



SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING 19th September 2013

1. Present and apologies

Steve Kavanagh (SK), Shane Chapman (SC) and Paul FitzGerald (PF).

PY/KF sent their apologies. PF apologised for being early.

2. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 1st August 2013.

All matters arising from the previous meeting were completed during the period

3. Trust Liaison Officer

PF reported that PY was to hand over his Liaison duties to SC. This would happen immediately but bearing in mind Paul's knowledge it should be expected that a complete handover may take some time. SK sent Paul his best wishes with regard to his parents.

SK confirmed that Ryan Murrant is the formal Club Liaison officer and it was agreed that Ryan would be invited to a Trust Committee meeting to meet the team as soon as convenient. **PF/SC** to arrange.

4. Club Finances

No real change recently. Wages are up to date and Steve Kavanagh could see no reason why this would alter but re-iterated that as the club required externally funding that therefore, as ever, there were no guarantees.

5. New Stadium

No further news but SK remained confident that indications are that things are still progressing and that he was not aware of any issues.

SK could give no further details regarding the 6 week review period but re-iterated his offer to forward questions to Ron Martin.

6. Shrimpers Bar

SC confirmed that cool beer was once again available following some complaints. PF congratulated the club for finally turning the boiler back in the ladies toilet thus providing the missing water.

7. Supporters Forum/Q & A

All agreed that that Forum had been a success. All discussed how we could improve next time. SK suggested that bar takings were slightly down on what he would expect and felt that was partly due to holding in the Blues lounge rather than the Shrimpers Bar and the fact

that Phil Brown had to leave sharpish - Next time he will be asked to remain for final drinks after the Q & A has formally ended to mingle with fans.

8. Junior Blues

PF reported that the Membership was now at 142. SK commented that he was pleased with the effort that had been put in and the quality of material and benefits. All felt that more could be done but were very happy with the general direction

PF agreed to speak to SUIISA once again to enlist their help and mentioned that several SUIISA members had handed out flyers at the last game. He also had an outstanding meeting to be arranged with Dickie Spooner on the same subject

9. Corporate Trust members

SK agreed in principle with the Trust approaching sponsors to become partners of the Trust to help improve the general, as well as, Junior Blues funding but asked that care be taken to ensure no conflicts occur. PF agreed to check each approach with Sue Page. **Action PF**

10. Memorabilia

PF reminded SK that promises had been made by the club to provide "stuff" for auction/prize giving at Trust events. SK suggested that if each event is notified to him in advance ie a prompt, he would ensure something would be provided. **SC to action.**

11. AOB

PF asked if the club could arrange for 2 signed shirts to be available. The Trust would guarantee the costs. SK agreed to progress

PF suggested that the club might like to attend some Trust events and all agreed that SC would provide a revised diary of events to Helen Norbury/SK and prompt SK on a regular basis.

The Car Park was discussed as chaos had been noted recently. SK explained the reasons why. There was also a number of people who had been gaining entrance freely who are now being "discouraged " which caused some hold up. SK is hopeful that this will be resolved soon and promised to look at better ways of queuing the traffic during this period.

PF Mentioned the Body Shop night especially as John White's wife had expressed interest in getting involved. As before, SC to circulate events diary and prompt regularly.

12. Date of Next meeting – 24th October