



SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING 3rd November 2009

1. Present

Geoffrey King (GK), Garry Adamson (GA), Helen Norbury (HN), Paul FitzGerald (PF), Bryan Woodford (BW) and Paul Yeomanson (PY). Derek Wilshire (DW) had given his apologies.

2. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 18th August 2009.

With the exception a few isolated incidents, the matter regarding certain season cards being refused entry had now been resolved. GK re-iterated that the problem had been caused by errors in the original Ticket.com system.

3. Club Finances

Understandably, the main subject of the meeting was the current financial situation at the club. GK confirmed that HMRC now required £2.1 million instead of the previous £690,000 by the following week. Failure to pay this money by that time could result in the club proceeding to Administration. GK felt that it may be possible to defer the hearing pending the outcome of discussions with the banks and/or Sainsbury (at the time of writing these minutes, the debt had been repaid in full).

4. Shrimpers Bar

PY said that there had been complaints about the steep increase in the price of beer in the bar, up 20p a pint. Also, there wasn't any Premium Lager on sale. GA said that he would obtain a matrix of bar prices and check the increases.

PY mentioned that the food available in the bar continued to consist mainly of pies and prices had also been recently increased. As a result, customers were finding alternative sources for food, resulting in a reduction in bar food sales.

5. Youth Team

PY said that the Trust had been prevented by the club from showing photographs of the youth team players on their website after the first game of the season. GK stated that he was not aware of any reason why this should be and, as the Trust provides considerable financial support to the youth team, he would ensure that photographs would in future be available.

6. FSF Meeting – Sunday 15th November – Shrimpers Bar

PY confirmed that all was arranged for the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF) meeting on 15th November. It was anticipated that around 30 people would be attending from the South East Region of the FSF.

7. Rayleigh Lights – Thursday 26th November

GK said that although the club would not be sponsoring the Rayleigh Lights this year, the players would still be in attendance and switch on the lights. Precise details of the arrangements for the evening were not known.

8. Trust Xmas Party – Wednesday 9th December – Lords Golf & Country Club

PF said that arrangements had been put on hold until the outcome of the current HMRC Court Case was known.

9. New Stadium

No further news.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Date of Next Meeting

To be decided.