SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIASON MEETING 18th DECEMBER 2002

MINUTES FROM SUSCT LIASON MEETING – 18TH DECEMBER 2002

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

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

2. Maters arising

Quid a goal

GK enquired about the response to the leaflets the club produced against Boston. DS confirmed that he had already received a few and more were expected.

3. Q&A

GK confirmed that he would ask Ron if he would be prepared to do a Q&A early January although he expressed there will be some issues he still won't be able to comment on. Rob Newman and maybe his assistants to attend also. GK to liase with RM and RN.

3. Information Stand

The SUSCT committee had raised a request to have a central point of contact on match days where fans can sign up, make coach bookings and gather information on the Trusts objectives. GK suggested that we could use the yellow kiosk outside the East Stand, PF and DS agreed. GK also stated that we are welcome to paint it and add a sign if we wish. TJ to liase with Dave Jobson about obtaining a key.

4. 50/50 Draw

PF stated he had received some enquiries about the 50/50 draw that the prize was the same each week. GK phoned Brian Wheeler and he entered the meeting. BW showed DS and PF records from the draw and the total amount collected. Commission to the sellers, Insurance on the main prize, ticket costs and additional prizes are all deducted from the amount collected. On most occasions the final figure is rounded up to make the prize more attractive while the bigger attendances attract bigger prizes. BW said if anyone wishes to view the records they can get in contact with him.

5. Quid a Goal

GK has spoken to the directors and all have agreed to sign up.

6. Oliver Trigg's grave

PF and DS told GK that the SUSCT and the owners of the Blue Board pub were getting together to refurbish Oliver Triigs grave one of the founders of SUFC. PF enquired if the club would like to contribute and GK agreed that SUFC would pay 1/3 of the cost.

7. The Shrimpers Bar

GK advised that the Shrimpers will be open for important televised matches but not for all. Details of which games will be publicised in advance. Handryers for the toilets are being purchased as are soap dispensers but GK stressed that if they are vandalised they won't be replaced.

GK also offered to turn the Shrimpers Bar into the SUSCT Shrimpers Bar. SUFC would run the bar but everything else in there would be the Trusts responsibility and we would be able to change things within reason as we see fit. DS and PF thought it was a excellent idea and agreed to discuss with the whole committee.

8. Shrimpers Bar

GK felt that changes were needed to pull in more customers. He will be looking at décor and other issues in the next few weeks, although several expensive pictures have been stolen in recent weeks. PF expressed the need for more seating areas while DS suggested playing the last away match on the big screen to pull in more customers. GK to look into the playing of away matches.

NEXT MEETING TO BE CONFIRMED