



APFSCIL

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Meeting 358

Monday 14 May 2012 @ 7:30PM

At The Exmouth Arms, 1 Starcross Street, Euston, London NW1 2HR

Nearest tube and mainline station is Euston

P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

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

Top Table: Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester); Tony Vass, Vice-Chairman (WBA); Neil Le Milliere, Secretary (Exeter); and Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter).

Meeting Opened: 19.40

1 Apologies For Absence: Pete Higgins, Birmingham; Richie Cockton, Sunderland; Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton); Ian Wood, Burnley; Terry Cecil, Football Secretary (Man City); Chris Learmouth, Hearts; Paul Morrison (Aberdeen); Mark Cooke, Bristol City; Nicholas Brennan, Everton; Peter Cherry, Liverpool & Liz Cocks, Webmaster (Blackpool).

2 Attending For First Time: Nobody present was attending for the first time

3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 357: The minutes were approved, with the proviso that Leicester City had forgotten to sign in.

4 Matters arising from Meeting 357 not covered elsewhere: There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman's Report:

5.1 Many thanks to Tina Robertson, Manchester City, and Richie Cockton (Sunderland) for organising the Q & A with Dennis Tueart after the April meeting. I think I speak for everyone in saying that it was an enjoyable event. I think that the feedback I have received indicates that we might like to try a guest speaker at a future meeting. If anyone has any suggestions it would be more than welcome. The association could well be prepared to consider making a contribution to the travel costs of a speaker.

6 Secretary's Report:

6.1 In my time as Secretary, and latterly Travel Secretary, I have not so far claimed any expenses. Whilst I was employed this was not really an issue as I could get paper and do any printing at no cost personal cost. Since I have been retired, however this has been at personal cost and the time has come when I really need to seek reimbursement. The constitution does allow for the payment of administrative expenses so would the meeting please consider reimbursement of my latest printer cartridge purchases as a one off payment. I have the receipt and they cost £35.08.

The meeting agreed that Neil should be reimbursed this amount.

6.2 Peter Higgins, Birmingham, sent in the following statement "Unfortunately no one from Birmingham will be at the meeting. I am sad to say that this season was the club's last in the football league. I'm no longer in a position to manage them and there were no players willing to take over."

6.3 Neil Le Milliere advised that he would assist in updating the constitution on the website.

7 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Balances in the Accounts

Current a/c £477.77

Deposit a/c £5062.98

8 Webmaster's Report(Liz Cocks, Blackpool)

8.1 Nothing to report

8.2 It was noted that the minutes were now up to date on the website.

Liz Cocks, elizabethcocks@sky.com

9 Travel Secretary's Report

9.1 Nothing to report

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

10 Sports & Social Secretaries Reports

10.1 Pool

10.1.1 The latest table can be viewed at

<http://apfscilpool.leaguerepublic.com/>

Steve Cole, steve_cole99@btinternet.com

10.2 Football Terry Cecil (Manchester City) was unable to make the meeting, but will be attending the AGM when it is hoped some proposals from the football AGM may be presented, but provided the following update:

10.2.1 We are suffering from games being cancelled due to basically a lack of interest and we look set to lose Birmingham City, Sunderland and possible Exeter A's. London Scottish at the minute say they will play next season but they have been one of the worst offenders in cancelling games. It will remain to be seen if they will field a team next season.

10.2.2 For these reasons we have serious issues with the league and our future is in the balance but we are looking into how to get through this.

10.2.3 The season isn't over yet but Middlesbrough have secured the league one title and Celtic the division 2 title.

10.2.4 Aberdeen beat Middlesbrough 2-1 in the Dave Baister Cup final.

Information etc can be found on the MITOO website as follows:

<http://football.mitoo.co.uk/News.cfm?LeagueCode=APFS2011>

Terry Cecil, mancitylondon@googlemail.com

10.3 Darts' Secretaries' Report

10.3.1 The darts season moves into the final month with first place already decided in the top two divisions but with second place up for grabs in all three divisions in what is shaping up to be a thrilling finale. Honest!

10.3.2 In Division One Ipswich Town have it wrapped up after just one defeat in their ten games with Nottingham Forest and Leicester City fighting it out for the runners-up slot. Two from Scunthorpe United, Rotherham United and Derby County will fill the relegation places, though County will fancy their chances with two games in hand on the others.

10.3.3 Gillingham, again with just one defeat in ten games, waltzed away with the Second Division title. The runner-up, however, is far less clear. Sunderland, Exeter City and Newcastle United are separated by just four points while the latter could still be relegated depending on the result of their final match against fifth placed Sheffield Wednesday. Manchester City failed to replicate the form of Mr Mancini's mob and are already down.

10.3.4 At the top of Division Three Chester City are promoted after a fine season but could be pipped to top slot by Bolton Wanderers while Plymouth Argyle and Burnley are still in with a shout for promotion. Southampton and Blackpool aren't!

10.3.5 The semi final draw for the cup gave us Forest v County and Sunderland v Ipswich Town, the ties due to be played this week.

10.3.6 There's a possibility that at the end of the season one of the current teams will pull out of the league. If anyone out there in APFSCIL land fancies joining or rejoining they would be made most welcome or if clubs feel they could not get a regular team out but have individuals who would like to form a 'Nomads' team then please let me know and we'll see what we can do. The darts AGM is scheduled for 9th July so ideally I'd need to know by then.

Peter Reynolds, pete.reynolds3@btinternet.com

10.4 Social Secretary – Position Vacant

10.4.1 The Secretary had received an enquiry from an Exeter supporter about whether we are having a quiz this year. Tina Robertson (Manchester City) has advised that the Fred Dowry quiz is usually held every other year so that there is no problem fitting it around a World Cup or European Cup tournament. The Olympics would have made it even more difficult. Look out for details next year! Tina advises that the Quiz League hold quizzes about every other month, with all questions being team questions. If anyone is interested in this please contact Tina at tina.robertson2001@blueyonder.co.uk

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Paul Welch (Brighton) gave an update on the Amex Stadium. Planning permission has been given to extend the capacity to 30,000. Paul also mentioned that the provision of real ale in all parts of the ground had gone very well. Visiting supporters should note that the supporter's club bar is not barred to away fans, and has up to seven real ales at any one time. Kevin Wells (Chairman) said that Brighton's initiative had proved most welcome on his visit this season and hoped other clubs might follow Brighton's lead.

11.2 Date of Next Meeting – the next general meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday 18 June.

11.3 There are two proposals for discussion from Stoke.

11.3.1 In light of the healthy finances and that the balance in a/c's has changed little from last year, and in an effort to encourage more clubs to join or remain in APFSCIL would the committee consider reducing the APFSCIL subs to a nominal amount this coming year.

A lively discussion ensued regarding this idea. Robbie Jenkins (Rangers) was against the idea, the subscription at £15 for full membership represented value for money. Paul Welch (Brighton) felt that a reduction in the charge might be in order. Phil Arnold (Leicester) felt that even with a reduced fee, the collection problems we had this season would probably still be replicated. On a related note, there were suggestions that with the bank balances being healthy perhaps the association could pay for the occasional guest speaker.

The matter would be decided at the forthcoming AGM.

11.4 Would any club like to join SCSSC in submitting a motion to the FSF fans parliament requesting that the FSF takes up the fight for reinstating group travel for 'distant' fans.

11.5 Neil Le Milliere (Acting Travel Secretary) told the meeting that the Rail Football Forums appeared to have died a death. Rail companies were not interested in group travel for

football supporters (with the exception of East Midlands Trains), and some (e.g. First Great Western) appeared to actively try to discourage group travel by football fans.

11.6 Steve Moon (Nottingham Forest) said that any clubs looking for a meeting place could do worse than The Clarendon at 92 Mildmay Park, Newington Green.

11.7 Kevin Wells (Chairman) reminded the meeting that Committee nominations were most welcome at the forthcoming AGM (18th June). The Committee is light on numbers and new blood would be most welcome.

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 6th August as there is no meeting in July. (**But don't forget the AGM on 18th June!**)

Meeting Closed: 20.10