



SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING 19th March 2008

1. Present

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

2. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 19th February 2008.

GK to confirm POTY night as 7th May or alternative as soon as possible
Available rolls now back to satisfactory levels in the Shrimpers Bar!

3. Fossetts Farm

GK explained the actions necessary to ensure the Secretary of State is satisfied with the planning application and that expected start date for the build is Autumn, with an expected opening of 2010/11 season. GK made it very clear that the club did not want to part open the stadium and that all elements would be finished before it's use. PY asked about Trust involvement in the fit out but this is not expected for a few months.

4. End of Season Ball

PY asked for clarification of the youth team awards as the Trust were slightly concerned at the possible clash with their own award named after Tom Grace.

PF confirmed that the Trust would not be taking a table this year.

5. Away Travel

PY asked whether the club planned any subsidised travel for the remaining away games. GK stated that no decisions had been made but the situation was being monitored

6. Away Coach Parking

PY explained the Trust's frustration with being charged for parking coaches at away grounds and asked about reciprocal arrangements. GK/HN were not keen on the idea. GK to speak to Dave Jobson about the rules for coach parking behind the North Bank

7. Testimonials/ Benefit Matches

GK discussed Spencer Prior's situation. PF reciprocated with Frankie Banks. After much discussion clarification will be sought from Ron Martin around these and any other matches of this type for the foreseeable future.

8. Youth Team Lottery Board

GK asked for clarification of the Trust representatives within 2 weeks. PY explained that BW would definitely be involved and then two others from PF, Jon-Paul FitzGerald, Robert Craven and Trevor Bashford.

GK briefly explained the current status of the lottery and the future plans.

9. Southend Scorchers

PY confirmed that the Trust were to make a donation to this cause and that we may try to arrange a football match with them to encourage their support of Southend United

10. Any Other Business

PY mentioned that the programme fair set up clashed with the next Trust quiz night and that the organiser was upset. The trust has offered to help set up but did not think this should be required.

GK to speak to GA about the procedures for calling individuals about the lottery.

GK/HN stated that the extension to the Share Issue deadline had helped and that several large purchases had arrived during the extended period. He also confirmed that amount raised finally was approximately £300,000

GK confirmed that the bars would be open at 11:00 for the Good Friday game

11. Date of Next Meeting

23rd April 2008.