



APFSCIL

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Meeting 359

Monday 13 August 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

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

Top Table: Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester) and Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter).

Meeting Opened: 19.40

1 Apologies For Absence: Neil Le Milliere, Secretary and Travel Secretary (Exeter); Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton); Paul Kennedy, Celtic; Stephen Moon, Nottingham Forest; Paul Beckett, Sheffield Wednesday; Dean Robinson, Middlesbrough; Peter Cherry, Liverpool; Mick Gething, Bolton; Steve Murray, Mansfield; Ian Wood, Burnley; Chris Swales, Hull; Chris Learmonth, Hearts; Terry Cecil, Football Sec (Man City); John Wood, Stoke; Nick Brennan, Everton; Maggie Reeves, Man City; Lee Jameson, Plymouth, Chris Turner, Rotherham and John Goddard, Norwich.

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

3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 358

3.1 Exeter were recorded as 'Absent' but were present.

3.2 Under 8 Paul Beckett (Sheffield Wednesday) said “The Constitution needs tidying up”.

3.3 With the above corrections the minutes were approved by the meeting.

4 Matters arising from Meeting 358not covered elsewhere: There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman’s Report:

5.1 The Chairman said that if there were any suggestions for guest speakers they would be most welcome. The association would be amenable to covering reasonable expenses.

6 Secretary’s Report:

6.1 As per our rules the meeting will need to discuss what to do about those members who have contravened the attendance rules as detailed in the circulated attendance spreadsheet. For information our rules state:

“**6(b)ii.** An affiliated organisation shall attend no less than one half of the General Meetings in any one year (for this purpose the year shall commence with, and include, the August meeting) and if any affiliated organisation fails to attend at least one half of the General Meetings during that period, or shall fail to attend any three consecutive General Meetings, the Administrative Committee shall require that affiliated organisation to explain its attendance record and/or absence from meetings and the Administrative Committee may submit the continued membership of that affiliated organisation in the Association for discussion at a succeeding General Meeting.”

6.2 Kevin Wells (Chairman) said that APFSCIL was not in the business of losing clubs, and asked that the matter be deferred until all Committee members had a chance to discuss the attendance issue. He did point out that under the rules clubs were not expected to attend every meeting and with a bit of planning clubs could fulfil expectations and yet not have to devote too much time in coming to meetings if they had problems getting people along. He also expressed disappointment that in many instance apologies were not given, it would not take too long to fire off an email to the Secretary and it was good manners also. Richie Cockton (Sunderland) agreed that there was no point in taking action now. Paul Welch (Brighton) suggested APFSCIL write to the Chairmen of clubs concerned rather than emailing them. Kevin Wells (Chairman) said he would look into this.

6.3 Monica Hartland (Stoke) spoke briefly regarding the issue of subscriptions as there was some disquiet within her club as to the level of subscriptions bearing in mind the healthy financial position of APFSCIL. Kevin Wells (Chairman) made the point the AGM has approved the level of subscriptions for this year, but it was done on the understanding that the subject would be looked at closely next year if reserves were still healthy. As the association was looking perhaps to have guest speakers from time to time, which might involve certain costs, the next AGM would be the time to look at the matter again, with the option of free membership being a definite possibility. He hoped that this would put minds at rest.

6.4 The WBA representative expressed disappointment that despite his club’s evening with Brendon Batson being open to all APFSCIL members, no persons from clubs outside WBA had attended.

7 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Current a/c £535.77

Deposit a/c £5067.18

7.2 Membership Subs Received (Full £15 and Associate £5)

Leicester and Southampton. The following clubs paid at the meeting; by cheque, Manchester City (plus darts subs), Blackburn, Sunderland and Brighton; by cash, Aberdeen, Nottingham Forest and Hearts.

7.3 **Darts fees**, also payable to the Treasurer, for the coming season are £16 league and £12 cup. Can cup entries be in by the end of September 2012?

7.4 Cheques or cash for Membership and/or Darts can be handed in at the meeting to the Chairman or sent to Nick at 27 Frobisher Court, Station Approach, Cheam, Sutton, SM2 7BW

8 Webmaster's Report(Liz Cocks, Blackpool)

8.1 For those that took their club sheets at the AGM if you could email the changes to me even a 'no changes', those that were not at the AGM or who failed to take the sheet please look on the website as we need this information correct going forward. If those who have sent changes previously have had membership/train price increase please can you advise as well.

8.2 Changes to the website have been made to reflect the coming season. I have made contact with two sports sections and have their updated awaiting me.

Thank you for your continued co-operation

Liz Cocks, elizabethcocks@sky.com

9 Travel Secretary's Report

9.1 There could be a meeting in late September of the RFF but I am not holding my breath. It would be at the behest of the BTP. I had been asking for one for a number of months but, obviously, they have more influence than me.

9.2 Prices on the FGW line down to Exeter and Plymouth have gone up yet again and a Super Off-Peak return to Exeter is now £75! It will not be long before we cannot afford to travel at all and if not for the GroupSave option, we would not be doing so now. Incidentally, the GroupSave price is far cheaper than their Group rate.

Their justification for these prices are that 'Advance' tickets are available but what they fail to mention is how small the allocation is on each train meaning they are not an option for organised travel.

For Exeter, the SWT option is cheaper though the journey is considerably longer.

9.3 Phil Arnold (Leicester) mentioned the costs on rail tickets lost due to the cancellation on the Friday evening before a Saturday friendly at Lincoln, the cancellation being on Police advice as a result of intelligence indicating trouble in the City between Lincoln and visiting supporters. Phil pointed out that the cancellation had apparently cost Lincoln something in the region of £30,000. Various comments were made and Phil confirmed that there were no grounds for getting refunds on the train tickets or obtaining compensation from any other

source. The Ipswich representative mentioned the recent postponement of a Blackburn friendly in The Netherlands and pointed out that this was not the first time that a cancellation had occurred in such circumstances.

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

10 Sports & Social Secretaries Reports

10.1 Pool

10.1.1 The final 2011-12 table can be viewed at

<http://apfscilpool.leaguerepublic.com/> Newcastle pipped Exeter by three points who themselves only finished one point in front of Sunderland.

10.1.2 Cup Competition

Preliminary round results: Southampton 5 Sheffield Wednesday 4; Middlesbrough 3 West Brom 6

Revised Draw: Round 1: (3) Southampton v Nottingham Forest; (4) Newcastle United v Hull City; (5) Sunderland v Exeter; (6) Hearts v West Brom

Semi-Final: Winner (3) v Winner (4); Winner (5) v Winner (6)

Clubs should aim to complete round one by 24th August and the semi-final by 14th September

10.1.3 NB For those who have not heard, Nikky, the licensee of the Royal Star, is leaving before the end of this month. The pub is to lose its pool table and darts board

As a number of teams use this as a home venue this could have serious implications for the league. The WBA and Exeter representatives confirmed that they were among those affected and were looking for alternative venues, but that it was getting more difficult to find pubs in Central London with a pool table that were prepared to accept teams.

If anyone knows of a pool friendly pub in Central London we would love to hear from you.

Cheers, Steve
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10.2 Football

10.2.1 The League is still interested in hearing from Teams considering joining the League so please circulate your membership to see if there is any interest and e-mail for more details.

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

10.3.1 The darts AGM took place on July 9th at The Sekforde. To my embarrassment I was unable to attend following a fall at work, but as you can probably guess Tina Robertson stood in to chair the meeting, for which my grateful thanks again.

10.3.2 I gather it was fairly uneventful, the main talking point being the composition of the league as it looked likely that Burnley would pull out due to a lack of numbers. If that were to be the case it was decided to stick with the format of six teams in Divisions One and Two, have five teams in Division Three but to introduce a new Cup competition for this division. Hopefully clubs on the periphery would also be involved in this to 'flesh' it out and give them a taste of what the league is about should they decide to join. However there's still a chance that Burnley will continue and all will remain the same so watch this space.....fingers crossed.

10.3.3 In any event the season will start towards the end of September and the fixtures will be available for the next meeting.

Peter Reynolds, pete.reynolds3@btinternet.com

10.4 Social Secretary – Position Vacant

10.4.1 Nothing to report

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be the General Meeting on Monday 3 September – unless anyone knows different.

11.2 Ian Todd (Sunderland) mentioned the new facility via the Premier League website to register for timely advice on fixture changes. He had duly registered and heard nothing!

11.3 Peter Reynolds (Blackpool) reminded member clubs to regularly monitor their details on the APFSCIL website and if there were any changes or corrections to get them to Liz Cocks as soon as possible. Out of date or incorrect information was not doing anyone any favours.

11.4 Kevin Wells (Chairman) advised that there were plenty of membership forms available at the meeting and urged clubs to please return these to Nick Head (Treasurer) as soon as possible, together with emailing Neil Le Milliere (Secretary) a copy. It would be great if as many clubs as possible had rejoined by the next meeting (or in extremis joined at the next meeting) as chasing in a large number of outstanding memberships had proved very time consuming last year. Here's hoping!

Meeting Closed: 20.50