



SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING December 19th 2007

1. Present

Geoffrey King (GK), Derek Wiltshire (DW), Garry Adamson (GA), Helen Norbury (HN), Paul Yeomanson (PY), Bryan Woodford (BW) and Lee Bird (LB) were present. Apologies were received from Paul Fitzgerald (PF) and Brian Wheeler (BW).

2. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 21st November 2007.

GA stated that in 2008 the Junior Blues would receive free membership and the membership form will include a section where they may also join the SJS and enjoy reduced cost travel to away matches. GA to discuss the wording with PA/LB. GA informed the meeting that discounts at the club shop would be replaced by a scheme whereby customers earned points for money off match tickets, to be introduced in early 2008. LB said that currently, the SJS receive 2 free tickets to a match and 5% discount at the club shop. GA was unaware of this discount arrangement.

GK further clarified the matter of tickets being sold to a council member for the match v Man Utd game in Nov 2006 by informing the meeting that, in accordance with normal procedures, a number of tickets were put aside for corporate hospitality. The tickets purchased by the council member fell within this category.

PY stated that the Trust was donating money to The Blue Voice for the purchase of flags.

HN was still awaiting a reply from Phil Alsford on various matters relating to Frankie Bank's testimonial but it was difficult to identify a date especially as Spencer Prior was due to have his match in August 2008, just before the new season starts. Kevin Maher's testimonial is also "pencilled in" for the first match at Fossett's Farm when it is hoped that Robbie Williams, a friend of Kevin, will be in attendance.

HN had so far received no response from Steve Tillson regarding her request for 5 players to attend the Trust bowling evening. In the absence of anything to the contrary, she assumed that he was in agreement.

The Q and A with Steve Tillson had now been put back following similar discussions at the club AGM.

3. Oxford Ticket Prices

GK informed the meeting that he had nothing to do with agreeing the ticket prices for the Oxford cup replay but it was recognised within the club that lessons had been learned.

4. FA Cup 3rd Round v Dagenham & Redbridge

GK stated that despite some speculation to the contrary, the match would be played on the Saturday as scheduled. Ticket prices were on the website and were £15, £10 and £5.

5. Impact on Brighton/Leeds games if we should progress to 4th round

HN said that obviously the Brighton game would be postponed as it was scheduled for the day of the 4th round but moving the Leeds game may depend on the opposition we drew in the cup and the interest from the TV companies.

6. Revised date for Hartlepool away

HN mentioned that a number of dates had been mentioned but it was clear that Steve Tillson did not want further matches in January, an already congested month (later set by the FL as 22nd January).

7. SJS – Match Tickets

As part of their membership package, SJS members receive 2 free tickets to a match. As no members had previously requested tickets LB asked how these were obtained. It was agreed that LB would email HN who would then contact Matt in the ticket office and make arrangements.

8. Any Other Business

GA informed the meeting about the new Team Card which will be introduced in early 2008 (since introduced). This is similar to a Nectar card where people can earn points by shopping and registering their purchase at various High Street shops e.g. HMV. This scheme will replace any discount arrangements at the shop and points earned will be used for the purchase of matchday tickets. Season card holders will be the first to receive the Team Card and then others can apply to join the scheme.

GK asked, at which game the Trust would like to have a box. PY will revert in due course.

9. Date of Next Meeting

23rd January 2008.