



SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING 20th May 2009

1. Present

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

2. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 27th April 2009.

GK said that proposals regarding the sharing of details between the Football League and Government Agencies on National Insurance and PAYE liabilities, would shortly be the subject of a vote in a meeting convened in Portugal.

GK informed the meeting that one of our local schools, St. Thomas Moore, had been found to have a link to Chelsea FC on its website. The matter had been raised with the Football League who replied that Chelsea thought the club would not object due its good relationship with SUFC. GK will be discussing this further with Chelsea FC management as they are encroaching upon SUFC's territory.

HN said that comment cards, regarding the refreshments preferred at home matches, will be distributed for completion as soon as the new season starts.

PY mentioned that the Trust POTY and Season Review was a huge success and was appreciative of the Youth Team being in attendance.

GK said that real ale would continue to be considered in the Shrimpers Bar although, following negative comments, he would ensure that Theakston's Old Peculiar will be withdrawn and replaced by a lighter beer e.g. Deuchar's or Spitfire.

3. Youth Team Donation

GA thanked the Trust for their proposals for renewing the donation to the Youth Team next season. There were a couple of matters which needed to be discussed but it was expected that a mutually beneficial arrangement could be reached in the coming days.

4. Youth Team Tournament 25th/26th July

GA mentioned that the Youth Tournament at Roots Hall involving Arsenal etc would be a competition for the Toomey Trophy. The local car dealer would also be making an area, close to the car showrooms in Cherry Orchard Way, available for supporters' car parking during the tournament.

Matches will be played Saturday 25th at 11.30am and 3.00pm and Sunday 11.30am and 3.30pm.

GA said that due to the tournament and friendly matches, it was felt that finding a suitable date for Meet the Blues Day (MTBD) before the season starts could prove problematic. An alternative proposal was made to combine MTBD with the Youth Tournament. By arranging

stalls and entertainment in the Roots Hall car park, supporters could obtain autographs etc before, or after, watching the tournament matches in the stadium.

Further discussions will be forthcoming.

5. Shrimpers Trust Beer Festival

GK said that Steve Tilson was concerned that the pitch could be damaged by holding the beer festival at Boots and Laces. PY asked whether he would be agreeable if the pitch was totally fenced off to prevent persons encroaching onto the pitches. GK felt this could be acceptable but also suggested the main Roots Hall car park or the area behind the North Bank.

PY said that he would continue discussions amongst the Trust committee. The dates that were in mind for the festival were 17th, 18th and 19th July, with set-up starting on 16th.

6. Meet the Blues Day

See 4. above.

7. Mayor's Season Ticket

GK had previously agreed that the new Mayor of Southend, Cllr Brian Smith, could have his Blues season card for the coming season raffled by the Trust, with the proceeds being split between the Mayor's Charity and the Trust (Civic events will probably prevent him attending matches).

PY asked whether the raffle winner could exchange the seat or, if they were an existing season card holder, have a refund on their ticket. GK said that although the seat could be exchanged for another available seat in the ground, a cash alternative could not be considered.

8. Winding Up Petition

GK said that the recent newspaper article about the club being petitioned in Court referred to an outstanding amount of only £134.50 and instructions had already been given by the creditor on the day in question to remove the petition from the list of cases to be heard.

9. Shrimpers Trust Planning Day – Sunday 28th June 2009

PY informed the meeting that the Club Chairman had agreed that the Trust Committee could hold their 'Planning Day' in the Blues Lounge on Sunday 28th June between 9am and 2pm. The Chairman would be attending and had offered to provide lunch from the club. PY asked whether any of the Club's representatives on the Liaison Committee would also like to attend.

10. New Stadium

PY asked whether there was any further news on when the work will start on the new stadium. GK could only confirm that it would be in late summer.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Date of Next Meeting – 24th June 2009