



SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING APRIL 10th 2006

1 Present

Geoffrey King (GK) Lis Orford (LO), Paul Yeomanson (PY), Bryan Woodford (BW) and Terry Jeffreys (TJ) were present. Derek Wilshire (DW) sent his apologies.

2 Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 8TH March 2006.

LO said that the 30 badged silver shirts were ready for collection. PY thanked the club for this.

GK questioned the statement of “many problems” at our Leg-waxing charity event on 25th February. PY gave a resume of the problems. GK said that if the Trust holds a similar event next year, they should ensure that they obtain a letter from the club to gain access to the pitch.

GK said that there was still persistent smoking at the back of the West Stand and he was determined to win on the issue. He said that smoking was allowed in the East Stand car park, before the match but was not allowed once entry into the ground had been made.

GK said that Ron Martin had agreed to hold a Q&A with the Shrimpers Trust but the date needs to be organised.

GK was unhappy with the last sentence of the previous minutes on the topic of “Leaving Hospitality Areas on Match Days” and it was agreed to remove it from the minutes. BW explained the problems that he had trying to leave the hospitality area before the Walsall game for a short while to collect his ticket for the Colchester away game in the Shrimpers. GK said that people were coming up with all sorts of reasons to leave the hospitality areas when the real reason was that they wanted a cigarette break.

GK said that Steve Tilson was very happy for the Trust to raise sponsorship for his marathon run using a pay button on its website.

TJ asked if there had been any progress regarding the club lottery. GK said that all the papers had been signed with Lawson International, the lottery provider, and the lottery would start next season. Lawson International had wanted some publicity for the lottery at the last match of the season but there was too much going on that day to accommodate them.

TJ asked if there had been any progress regarding the selection of the proposed Trust members to go on the Youth Development Association committee. GK said that he would only allow two members from the Trust not four as had been requested. TJ asked which two had been selected by the club and GK said that it was up to the Trust to put two names forward.

TJ asked what the role of the committee would be. GK said that it was to ensure the best use of the lottery monies by the Youth department. He wanted the committee to sort out the prizes for the lottery as he didn't want the prizes to be just cash. He was anticipating golf holidays and trips on the team coach as prizes.

TJ asked if the present Steering Committee was to be superseded by the Youth Development Association Committee. GK said that the present three directors would continue to form the Steering Committee. He said that Ricky Duncan gives a presentation to them one week before the Board meeting and a director gives a progress report to the Board.

3 Shrimpers Bar

PY said that recently that the Trust stand in the Shrimpers had been vandalised and the Trust logo had been turned upside down. GK said that this was probably caused by a party of kids hosted by Ray Davy. Seventy kids plus helpers had been present and he had heard that there had been problems. He had told Ray that there must not be any more than 35 kids in there at any one time.

PY asked if the club would leave the bars open for longer after the last match of the season to allow the fans to celebrate on the premises rather than go off and spend their cash at other hostelrys. GK said that he would speak to Brian Dear about this.

4 Bucket Collection for Rotherham

PY said that the Trust wanted to hold a bucket collection in aid of Rotherham United Supporters Trust but their request had been refused by the club and he asked why. GK said that the club had allowed ten bucket collections for charities so far this season and didn't want to hack the fans off with another collection. BW said that the Trust understood that the club allowed a lot of charities to hold collections but the Trust wanted to raise money for R.U.S.T. as they were screaming out for money trying to save their club from folding. PY said that the Shrimpers Trust had sent R.U.S.T. a large donation. GK also advised that Rotherham had made a bucket collection on the day that they played SUFC and did not consider that a further one was necessary.

5 Any Other Business

PY asked if the date of the Meet The Blues Day had been set. GK said that it would be held on July 23rd 2006.

6 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was to be arranged.