

MEETING BETWEEN TRUST IN YELLOW BOARD AND SFC BOARD

TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2017

TIY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:-

Noel Warham : Chairman
Kayley Robinson : Secretary
Jonathan O`Byrne : Commercial Development

SFC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:-

Ian Kyle : Vice Chairman
Martyn O`Hara : Director

Meeting opened at 19:40

1. **Minutes of Meeting**

It was agreed by all parties that a report would be prepared as regards the items discussed and the report could then be agreed between TIY and the SFC Board before being made public.

2. **Fund Raising Initiatives**

TIY presented a list of initiatives to the Club Board, which were proposed and provisional subject to practicality:

- i. Sponsored walk to Chorley on Boxing Day
- ii. 25 year reunion – to take place mid to late February
- iii. End of Season awards
- iv. Sponsored bike ride

These ideas were presented with the idea in mind of raising money towards ground developments, such as, for example, a supporters area or bottle bar behind the Jack Carr. The Club confirmed that this was an idea that had potential to go ahead, dependent upon the plans that are out for ground development.

Kayley was to email Chorley Supporters Trust regarding their sponsored walk on New Year's Day, with the SFC Board offering to make available refreshments in the marquee before their arrival.

There was some discussion thereafter as regards the Southport Walk to Chorley. The Club Board agreed to provide a signed shirt to aid in the push for sponsorship and in particular in relation to the "guess the time taken" competition. It was also suggested that some members of the Board might be prepared to take part in the walk to Chorley with the TIY members.

3. **Ground Development**

The Club are in the process of having blueprints drawn up for redevelopment of the ground, which will be shared when appropriate via a public meeting, hopefully in January. It is believed that the club will converse with supporters via TIY with regards to what supporters may like to see as part of the developments. Ian Kyle gave preliminary indications as to the improvements to be made, initially to the Main Stand and thereafter the Popular Stand and the Blowick end.

It was agreed that following the Club's open meeting to present their plans for the development of the ground, The Trust would hold an open meeting shortly afterwards at which feedback on those plans would be canvassed. Further meetings could then take place between TIY and the Board to discuss the feedback.

4. **Finances**

Ian Kyle confirmed that the Club finances are healthy, with no Directors paying directly for players or making any loans to the Club, as had been alluded to on Social Media. Ian Kyle made it clear that whilst SFC is not reliant upon any one Director putting money in, the Directors are happy to put money in if needs be moving forward. Sponsorship will pay for the ground redevelopments, with a view to the redevelopments of the ground being focused towards both the fans' experience, and generating income for the Club. Finances, Board roles etc. will be discussed further at the AGM which will take place in the New Year.

Ian Kyle reminded the TIY Board that his Southport emails address had been given out to TIY and their members and that he was happy to answer questions via that media, or indeed to any fans at any of the games.

5. **Seasonal Aspirations**

Ian Kyle indicated that through a corroborative effort between Chief Scout, Kevin Davies and his assistant manager, SFC are continually looking at players who are suitable both for this level and the level above. Steps are continually being taken to seek out the best available players, and although this is not easy at this time of year, fans should see that changes are being made with a view to the team finishing the season as high up the table as possible with a view to then hitting the ground running next season. Off the pitch, SFC are looking to re-engage in the New Year with the fans and the town as much as possible.

6. **Subsequent Meetings**

Both the Club and the Trust will work towards a TIY members meeting, which could potentially incorporate members of the Club Board who will make themselves available for as much or as little participation and questions answering as the TIY members desire.

The Club Board stated that they are happy to assist in any way possible to increase attendance at Trust meetings.

Meeting closed 21:25