



# Annual General Meeting

## *The Len Forge Centre*

25 Nov 2009

Southend Borough Combination Headquarters

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### Minutes

**Present:** Alan Day (Chairman LFC); Trevor Clements (Secretary/Treasurer LFC); Tony Hoskins (Trustee); Stephen Johnson (Trustee); Sue Bishop (Trustee); Brent Wheatley (Auditor); Gary White (SBCFL); Malcolm Binstead (Sceptre League); Rob Pickup (SSL); Tony Phillips (Westcliff Amateurs); Steve Phillips (Elmwood Old Boys); Ken Brabbins (Sutton Sports); Gary Staples (Sutton Sports); K Collins (Davin Athletic); D Jones (Davin Athletic); Ryan Sheldon (Ensign); Aaron Irvine (Ensign); Dan Gilbey (White Ensign); Mark Holmes (LFC); Glynis Dean (LFC); Barbara Dawson (BC Bar)

#### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Bob Pashley (Trustee); Jim Leaback; Peter Woodford (Catering); Les Freeston (SRCCC);

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting (12 November 2008):**

- a) Approved: proposed, Gary White; seconded Steve Phillips
- b) Matters arising, none

#### **3. Chairman's Report**

A written report was circulated at the meeting, summarised as follows: -

The grounds continue to be well maintained and have coped well with the league games and 20 cup finals. The buildings have benefited from repair and redecoration, with new doors and locks to improve security. The Clubhouse replacement project is proceeding slowly, and the Trustees have investigated the types of building available, though confirmation of the new lease is still awaited.

The new Trustees and existing staff have worked hard to achieve a successful year.

#### **5. Financial Report (2008/9)**

Written reports detailing balances and comparison with the previous year were circulated at the meeting together with the audited accounts outlining -

- a) Total funds 30 June £107,558.51 (2008 = £82,571.20) after car park income of £24,970.65
- b) Net operating surplus for the Centre of £16.66 after refurbishment projects of £12,800.50
- c) Car Park income will be lower in 2009/10 because the larger scheme has ended.
- d) Centre income increased to £82,185.03 but included items unlikely to be repeated in 2009/10.

Current projections indicate that expenditure may only just be matched by income in 2009/10.

Acceptance and a vote of thanks proposed by Gary White, seconded by Gary Staples.

#### **6. Development Project**

The project is progressing slowly, but confirmation of the terms of a new lease is still awaited and without that we can only make general enquiries about funding. Some funding organisations have given a positive response however, and more will be identified and approached during 2010.

The plan is to start building the clubhouse Summer 2011, or Summer 2012 at the latest.

Essex FA should be a prime source of funding, but to qualify, the Centre will need a plan which includes active involvement in football development across all age and ability groups – not just adult football.

That is not possible or desirable with the existing site or management operation, but could be possible if land beyond the hedges becomes available once the airport expansion plans are finalised.

Any new scheme could affect the role of the Centre and how it is viewed by existing clubs and players, therefore the opinions of existing users are very important.

A simpler option is to use available funds to refurbish the existing building.

Further, more detailed discussions will be arranged with interested parties – possibly resulting in an Extraordinary General Meeting to decide the future of the Centre.

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**7. Election of Officers and Trustees (Executive Management Committee):**

President	Nominees to be sought	Tina Smith	Borough Combination
Chairman	Alan Day	Gary White	Borough Combination
Vice Chairman	Tony Hoskins	Nick Janes	Borough Combination
Secretary/Treasurer	Trevor Clements	Les Freeston	SRCCC (model car club)
Trustee	Robert Pashley	Sue Bishop/ Becky Irons	Pre-School
Trustee	Sue Bishop	Peter Woodford	Catering
Trustee	Steve Johnson		
Trustee		Bernie Nicholls	Individual
		Jim Leaback	Individual
Co-opted staff	M Holmes	Les Freeston	R/C Car Club
	G Dean		
		League representatives	To be advised

All formally proposed, seconded and confirmed by vote

**8. Proposed Rule Changes**

None

**9. Any Other Business**

Tony Hoskins proposed a vote of thanks to all staff for their efforts during the year. Agreed unanimously

Meeting closed 9.15pm