



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

**36th Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 6th June 2011 at 19:30**  
**The Exmouth Arms, 1 Starcross Street, London NW1 2HR**

P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

P	Aberdeen	P	Everton	A	Newcastle United
P	Barrow	P	Exeter City	P	Norwich City
X	Birmingham City	X	Gillingham	P	Nottingham Forest
P	Blackburn Rovers	X	Hartlepool United	A	Plymouth Argyle
P	Blackpool	P	Heart of Midlothian	P	Rangers
X	Bolton Wanderers	X	Hibernian	X	Republic of Ireland
X	AFC Bournemouth	P	Hull City	P	Rotherham United
P	Brighton & Hove Albion	P	Ipswich Town	X	Scunthorpe United
P	Bristol City	P	Leeds United	P	Sheffield Wednesday
P	Burnley	P	Leicester City	P	Southampton
P	Cardiff City	P	Liverpool	P	Stoke City
X	Chester City	X	London Scottish	P	Sunderland
P	Coventry City	P	Manchester City	P	West Bromwich Albion
A	Derby County	P	Mansfield Town	X	Yeovil Town
A	Dundee United	A	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 28

Top Table Vice-Chairman Kevin Wells (Leicester City) opened the Meeting at 19.30. Also present on the top table were: - Neil Le Milliere (Exeter City) - Secretary, Nick Head (Southampton) - Treasurer, and Roger Pyne (Exeter City) - Minutes Secretary. NB Tony Vass, Chairman and WBA turned up a little later and remained on the floor rather than joining the top table.

**1: Apologies for Absence**

1.1 John Wood, Stoke; Stephen Perrins, Derby; Mark Burnett, Leeds; David Gilchrist, Dundee United; Steve Cole, Newcastle; Richard Cockton, Sunderland; James Nugent, Middlesbrough & Lee Jameson, Plymouth.

**2: Minutes of 35th Annual General Meeting**

Apologies but the written version of these are currently missing so will have to be circulated later once found. If they do not surface, I will do a synopsis from the 2010 Agenda.

**3: Matters Arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising from the 35th Annual General Meeting.

#### **4: Chairman's Report - Tony Vass (West Bromwich Albion)**

4.1 Tony advised the meeting he would be standing down as Chairman, and would be happy to take the Vice Chairman's role with Kevin Wells ( Leicester ) having indicated he was prepared to take the role of Chairman. Tony paid tribute to Jim Saviddes and Rab Rogers who both sadly passed away this year – they are sadly missed. Tony thanks his fellow committee members for the work they had put in during the year, with special mention of Neil Le Milliere, who has covered two roles this year.

#### **5: Secretary's Report - Neil Le Milliere (Exeter City)**

5.1 Membership Attendance Records – please see Annexe A with thanks to Phil Cordingley. The Football AGM was not attended by members of the committee as planned due to a non notification of the date. Tony Vass ( WBA ) and Kevin Wells ( Leicester ) hoped to attend their August meeting. Neil praised those clubs who had 100% attendance records, perhaps less compliant clubs could try to emulate them in the coming season. In order to assist with the dissemination of draft minutes Neil would appreciate receiving sports secretaries' reports as far in advance as practicable.

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

6.1 Audited accounts were presented to the meeting, see Annexe B, and Nick went through various points. It was proposed and accepted that 2011/12 subscription rates remain unchanged from the 2010/11 season. Therefore Full Membership will be £15 and Associate Membership £5.

#### **7: Travel Secretary's Report – Neil Le Milliere (Exeter)**

7.1 There is nothing much to report for the year other than the continued decline of interest of providing group travel by the majority of the Train Operating Companies which has been confirmed at the Rail Football Forum meetings that I have attended.

7.2 The recommendation from this body is that individual Football Clubs should liaise with their local TOCs which is of course of no relevance to our members.

7.3 Neil documented the continuing delays in the administration of the Rail Football Forum which was causing considerable irritation. The TOCS were showing their commitment by regularly changing their offices and contacts. 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 1<sup>st</sup> July.

7.4: Ian Todd ( Sunderland ) pointed out that an updated list of contact was needed.

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

##### **8.1 Social Report**

8.1.1 Post Vacant so no report

##### **8.2 Darts Report**

**Please see Annexe C for the Tables Etc**

##### **8.2.1 Summary**

The 2010-11 season is nearing completion, with just four league matches (all scheduled) and the Cup Final left to play. Where they are already determined competition winners and losers are listed below. Congratulations to all, with special mention for Paul Ebblewhite who not only assisted Ipswich Town to their 4th consecutive Cup Final and (almost certainly) 2nd consecutive League Championship, but also retained the Singles Championship and for good measure with partner Chris Farthing acquired the Pairs Championship. Well done.

On the whole the season has run very smoothly with only one match, that between Sunderland and Newcastle United, being cancelled. The level of postponements at 36% remains fairly high, but perfectly manageable given the relatively relaxed schedule. But this level is probably

sufficiently high to mitigate against the expansion of the schedule which would be required to accommodate two divisions of nine teams, rather than the current three divisions of six. (This possibility was discussed at last season's AGM.)

At a team level, Derby County led the way with nine postponements. Other teams averaged less than two postponements each (1.67 actually) with a high of three and a half, which is all perfectly acceptable. Gillingham, Ipswich Town and Sunderland all completed the season without postponing a match. A detailed analysis is provided at 1.5 below.

Last season's Presentation Night was postponed from October and will now be held immediately prior to the Team KO Cup Final on Monday 27th June at the Calthorpe Arms (venue tbc).

My thanks go to Andre Maxwell (Trophies Secretary), Chris Farthing (Competitions Manager) Ray Elliott, Tina Robertson and Rick Goby (Division Reps.) for their assistance during the season.

In order to minimise duplication of effort, this report essentially consists of material produced in preparation for the Darts AGM to be held on Monday 4th July. It would be more definitive and complete were the APFSCIL AGM to be held after the Darts AGM.

Phil Cordingley is retiring as Darts Secretary. To date no nominations for his replacement have been received.

Phil Cordingley, Newcastle

### **8.3 Football Report**

**8.3.1** The football AGM was held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and the next APFSCIL Football league will be in the autumn

There will be no relegations in League Division 1 this season as Blackpool and Brighton folded! They will be replaced by Aberdeen B, and Birmingham City next season respectively.

Glasgow Celtic have joined League Division 2 so this league will now comprise 8 teams (9 teams in Div 1).

In an effort to increase the number of games played it was agreed to change the format of the cup to a 'Champions League' style group stage. There will be 3 groups of 4 and 1 group of 5.

It was also decided that the season will start on Sunday September 11th, a week earlier than usual. All teams will play 3 cup games before the league games commence, this is to avoid any headaches/fixture pile-ups in the cup competition.

One of the big talking points at last night's meeting was the need to attract new teams to the league so new roles have been created in order to achieve this aim.

Insurance was discussed as one of the Middlesbrough players had his teeth knocked out in the DB Cup Final, which required £3k worth of dental work. The League will be providing some advice.

Please also be aware I am handing over the reigns as League Secretary to Terry Cecil at Manchester City

The final tables for the season can be seen at the website.

<http://football.mitoo.co.uk/News.cfm?LeagueCode=APFS2009>

Phil Middleton, Bristol City

### **8.4 Pool Report**

**8.4.1** Apologies for the delay in submitting a Pool report. I had hoped to deliver this verbally tonight but it now looks as if I won't make it. For which, more apologies

After the sad death of Jim Savvides, Derby County decided not to participate in this season's completion leaving 8 teams to play 7 matches.

At the time of writing, Sunderland lead the table and are just about home and dry with 6 wins from 6 games and a total of 56 pts. Southampton currently hold 2nd place with 3 wins from 5 games and 35 points.

As of tomorrow (Tuesday) night when Hull play Newcastle all clubs with one exception, will have played five of their seven matches. The exception is Middlesbrough who have so far only played 2 games (vs Southampton and Sunderland)

I have written twice to the Middlesbrough Pool reps asking what their plans are but at the time of writing, have received no response.

[NB I have received the following from their Pool Captain/Secretary.

“Hi Neil, I did not realise there was an AGM I did send a reply about 2 weeks ago saying we wouldn't be able to finish the season with such little time. I apologise for the lack of organisation this season and I have taken over captaincy and will improve next season. If you never received this email I am very sorry. Please can you email me directly rather than James Nugent as I am taking over responsibility. I think there has been a long chain of communication on our end which has meant that at some point or another some parties have been left out of emails.

I hope this will stop all confusion and mean that next season we will be able to take full part.

Thanks, Phil Kilgour”

Boro notwithstanding, we aim to have the League completed by the end of June.

I hope that come September we can hit the ground running and get an early start to next season. I am aware that we have not had a Cup completion for the second season running, and that it is some years since we had an individual tournament. Hopefully, volunteers can be found can be found to help run these next year.

A volunteer will also be needed to run the League as I intend, as previously announced, to stand down. I will organise the AGM in August and then step aside

Steve Cole.

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

9.1 Phil Cordingley advised he was standing down at the meeting. He would be happy to assist in handing over if a volunteer could be found.

#### **10: Election of Officers**

<b>10.1 Chairman</b>	<b>Kevin Wells, Leicester City</b>
<b>10.2 Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Tony Vass, West Bromwich Albion</b>
<b>10.3 Secretary</b>	<b>Neil Le Milliere, Exeter City</b>
<b>10.4 Treasurer</b>	<b>Nick Head, Southampton</b>
<b>10.5 Travel Secretary</b>	<b>Neil Le Milliere, Exeter City</b>
<b>10.6 Webmaster</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>10.7 Social Secretary</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>10.8 Minutes Secretary</b>	<b>Roger Pyne, Exeter City</b>
<b>10.9 Webmaster</b>	<b>[An Appointment not an election and not a</b>
<b>committee member but a vital position so any volunteers would be very welcome] –</b>	
<b>Vacant at present.</b>	

**With no other nominations, the above were voted in by the meeting en bloc.**

The following positions will be appointed by their respective Sports Sections and would normally report to the Social Secretary if one is appointed.

10.10 Darts Secretary	Vacant
10.11 Football Secretary	Terry Cecil, Manchester City
10.12 Pool Secretary	Vacant

### **11: Supporter and Newsletter of the Year Awards**

11.1 We have received no nominations for the Supporter of the year.

11.2 We have only received one entry for the Newsletter/Website of the year.

The Committee requested further nominations and they will be considered at the August meeting.

### **12: Date of Next Monthly Meeting**

12.1 Monday 1st August at the Exmouth Arms at 19.30.

### **13: Motions**

13.1 The Secretary had received one motion for debate.

"That the quorum for General Meetings be 40% of the number of member clubs entitled to vote."  
Proposed by Leicester and Nottingham Forest.

OLD Rule 5 General Meetings (c) Quorum

No General Meeting shall commence without there being present at least one representative from no less than one half of each of the affiliated organisations of the Association

If the motion is passed then the NEW Rule 5 General Meetings (c) Quorum would read:

No General Meeting shall commence without there being present at least one representative from no less than forty percent of the affiliated organisations of the Association

The meeting discussed the above. It was noted that the quorum of Annual General Meetings would remain at fifty per cent of the affiliated organisations of the Association.

With that proviso the amendment was carried by the meeting.

### **14: Any Other Business**

14.1 General points were discussed including:

1. Ian Todd ( Sunderland ) advised the West Midlands Police, following problems at some games, were reviewing their policing policy and interested parties should write to the force.
2. Paul Welch ( Brighton ) gave an interesting and informative overview of the new Falmer stadium. Car users were recommended to park in Lewes and use the park and ride service. Other visitors were advised to travel by train from Brighton or Lewes. Midweek games could be a problem for train users trying to get home. There was good news in that real ale would be available for home and away fans. The away capacity would be in the region of 2,000.
3. The problem of attendance at meetings was discussed. The idea of having guest speakers and other matters would have to be addressed at upcoming General Meetings.

### **15: Meeting Closes**

The meeting closed at 21.02.

**Annexe A – Attendance Statistics 2010-11 (from 8 meetings)**

THE ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' CLUBS IN LONDON			
Attendance Statistics 2010-11 (from 8 meetings)			
CLUB	Present	Apologies	Absent
Aberdeen	3	4	1
Barrow	7	1	0
Birmingham City	0	1	7
Blackburn Rovers	6	2	0
Blackpool	6	2	0
Bolton Wanderers	2	1	5
AFC Bournemouth	3	0	5
Brighton & Hove Albion	7	1	0
Bristol City	6	1	1
Burnley	5	3	0
Cardiff City	6	2	0
Chester City	4	0	4
Coventry City	7	1	0
Derby County	6	2	0
Dundee United	2	4	2
Everton	5	3	0
Exeter City	7	1	0
Gillingham	3	4	1
Hartlepool United	0	0	8
Heart of Midlothian	5	0	3
Hibernian	0	1	7
Hull City	0	0	8
Ipswich Town	1	5	2
Leeds United	0	0	8
Leicester City	8	0	0
Liverpool	1	7	0
London Scottish	2	1	5
Manchester City	7	1	0
Mansfield Town	4	1	3
Middlesbrough	0	1	7
Newcastle United	3	2	3
Norwich City	8	0	0
Nottingham Forest	8	0	0
Plymouth Argyle	8	0	0
Rangers	7	1	0
Republic of Ireland	0	0	3
Rotherham United	5	3	0
Scunthorpe United	5	1	2
Sheffield Wednesday	7	1	0
Southampton	7	1	0
Stoke City	7	1	0

CLUB	Present	Apologies	Absent
Sunderland	8	0	0
West Bromwich Albion	7	1	0
Yeovil Town	1	1	6

## **Annexe B Audited Accounts 2010-11**

### **Association of Provincial Football Supporters Clubs In London**

#### **Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31st March 2011**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance 31st March 2009</b>	<b>Balance 31st March 2009</b>
Membership Subscriptions	612.00	0.00	612.00	665.00	560.00
Dinner dance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,113.20)
Darts Competitions	601.00	450.73	150.27	(73.73)	(28.04)
Pool Competitions	90.00	0.00	90.00	(20.00)	(40.00)
Ten Pin Bowling Competition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(25.44)
Interest on Deposit account	3.76	0.00	3.76	9.03	55.34
Printing, postage stationery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website costs	0.00	23.99	(23.99)	(106.74)	(127.73)
Refreshment	0.00	0.00	0.00	(150.00)	(200.00)
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	(50.00)	(92.16)
Exceptional items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>1,306.76</b>	<b>474.72</b>	<b>832.04</b>	<b>273.56</b>	<b>(1,011.23)</b>
			832.04	273.56	(1,011.23)



**Balance Sheet**

	31st March 2011	31st March 2010	31st March 2009	
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	105.00	60.00	181.00	
Prepayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Current a/c	470.46	287.18	450.64	
Deposit a/c	<u>4,362.98</u>	<u>3,759.22</u>	<u>3,050.19</u>	
	4,938.44	4,106.40	3,681.83	
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Creditors	0.00	0.00	(48.99)	
Accruals	<u>(1,170.00)</u>	<u>(1,170.00)</u>	<u>(970.00)</u>	
	<u>(1,170.00)</u>	<u>(1,170.00)</u>	<u>(1,018.99)</u>	
	<u><b>3,768.44</b></u>	<u><b>2,936.40</b></u>	<u><b>2,936.40</b></u>	<u><b>2,662.84</b></u>
<b>Accumulated funds</b>				
Opening balances	2,936.40	2,662.84	3,674.07	
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>832.04</u>	<u>273.56</u>	<u>(1,011.23)</u>	
	<u><b>3,768.44</b></u>	<u><b>2,936.40</b></u>	<u><b>2,662.84</b></u>	
	0.00			

These accounts have been drawn up by the treasurer of APFSCIL, and are herewith endorsed as true and fair record of the current financial position of the Association.

N Head (Treasurer)

Having examined the Income and Expenditure account for the year ending 31st March 2011 with the books and vouchers made available, I am satisfied that, in my opinion, they have been drawn up correctly in accordance there with.

M Snowdon (Hon Auditor)

## **Annexe C – Darts Report**

### **League Summary**

<b>Div.</b>	<b>Champions</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>Relegated/Wooden Spoon</b>
<b>1</b>	Ipswich T./Derby C.	Ipswich T./Derby C.	Newcastle United Sunderland/Rotherham U.
<b>2</b>	Leicester City	Nottingham Forest	Blackpool Plymouth A./Sheffield Wed.
<b>3</b>	Gillingham	Exeter City	Southampton/Chester City

### **Current Tables**

#### **Division 1**

<b>POS</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Dif</b>	<b>PTS</b>
<b>1</b>	Ipswich Town	9	8	1	69	30	39	85
<b>2</b>	Derby County	9	7	2	61	38	23	75
<b>3</b>	Scunthorpe United	9	5	4	55	44	11	65
<b>4</b>	Rotherham United	10	5	5	48	62	-14	58
<b>5</b>	Sunderland	9	3	6	47	47	0	53
<b>6</b>	Newcastle United	10	0	10	23	82	-59	18

Any combination of four leg wins in their final match against Scunthorpe United or losses by Derby County in their last match against Sunderland will secure Ipswich their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive League Championship.

Sunderland needs five leg wins in their last match against Derby County to avoid relegation at Rotherham United's expense.

#### **Division 2**

<b>POS</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Dif</b>	<b>PTS</b>
<b>1</b>	Leicester City	9	7	2	71	28	43	85
<b>2</b>	Nottingham Forest	10	6	4	58	52	6	70
<b>3</b>	Manchester City	10	5	5	56	54	2	66
<b>4</b>	Sheffield Wednesday	10	4	6	53	57	-4	61
<b>5</b>	Plymouth Argyle	9	4	5	41	58	-17	49
<b>6</b>	Blackpool	10	3	7	40	70	-30	46

Plymouth Argyle needs to whitewash Leicester City in their final match to avoid relegation at Sheffield Wednesday's expense.

#### **Division 3**

<b>POS</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Dif</b>	<b>PTS</b>
<b>1</b>	Gillingham	10	8	2	70	40	30	86
<b>2</b>	Exeter City	10	7	3	62	48	14	76
<b>3</b>	Bolton Wanderers	10	5	5	56	54	2	66
<b>4</b>	Burnley	9	5	4	54	45	9	64
<b>5</b>	Southampton	10	2	8	42	68	-26	46
<b>6</b>	Chester City	9	2	7	35	64	-29	39

Chester City needs to win their final match against Burnley to avoid the Wooden Spoon at Southampton's expense.

### Team KO Cup

The final will be held between Ipswich Town and Derby County on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Calthorpe Arms (venue tbc).

### Competitions

<b>Ch'ship</b>	<b>Winner(s)</b>	<b>Runner(s) Up</b>	<b>Losing Semi-finalists</b>
<b>Singles</b>	<b>Paul Ebblewhite (Ipswich Town)</b>	<b>Gordon Crossman (Sunderland)</b>	Richie Cockton (Sunderland) Chris Farthing (Ipswich Town)
<b>Pairs</b>	Paul Ebblewhite/Chris Farthing (Ipswich Town)	Chris Harp/Jim Shepherd (Exeter City)	Phil Broughton/Paul Bradley (Rotherham United) Anthony Bradley/Chris Vaughan (Scunthorpe United)

### 180s

<b>Date</b>	<b>L/C</b>	<b>H/A</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Opponents</b>
31/01/11	L	Away	Ian Barber	Sheffield Wednesday	Blackpool
19/05/11	L	Home	Nick Davis	Derby County	Ipswich Town

### Super Cup

Ipswich Town (2009-10 League & Cup winners) walked over Derby County (2009-10 League Runners Up).

## Postponements

This season there were 90 league and 17 cup fixtures scheduled, a total of 107. These gave rise to a total of 50 postponements and one cancellation, or 48%. Of these 12 were mitigated (by clashes with football, weather, tube strikes etc.), leaving 39 unmitigated, or 36%. Bearing in mind the schedule is fairly relaxed, generally these are not a problem, but suggests to me a more aggressive schedule of two divisions of nine teams as was suggested at last year's AGM is not achievable.

An analysis by team is shown below. There were six postponed matches where the team postponing remains unknown. These have been attributed as half a postponement each. Given the nature of the league, it is accepted that teams will postpone on evenings when their team is playing. Thus the significant figure in the table is "Net" postponements. Leaving aside Derby County, who are in a class of their own in this respect, the average number is less than two per team (1.67 actually), which is clearly quite acceptable. From a personal point of view, congratulations to Gillingham, Ipswich & Sunderland who had no postponements attributable to them.

Team	Total	Football	Net
Derby County	10	1	9
Newcastle United	3.5		3.5
Burnley	5	2	3
Exeter City	2.5		2.5
Manchester City	3.5	1	2.5
Nottingham Forest	2.5		2.5
Rotherham United	2.5		2.5
Southampton	2.5		2.5
Blackpool	2		2
Chester City	2		2
Leicester City	3	1	2
Sheffield Wednesday	2		2
Bolton Wanderers	1		1
Scunthorpe United	1		1
Coventry City	0.5		0.5
Plymouth Argyle	0.5		0.5
Gillingham	0		0
Ipswich Town	0		0
Sunderland	2	2	0