



APFSCIL

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Meeting 360

Monday 3 September 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	A	Dundee United	X	Newcastle United
P	Barrow	A	Everton	P	Norwich City
X	Birmingham City	P	Exeter City	P	Nottingham Forest
A	Blackburn Rovers	A	Gillingham	P	Plymouth Argyle
P	Blackpool	P	Heart of Midlothian	P	Rangers
P	Bolton Wanderers	X	Hibernian	P	Rotherham United
X	AFC Bournemouth	A	Hull City	X	Scunthorpe United
P	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	Ipswich Town	P	Sheffield Wednesday
P	Bristol City	X	Leeds United	A	Southampton
P	Burnley	P	Leicester City	P	Stoke City
P	Cardiff City	A	Liverpool	P	Sunderland
X	Celtic	X	London Scottish	A	West Bromwich Albion
X	Chester City	P	Manchester City		
P	Coventry City	P	Mansfield Town		
A	Derby County	X	Middlesbrough	A	Football Rep

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

Meeting Opened: 19.36

1 Apologies For Absence: Andrew Plummer, Gillingham; Liz Cocks, Webmaster (Blackpool); Paul Whelch, Brighton; Paul Morrison, Aberdeen; Nicholas Brennan, Everton; Chris Learnmouth, Hearts; Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton); Peter Cherry, Liverpool; Tim from Ipswich; Terry Cecil, Football Representative; Stephen Perrins, Derby; Alan Fell, Blackburn; Chris Swailes, Hull; David Gilchrist, Dundee United; AND Tony Vass, WBA..

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

3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 359

3.1 The minutes were approved by the meeting.

4 Matters arising from Meeting 359 not covered elsewhere: There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman's Report:

5.1 Nothing to report.

6 Secretary's Report:

6.1 Neil Le Milliere reminded clubs that he would appreciate being sent the contact details that were on the membership applications being sent to Nick Head (Treasurer). If these details could be typed rather than being copies of the forms, that would be appreciated as some handwriting was proving difficult to read with 100% accuracy.

7 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Current a/c £784.77

Deposit a/c £5067.17

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

Leicester City; Southampton; Newcastle United; Coventry City; Derby County; Manchester City; Blackburn Rovers; Sunderland; Brighton; Aberdeen; Nottingham Forest; Hearts and Sheffield Wednesday. The following clubs paid at the meeting; Barrow; Blackpool; Exeter; Burnley; Rangers; Norwich; Rotherham; Cardiff; Bristol City and Mansfield (Associate Member).

7.3 Darts fees, also payable to the Treasurer, for the coming season are £ 16 league and £12 cup.

Received are Southampton; Derby County; Manchester City and Leicester City. The following clubs paid at the meeting – Blackpool; Burnley; Exeter and Nottingham Forest.

8 Webmaster's Report(Liz Cocks, Blackpool)

8.1 Nothing to report

Liz Cocks, elizabethcocks@sky.com

9 Travel Secretary's Report

9.1 Item for discussion

Maggie Reeves, Man City sent me the following message.

Hi Neil - well might have known Branson wouldn't give up his honey jar without a fight but at least it throws rail travel into the spotlight for a while and perhaps presents us with an opportunity to stick an oar in and publicise the cause. I have drafted out a first go at a letter which we can send to various politicians :- Sec State Transport- Justine Greening/ CMS - Jeremy Hunt plus Shadows Maria Eagle and Harriet Harman. Theresa Villiers is Undersec Rail and Aviation but I couldn't find a shadow for that and Hugh Robertson as Undersec for Sport - whilst he's still preening over the Olympics. Also Louise Ellman as Transport select Cttee Chair and John Whittingdale as CMS Select Cttee Chair. Perhaps also some MPs who are noted for Football connections - Andy Burnham, David Milliband etc.

On the Rail Regulator side of things I can't seem to find any names as such - perhaps you can help there.

I am happy to do the donkey-work here and actually send the letters if we can agree suitable wording. Will you be at APFSCIL on Monday to discuss this. Perhaps we can get some suggestions from the floor. It looks like Branson has enough signatures to spring a debate so perhaps we need members to be also writing to their own MPs to put them in the picture. Travel has always been part of our remit I think - so I don't see that we will be treading on the toes of the FSF."

Maggie's draft is attached at Annexe A for discussion."

Maggie spoke at the meeting and said that the idea for such a letter was proposed at a recent meeting of Manchester City London Branch. Branson's petition seemed to have got up a head of steam, but it seemed to have been forgotten how poorly Virgin had treated travelling supporters over the years. She also advised that Manchester City were booked up until the changeover and were wondering what happened then, as there were no known contacts yet within First Group. The judicial review by Virgin would make matters even more uncertain.

Neil Le Milliere (Travel Secretary) said that the rail companies, regulators and politicians seemed immune from criticism from whatever quarter. However, nothing could be lost by doing what Maggie suggested.

The meeting gave Maggie the go ahead to draft a letter on behalf of the association. Lee Jamieson (Plymouth) was suggested as a contact to obtain organisations/addresses to which the letter could be sent.

9.2 Neil Le Milliere (Travel Secretary) reminded those attending of the eye-watering increases in fares First Great Western had introduced. Exeter were seriously considering travelling via the Waterloo route even though the journey times were much increased.

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

10 Sports & Social Secretaries Reports

10.1 Pool

10.1.1 Replacement pub for the 'Royal Star'

Ray Betts, Southampton, has submitted the following report.

"Hi Lads, I went and checked out the White Lion last night and it's OK. This is the pub the Royal Star landlady (Nicky) recommended. They've got 2 pool tables and she is having one replaced with a new league table as a lot of the pool teams who played at the Star are coming across. The food is free and the table is a £1.

The only minus point to the pub is it is a bit of a slap from Old Street, about a 10 minute walk. The landlady - Philomena, is really nice and helpful. The contact number of the pub is 0207 689 4313 and Phil's mobile is 07942 020862. The pub address is 37 Central Street, London EC1V 8AB. The web link is as follows:-

http://www.beerintheevening.com/pubs/s/25/25721/White_Lion/Clerkenwell

I said I would report back on the pub so it's over to you if you want to use it.

We have booked it for the Cup Semi - Saints v Newcastle on the 12th September.”

Richie Cockton (Sunderland) mentioned another possible pool pub – The Porters Lodge at Blackfriars.

10.1.2 Summer Cup Update

¼ Final results:

(3) Southampton 8 v Nottingham Forest 1 (4) Newcastle United 5 v Hull City 4 (5) Sunderland 8 v Exeter 1 (6) Hearts 8 v West Brom 1

Semi-Final: Southampton v Newcastle Sunderland v Hearts

Clubs should aim to complete the semi-final by 14th September

Cheers, Steve
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10.2 Football

10.2.1 Apologies had been received from the football secretary.

Neil Le Milliere (Secretary) said that he had heard on the grapevine that there was to be a mini-tournament in the forthcoming weekend, although he had not had absolute confirmation of this.

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 There is not too much to report on the darts front, mainly as we do not kick off for a few weeks yet.

The very good news is that if all goes well Burnley will continue to participate this season.

We're blindly fumbling around the League Republic website trying to sort out the fixtures for the new season but with a bit of luck and a following wind expect to have a full fixture list out by the end of the week, with an anticipated start date of the week commencing September 24th.

10.3.2 Unless otherwise advised we assume all teams will enter the team knockout cup with the preliminary round tentatively scheduled for the week commencing November 12th. Any teams not in the league are more than welcome to enter, just let me know before this date.

10.3.3 It appears some teams have got a bit ahead of themselves and, indeed, us by re-arranging fixtures before they're finalised. What appears on the APFSCIL website is just a "first draft" which certainly needs tweaking and will be REAL soon!

Peter Reynolds

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10.4 Social Secretary – Position Vacant

10.4.1 Steve Moon sent a message for everyone about his recent Thames Bridges charity walk.

"On Saturday 25th August, I completed a walk over 20 bridges in London for a charity function organised by my Club in Barking in aid of the MacMillan Cancer Fund. Being at Fleetwood on the day of the last meeting, I was unable to request sponsorship then, but should anyone wish to sponsor me "after the event" they can do it on-line at www.justgiving.com/BFSC-members, or see me after the meeting if they wish to do so the orthodox way."

Steve thanked all those who had donated, and those who were planning to – he was still recovering!

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be the General Meeting on Monday 1 October – unless anyone knows different.

11.2 Maggie Reeves (Manchester City) had done some work regarding a possible guest speaker and suggested the former footballer, Andy Morrison. Lee Jameson (Plymouth) had supported the idea, having heard him before. It was agreed that Maggie should continue with this work.

11.3 Robbie Jenkins (Rangers) spoke of the extensive contacts he had built up with the media partly as a result of the well documented travails that Rangers had endured recently. He was willing to undertake a Press and Publicity role for APFSCIL on an ad hoc basis. As part of this it would be essential for all member clubs to have a contact for press and publicity purposes so that he would be able easily to channel any contacts made initially through him to the appropriate person within a member club. Robbie also said that as part of his role he would be happy to liase with Liz Cocks (Webmaster) in trying to update the APFSCIL website. He mentioned that the Rangers website was easy to maintain and had a more up to date look.

Kevin Wells (Chairman) thanked Robbie for his kind offer. We were all aware of the constraints that Liz Cocks had been working under as the present website was unwieldy, parts had proved impossible to update in a satisfactory manner, and the look of the website that has been passed to her did look somewhat dated. Robbie Jenkins said that he would contact Liz and offer what help he could. Kevin Wells said he was sure that Liz would appreciate any assistance that could be given. Robbie said he would contact Liz and report back to the next meeting. It would be helpful if clubs could give some consideration to who their press and publicity contact would be – we would obviously need contact details of that person or persons (e.g. email address and contact telephone number).

11.4 John Goddard (Norwich) asked if any consideration had been given to the newsletter of the year award. Neil Le Milliere (Secretary) replied that as there were only two entries this year it had been decided not to make an award this year. On a similar note there were no entries for the supporter of the year.

11.5 Neil Le Milliere (Secretary) reported that he had received an offer from Sheffield Wednesday to set up an APFSCIL Facebook page. Neil said that this would be considered if someone was prepared to take the maintenance and oversight of the page under their wing on a long term basis. Without such an offer the committee as a whole felt it was not worth pursuing. Robbie Jenkins (Rangers) mentioned that a Twitter account started up by his club had sparked interest from people (a small proportion of which could be termed as not very polite!). He felt that this might, if someone was prepared to take it on, be of more long-term assistance to APFSCIL.

Meeting Closed: 20.15