



SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING MAY 18th 2005

1 Present

Geoffrey King (GK), Helen Norbury (HN), Paul Yeomanson (PY) and Terry Jeffreys (TJ) were present.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Derek Wilshire (DW) and Paul Fitzgerald (PF).

3 Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 5th May 2005

GK said that the train company were reluctant to give compensation over the LDV train but the club continued to press the matter with them.

GK said that work had started on the house in front of the shop in order to repair the roof and to secure the chimney. He added that some work was to be carried out on improving the shop.

GK said that with regards to the Shrimpers Bar, he had only mentioned air conditioning improvements but had not said that they were planned. PF said that the Trust had implemented a ban on smoking at their POTY night and said that the air quality and ambience had been improved.

GK stated that all the LDV Cup photographs had been dispatched and said that Dave Scriven was not getting updates on the progress of the Trust pennant around the world so could not put them on the club website. PY said that the Trust Website had been updated & that DS could get the information from there.

4 Wheel Chair Access

PY asked if the club would allow wheel chair access into the West Bank via the North Bank to save the long journey for wheel chair users around the ground from the main car park. GK said that the club would always allow wheelchair access through the back of the North Bank when required. This could be arranged by speaking to Dave Jobson or the steward on duty at the gate near the ticket office on the day.

5 Grimsby - Travel

PY explained the problems with coaches that they had had whilst transporting fans up to Grimsby for the last match of the season. He said that one coach was taken out of service at the South Mimms Services and another had run out of fuel near Lincoln. He said that all the stranded fans had been taken to the game by taxi. The Trust reimbursed those who paid for taxis out of their own pocket. They had also received a free trip to Northampton for the play off game.

6 North/West Toilet Block

PY said that the Trust had heard that there had been problems there during the Yeovil game. GK said that unfortunately Southend fans had carried out some acts of vandalism in the North Bank. WCs had been wrenched from the ground in the toilet

block. He was not impressed by this and would not want any further re-occurrences of vandalism next season. He asked that the Trust raise this through their newsletter.

7 Play Off Final

There had been a long discussion on the way forward should the club get to Cardiff for the play-off final.

8 Season Ticket Amnesty

PY asked GK if the club would consider a season ticket amnesty due to the extra expense that fans were experiencing because of the play-off games. He asked if the time-scale for the cheaper season ticket prices be put back a few weeks to allow the fans to raise more money for their season tickets purchases. GK said that he had spoken to Ron Martin about this and he was not in favour of the proposal.

9 Shrimpers Trust POTY Awards Night

PY said that he would like to thank everyone at the club who was involved in making the Trust POTY Awards Night a great success.

He asked if the club had made any progress in retrieving to POTY Trophy from Leon Constantine. GK said that they had been unable to contact him and that the Trust should consider it lost. He added that the Trust should consider providing a smaller trophy for the player to keep whilst keeping the larger one on display within the club.

10 Meet The Blues Day 2005

GK said that the MTBD would be held on July 30th at Boots & Laces. He added that the club did not have a training wall but mentioned that Ross McLaren did use mannequins to simulate a wall and said that we could use those if we wished. TJ said that he had asked GK if there was a requirement for a training wall at the club. HN said that she would find out.

11 Any Other Business

GK asked what the Trust view was on a new shirt for the forthcoming season. PY said that it was good to be able to run through to the second season on the home shirt. GK said that Brian Wheeler had received complaints from some fans because there would not be a new home shirt! He added that there would be a new away shirt as the supplier could not get the right colour due to availability.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on June 22nd 2005 at 1600.