



# SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007

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## 1 Present

Geoffrey King (GK), Derek Wilshire (DW), Liz Orford(LO), Gary Adamson (GA), Brian Wheeler (BWH), Trevor Bashford (TB) and Paul Yeomanson (PY). Apologies for absence were given by Paul FitzGerald and Brian Woodford.

## 2 Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

- Touring Kings
  - Shirts, merchandising, etc. will be made available for local football team who are touring Germany at end June / beginning July. PY to collect and distribute when available.
- SUSCT Player of the Year
  - PY thanked all at the Club for their support at what has become an enjoyable end of season event. The two season tickets presented to Rosemary and Chris Berry can be collected from the Ticket Office.
- Complaint re Manchester United match
  - GK to copy letter on subject to PY who will follow up with Chris Berry as necessary.
- Oliver Twigg Memorial
  - Proposal with be put to the Chairman who is potentially looking at something more “arty”.
- Centenary Ball
  - PY to ensure cheque raised and passed to LO in respect of SUSCT attendance at ball. The donation will be put toward Physio Equipment for John Stannard.

## 3 Away Travel Season 2007 / 2008

PY requested permission to use Roots Hall as the start point for travel next season, and for supporters' cars being parked in the car park during the day. GK to refer to Dave Jobson (DJ) and revert. If accepted would require a formal agreement / disclaimer in respect of cars parked on site.

Away Travel Club / Season Ticket on hold for the time being.

## 4 Meet the Blues Day

Provisionally arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 and will be confirmed shortly. PY requested same pitch as per previous events.

## 5 Southend Carnival – Torchlight Parade

PY advised that SUSCT have provisionally entered a float in the above event on 18<sup>th</sup> August – attendance dependant of whether team playing at home or away. PY to liaise with GA in respect of merchandising, use of Sammy the Shrimp and Elvis the Eel costumes and support from the Blue Belles. To be followed up after publication of fixtures on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## **6 Centre of Excellence / Youth Department**

PY advised that proceeds from the "Quid a Goal" campaign are currently being collected. All proceeds to Youth Department. £1,500 paid to support tour of Denmark in July and balance will be paid to Ricky Duncan in due course (i.e. when he has identified project on which funds to be spent).

## **7 Fossetts Farm**

Provisional date for the public enquiry to commence on 25<sup>th</sup> September and experts are being re-engaged to support the planning application with all evidence to be submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> August. Decision not expected until the end of the year.

## **8 The Team We Call United – 40 Years On**

PY informed that SUSCT are keen to produce an updated DVD covering season 2007/ 2008 and proposals are currently being formulated. The aim would be to donate a percentage of the profits to the football club. There would be limited match day footage with the lion's share of the footage being an insight into the "behind the scenes" activities and PY keen to obtain the club's permission to take forward. PY agreed to write to GK outlining the proposals and levels of access that would be required to club personnel including Steve Tilson, his support staff and the players.

## **9 Monthly Q & A's for Newsletter / Website**

Following the success of the interviews with Dave Scriven and Ben Clarkson PY requested permission to continue with this approach covering Commercial, Catering, the Groundsman, GK, etc. GK agreed proposal and it was recommended that one of the early interviews would be with GA.

## **10 Any Other Business**

The Centenary Match will be Vs West Ham United on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July and a full programme of events is being planned. It was agreed that a presentation from the Trust to Ron Martin should take place prior to kick-off. Full details will be published shortly including arrangements for purchasing match-day tickets. The club are still researching the possibility of arranging a pre season friendly against Continental opposition.

GK asked that the June SUSCT newsletter advises members that there will be a **TOTAL BAN** on smoking at Roots Hall in line with legislation to be introduced with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July and this includes the area behind the West Bank. Similarly GK requested that supporters are reminded to keep keeps, balls, balloons, etc. within the crowd as they provide a distraction to players if they are thrown onto the field of play. TB / PY agreed to take forward as well as advertising the Club's lottery and research survey on how supporters travel to home and away fixtures and transport links to and from Fossetts Farm.

PY requested access to the Shrimpers Bar on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May to undertake a stock take of merchandising held on site. GK approved. PY will also have a meeting with GA on that date to outline the history of the Trust, key aims and objectives, etc.

## **11 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 16:00.