



SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING 23rd January 2008

1. Present

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

2. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 19th December 2007.

GA stated that after further investigation with the club shop staff it was found that very few SJS members had utilised the discount arrangement which has been available as part of the Trust SJS membership package. This arrangement will be gradually withdrawn by the club following the introduction of the new Team Card, which has its own benefits.

It has been agreed that the Trust will have use of a box at the Northampton game on the 12th April.

3. Youth Team

Discussions are currently ongoing about further support the Trust may be able to provide to the Youth team. It is hoped that this can be further discussed immediately following the return of GK from a business trip.

PY spoke about the cup match at Carlisle and the kind gesture the Chairman had made in subsidising the cost of coach seats in order to try to encourage as many people as possible to support the boys. It was expected that around 100 supporters would travel.

4. Blue Voice

GA said that the club was pleased with the efforts and intentions of the Blue Voice in trying to create a greater atmosphere and vocal support for the team and it was the club's desire that they continue to work with the Trust in this regard.

5. Shrimpers Bar

PY and BW both voiced their disappointment with recent aspects of the Shrimpers Bar. At the last home game they had both spent the morning working in the bar and found the gents toilets to be particularly filthy. This had happened some time prior to the opening of the bar before the game.

The Trust counter and partitioning had been moved and slightly damaged during the previous week.

The Shrimpers Bar and facilities are intended to be open to the supporters at 12.30pm before a Saturday home game but it was noted prior to the last game that only one member

of staff had arrived before 1pm so the bar could not serve drinks for the first half hour. GA and HN will follow this up.

6. Ticketing Issues (Orient/Millwall)

PY said that he had received a complaint from a member about insufficient time for SCH's to obtain tickets for the above games before they went on general sale.

GA felt that there had been sufficient media coverage of the ticket availability but will look into the matter for future games.

7. Stewarding

PY said that he had received a complaint that there were insufficient stewards in the West Stand to ensure that people sat in their allocated seat. GA was not aware that this was a general problem but will keep it in mind.

8. Wheelchair Access to /Spaces in West Stand

PY mentioned that he had been asked to raise an issue on wheelchair access and the number of spaces allocated for wheelchairs. HN reminded the meeting that this had been raised in previous years and the club was already doing all it could to accommodate wheelchair users at Roots Hall, which as we all know is an old stadium with known limitations. Access and spaces will be improved at Fossetts Farm.

9. 2006/07 Season DVD

PY said that a few supporters had asked why the club had not produced a DVD of last season's games as they had in previous years. HN felt that as it was a relegation season there would not be sufficient demand from supporters to make its production a financially viable proposition.

10. Any Other Business

DW mentioned that during a recent discussion with Sheila Taylor, wife of Sir Teddy Taylor, she had asked whether he knew of anyone who would be willing to contribute money towards the purchase of kit for a local children's football team. PY said that he would raise the matter at the next Trust Committee meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

20th February 2008.