



# SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING 21st April 2010

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## 1. Present

Geoffrey King (GK), Ian Riddoch (IR), Paul FitzGerald (PF), Bryan Woodford (BW) and Paul Yeomanson (PY). Helen Norbury had given her apologies.

## 2. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

GK reported that there were no further developments regarding the stewarding incident at Colchester, where the steward was found to work at both Colchester and SUFC. However, GK mentioned that the steward in question would not be working again at Roots Hall.

GK said that he would investigate further regarding the possible use of the club's minibus for a '92 in 92' fundraiser and revert. He mentioned that vehicle insurance only covered drivers over 25 and with a clean licence.

## 3. Season Tickets – World Cup Promotion

No issue, matter already resolved.

## 4. Club Finances

GK confirmed that the HMRC petition to wind-up the club had been dismissed following payment being made, as required. He also mentioned that arrangements for short term funding were at an advanced stage of being finalised with relating legal issues expected to be concluded by the end of May, early June.

## 5. New Stadium

GK informed the meeting that hoardings at Fossetts Farm were soon to be erected with work on the new stadium to begin in July this year.

## 6. YDA

PF asked what was happening with the YDA as there had not been a meeting of the YDA Committee for several months. GK said that IR would be taking over as Chair of the Committee and it was hoped to arrange a meeting in May.

## 7. Cashless Payment System (CPS)

IR said that the initial trial of the CPS in the West Stand had been considered a success. PY agreed that it had increased the speed of service at the Catering outlets although he was concerned about the casual supporter having to load a minimum of £5 before they could

make a purchase. IR mentioned that the minimum load value will be reduced, and that once fully implemented at a later date, it was intended that obtained data would be used to identify and provide, for example, retail services at the match which would appeal to the individual user.

## **8. Any Other Business**

IR announced that Chairman Ron Martin (RM) had just informed him that he/the club wished to encourage as many fans as possible to travel to Oldham on Saturday to support the players, by providing coach travel at a cost of £5. In addition, RM had asked the Shrimpers Trust (ST) to co-ordinate the additional travel arrangements. PY immediately contacted ST Travel Organiser Clare to discuss this late request further.

GK said that "Meet the Blues Day" would this year be on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2010