that had affected us all and everything possible needed to be done to curb it.

DS to inform Nigel

Quid a goal

PF informed GK of the scheme, GK thought it was a good idea. PF suggested that some of the money be used to purchase something for the club and asked GK to consider what they needed. GK stated that physio John Gowans was soon to be leaving the club and taking some of the equipment with him, as it was his.

GK requested that we used the clubs share to purchase the necessary stuff and PF and DS agreed. GK to investigate what is needed and likely cost.

GK to action

Club shop discount

GK announced that they were currently investigating the possibility of giving season ticket holders a 10% discount in the club shop and SUSCT members a 5% discount. Although exact details to be confirmed.

Membership form in programme

DS enquired whether the SUSCT would be able to have a full-page membership form in every programme as many other clubs supporters associations do. GK said to liase with commercial to come up with a proposal but he didn't envisage it being a problem.

DS to action

Programme sellers

GK again requested for programme sellers, DS and PF said they would publicise that sellers are required via the SUSCT newsletter and various web sites. GK requested reliable applicants to contact Brian Wheeler in commercial.

DS and PF to action

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 200