



THE ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' CLUBS
IN LONDON [www.apfscil.org.uk]

34th Annual General Meeting
Monday 1st June 2009 at 19:30
The Exmouth Arms, 1 Starcross Street, London NW1 2HR

P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

A	Aberdeen	A	Everton	X	Newcastle United
P	Barrow	P	Exeter City	P	Norwich City
X	Birmingham City	A	Gillingham	P	Nottingham Forest
P	Blackburn Rovers	P	Hartlepool United	P	Plymouth Argyle
P	Blackpool	P	Heart of Midlothian	P	Rangers
A	Bolton Wanderers	A	Hibernian	P	Republic of Ireland
X	AFC Bournemouth	X	Hull City	P	Rotherham United
X	Brighton & Hove Albion	P	Ipswich Town	X	Scunthorpe United
P	Bristol City	P	Leeds United	X	Sheffield Wednesday
P	Burnley	P	Leicester City	P	Southampton
A	Cardiff City	A	Liverpool	P	Stoke City
A	Chester City	P	London Scottish	P	Sunderland
A	Coventry City	P	Manchester City	P	West Bromwich Albion
P	Derby County	P	Mansfield Town	X	Yeovil Town
A	Dundee United	X	Middlesbrough		

The above table is compiled using the attendance sheet. If your team is shown incorrectly it is almost certainly due to the attendance sheet not being properly completed on the night.

The total number of clubs represented was 25 [down 6 on the previous year].

Chairman Tony Vass (West Bromwich Albion) opened the Meeting at 19.40. Also present on the top table were: Kevin Wells (Leicester City) - Vice-Chairman, Neil Le Milliere (Exeter City) - Secretary, Nick Head (Southampton) - Treasurer, Sandra Cunningham (Ipswich Town) - Social Secretary [arrived part way through] and Roger Pyne (Exeter City) - Minutes Secretary.

1: Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Martin Garrett, Coventry City; Rose McEwan, Hibs; Andrew Plummer, Gillingham; Phil Middleton, Bristol City; Paul Morrison, Aberdeen; David Gilchrist, Dundee United; John Wood, Stoke; Peter Cherry, Liverpool; Alan Parry-Jones, Chester; Mick Gething, Bolton; Rob Hughes, Cardiff, Ian Wood (Burnley) and Julie Woods, (Everton) Travel Secretary.

2: Attending for the first time

2.1 Ian Outram, Blackpool

3: Minutes of 33rd Annual General Meeting

3.1 The minutes had been circulated and there was only one suggested correction. Plymouth thought that Peter Yolland had attended on their behalf but as he had not signed in and was not mentioned as speaking during the meeting there was some doubt. Plymouth accepted that the minutes were a true record as they stood and the minutes were agreed.

4: Matters Arising

4.1 Football Secretary 10.7.2 Phil Middleton was appointed as Football Secretary later in the year.

4.2 Constitution Review 13.1 Dominic Moran, Man City, has made some comments on the Constitution and these are attached at Annexe A for the meeting to consider under AOB.

5: Chairman's Report - Tony Vass (West Bromwich Albion)

5.1 Tony thanked all his committee members individually saying that they were the ones who did the real work.

5.2 Barry Tucker from 'March for Justice' [Hillsborough] had sent us a letter. It was agreed that this would be circulated to all clubs for consideration.

6 Secretary's Report - Neil Le Milliere (Exeter City)

6.1 The Secretary apologised for the couple of instances during the year when pressure of other work had meant that some minutes had not been written up in a timely fashion. In particular the minutes for the April and May meetings would be taken at the August general meeting.

6: Treasurer's Report - Nick Head (Southampton)

6.1 Copies of the 2007/08 Accounts were circulated and hard copies were available at the meeting.

6.2 The Treasurer made the following comments to the accounts.

6.2.1 The Dinner Dance lost us £1100 but as we would still have lost £900 as this was the credit from the previous year's dance that had been carried forward but would have been lost on the event that the function did not go ahead.

6.2.2 The miscellaneous figure of £103.91 was made up of various items including engraving of our two perpetual trophies and the donation to the FSF S27 campaign.

6.2.3 The accruals shown were the amounts put aside each year against future purchase of trophies for the pool and darts leagues competitions in the accounts year. This had now reached £970 with this year's £200 added. Given that it was now clear these all these monies would not be needed the Treasurer said that he would be proposing the £770 brought forward from last year would be subsumed back into the organisations general funds.

6.3 There were no questions for the Treasurer and the audited copy which had been brought to the meeting which were duly approved and signed.

6.4 The Treasurer recommended that as our balance was healthy there was no need for a membership subscription increases and proposed that they remained at £15 full and £5 associate. The meeting voted in favour of this.

7: Travel Secretary's Report - Julie Woods (Everton)

7.1 Julie was not in attendance and Tony Vass invited any general comments of points of interest.

7.2 Richie Cockton, Sunderland, reported that Virgin West Coast had already announced weekend line closures for next season and wondered if we had had any response from Virgin as

a result of the meeting that Julie Woods and Neil Le Milliere had had with them? Neil reported there had been no response as yet. What had become apparent was that the Network Rail promise we'd had at the Rail Football focus that there would be no further weekend closures except in emergencies had been rescinded on cost grounds and weekend closures will continue. Julie will raise this at the next RFF meeting on the 1st July.

7.3 Dominic Moran, Manchester City, reported that engineering works were already affecting their travel and seems as though it will continue to next season.

8: Sports & Social Secretaries Reports - Sandra Cunningham (Ipswich Town)

8.1 Social Report

8.1.1 Sandra said she had nothing to report except that due to other commitments would be stepping down from the Social Secretary role but would continue to attend meetings as the Ipswich representative. In the future.

8.2 Darts Report

8.2.1 Ian Wood reported that the current league position is available on the APFSCIL website. Woody also said that due to work commitments he intends to stand down from the position of secretary of the Darts league at the AGM. For information this has been booked up for MONDAY 22ND JUNE at the Sekforde Arms, kick off 7.45. A buffet will be provided.

8.3 Football Report - see Annexe B

8.3.1 The Report is attached at Annexe B.

8.3.2 Ian Outrim, Blackpool reported that his club had won the cup final with Norwich runners up. He would like to record the thanks from everyone to Dulwich Hamlet for their excellent hospitality and organisation on the day when hosting the final. David Leitch, Barrow, pointed out that the winning goal was actually scored deep into added time rather than injury time.

8.4 Pool Report

8.4.1 Steve Cole (Newcastle United) reported that the current league position is available on the APFSCIL website.

8.4.2 At the SGM it had been decided that there would be no second phase to the league and the title would be decided by a sudden death final as Derby and Exeter had tied on points.

8.4.3 UPDATED TO HERE At the AGM would be arranged for early September.

8.5 Tenpin bowling evening

8.5.1 Neil Le Milliere (Exeter City), reported on the event which took place on 27 May. It was a good evening but the attendance was disappointing with only 5 teams (Chester City, Exeter City, Heart of Midlothian, Sheffield Wednesday and West Bromwich Albion) taking part.

8.5.2 Phil from Sheffield Wednesday won the individual competition.

8.5.3 The event only made a profit of £20 which was not enough to buy trophies, and the Meeting agreed to Neil's proposal that £30 be contributed from the APFSCIL funds to make up the shortfall.

9: Webmaster's Report – Phil Cordingley (Newcastle United)

9.1 Phil reported that in the last three months he had concentrated on bringing the website as it is up to date, particularly the sports pages. This is now largely complete, subject to receiving further updates from Member Clubs.

9.2 Objectives for next year are to keep the site up to date, and implement any new ideas people may have to make the website more useful.

9.3 Some Club pages are very out of date, and need updating as soon as possible.

10: Election of Officers and Sports Secretaries

The following Officers and Secretaries were elected unopposed. Richie Cockton (Sunderland) proposed, Dominic Moran (Manchester City) seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

10.1 Chairman	Tony Vass, West Bromwich Albion
10.2 Vice Chairman	Kevin Wells, Leicester City
10.3 Secretary	Neil Le Milliere, Exeter City
10.4 Treasurer	Nick Head, Southampton
10.5 Travel Secretary	Julie Woods, Everton
10.6 Webmaster	Phil Cordingley, Newcastle United
10.7 Social Secretary	Sandra Cunningham, Ipswich Town
10.8 Minutes Secretary	Roger Pyne, Exeter City

10.7.1 Darts Secretary	Ian Wood, Burnley
10.7.2 Football Secretary	No nomination currently
10.7.3 Pool Secretary	Steve Cole, Newcastle

The above three positions would be formally appointed by their own AGMs.

11: Supporter and Newsletter of the Year Awards

11.1 Entries are requested from the membership for these two awards.

11.1.1 For Supporter of the Year entries, please submit a recommendation with supporting evidence.

11.1.2 For Newsletter of the Year, please submit either electronic copy of the Newsletter or, where it is issued in hard copy, two copies of a recent edition.

12: Date of Next Monthly Meeting

12.1 It was agreed that with no meeting in July, the next General Meeting will be Monday 4 August at the Exmouth Arms.

13: Any Other Business

13.1 Dominic Moran (Manchester City) raised the question of amendments to the Constitution. The Chairman said that the Committee is aware of some anomalies, which will be looked at over the summer.

13.2 Steve Murray (Mansfield Town) stated that having lost their 77 year league status, his Clubs' owner was now asset stripping. There was a meeting that evening where supporters would be represented, and hopefully the long term future of the Club could be assured. Tony Brown (West Bromwich Albion) said this was the problem where one man held all the shares. The Mansfield Town fans website was stagsnet.net.

Neil Le Milliere (Exeter City) suggested that fans should form a Trust, although there could be a conflict of Supporters Club v Supporters Trust. Monica Hartland (Stoke City) thought that the owner Keith Haslam could be thinking of going to some other club where a similar situation could occur.

13.3 Martin Garrett (Coventry City) proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their work over the year.

14: Meeting Closes

The meeting closed at 21.00.