



## APFSCIL

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### Meeting 350

Monday 5th September 2011 @ 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	Middlesbrough
P	Barrow	P	Everton	X	Newcastle United
A	Birmingham City	P	Exeter City	P	Norwich City
P	Blackburn Rovers	P	Gillingham	P	Nottingham Forest
P	Blackpool	X	Hartlepool	P	Plymouth Argyle
A	Bolton Wanderers	A	Heart of Midlothian	P	Rangers
P	AFC Bournemouth	X	Hibernian	P	Rotherham United
P	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	Hull City	P	Scunthorpe United
P	Bristol City	P	Ipswich Town	A	Sheffield Wednesday
P	Burnley	X	Leeds United	P	Southampton
P	Cardiff City	P	Leicester City	A	Stoke City
X	Celtic	A	Liverpool	P	Sunderland
P	Chester City	P	London Scottish	P	West Bromwich Albion
P	Coventry City	P	Manchester City	X	Yeovil Town
P	Derby County	A	Mansfield Town		

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

**Meeting Opened:** 19.40

**1 Apologies For Absence:** Tony Brown, Brighton; David Gilchrist, Dundee United; John Wood, Stoke; Monica Hartland, Stoke; Paul Beckett, Sheffield Wednesday; Chris Swales, Hull; Steve Murray, Mansfield (possible); Chris Learmonth, Hearts; Paul Morrison, Aberdeen; Lee Jameson; Plymouth; Peter Cherry, Liverpool; and Mick Gething, Bolton and a representative from Birmingham sent his apologies.

**2 Attending For First Time:** Terry Cecil, Football Secretary (Man City) was attending an APFSCIL meeting for the first time.

**3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 349:** Richie Cockton (Sunderland) pointed out a typing error at 10.4.1, the misspelt word should read “any”. With that proviso the meeting approved the minutes.

**4 Matters arising from Meeting 349 not covered elsewhere:** There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere.

**5 Chairman’s Report:** The newsletter/website of the year 2010/11 was awarded to Blackpool. There was one entry for supporter of the year 2010/11 so the committee decided not to make an award this year.

### **6 Secretary’s Report:**

**6.1** The secretary thanked all clubs that had returned their contact details and asked that all clubs who had not done so to do so as soon as possible.

### **7 Treasurer’s Report**

#### **7.1 Balances**

**Current a/c £ 797.46**

**Deposit a/c £4362.98**

#### **7.2 Memberships**

Memberships received from: WBA; Everton; Leicester City; Nottingham Forest; Exeter; Bristol City; Aberdeen; Manchester City; Norwich City; Ipswich; Burnley; Blackburn; Southampton; Newcastle:Sunderland;Cardiff;Stoke;Scunthorpe;Plymouth:Middlesbrough; Hearts; and Celtic.

### **8 Webmaster’s Report**

**8.1** I have managed to tidy the front page however with a lack of input from my predecessor I am lacking on a few areas of the site mainly the attendance sheet so anybody that could offer a few pointers your input would be gratefully received.

I hope that within a few weeks we should have the site tidied up and fit for purpose.

Liz Cocks, elizabethcocks@sky.com

### **9 Travel Secretary’s Report**

**9.1** I am very grateful to Lee Jameson, Plymouth, for volunteering to attend the next meeting of the RFF on my behalf as I am away.

**9.2** Neil advised the meeting that First Great Western were suspending group travel for the two weeks of the Americas Cup.

Neil Le Milliere, neil\_le\_milliere@btinternet.com

### **10 Sports & Social Secretaries Reports**

#### **10.1 Pool – Position Vacant**

**10.1.2** All, please note that the 2011 Pool league AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th September at The Royal Star, 220 City Road, EC1V 2PN. The nearest tube station is Old Street. Local bus routes 43, 205, 214 & 394.

All APFSCIL clubs are welcome to attend but only those who participated last year will be eligible to debate/vote on matters pertaining to season 2010/2011

Regards, Steve Cole, [steve\\_cole99@btinternet.com](mailto:steve_cole99@btinternet.com)

## **10.2 Football – No report received**

**10.2.1** Information etc can be found on our website as follows:

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

Terry Cecil (Man City) is our new representative from the football section and he attended the meeting. Terry advised that the season is underway. There is a Champions League style format for the cup competition. There is a reduced number of teams for the new season. New clubs are always welcome, and if teams want to join for the 2012/13 season it would be a good idea to start planning now. Please do contact Terry if information is required about the practicalities of the football section.

## **10.3 Darts' Secretaries' Report**

**10.3.1** Peter Reynolds (Blackpool) introduced himself to the meeting as the new darts secretary. The league season will get underway on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

## **10.4 Social Secretary – Position Vacant**

## **11 Any Other Business**

### **11.1 Christmas Meeting**

Could I raise as AOB whether there is to be an APFSCIL Christmas meal meeting this year. With chips :) John, Stoke City. Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester City) said he would take this up with the management of The Exmouth Arms. Lee Jameson (Plymouth) very kindly gave details of The Hoop and Grapes in Farringdon Road and Kevin would look at this as well.

### **11.2** Round up report from Brighton and Fans Reunited Day, Paul Welch.

Paul gave an in-depth and interesting talk on how Brighton had come from losing their ground to moving in to their magnificent new stadium and he paid tribute to the wider football family who had played a part in the story. From ground sharing to spending twelve years at the Withdean Stadium, to getting planning permission and then going through public enquiries to finally arrive at the Amex Stadium had been a marathon, but Brighton had finally got there. Many of those present at the meeting congratulated Paul and Brighton. Tim Edwards (Ipswich) and Ian Todd (Sunderland) both commented on how good the stadium was. Ian also said that the Football Supporter's Federation's next meeting would be at the Amex stadium. Paul Welch said that the travel situation to the ground was still going through a teething stage. Car travel to the ground is not advised, you should use the park and ride facilities. Falmer railway station is adjacent to the ground, and you can travel from Brighton or Lewes, with the latter probably being preferable if you want to park up and finish the journey by train.

Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton) said the Southern Rail had rolling stock constraints that impacted on the service they could provide to Falmer. The length of the platform restricted the number of carriages, and remedying this would involve the moving of a signal, which is a lengthy and expensive process.

Liz Cocks (Blackpool) said that rail travel was easier via Lewes. David Clarke (Rangers) reported that there was confusion after the Sunderland game as to which platform went to Brighton and which went to Lewes. Paul Welch hoped that with experience these problems would be ironed out.

### **11.3 Report from Argyle**

Lee Jamieson (Plymouth) sent in the briefing (reproduced below) but did make the meeting: “Dear All, I won't be at tonight's meeting but I would just like to make you all aware that Plymouth Argyle are in the process of organising a fans re-united day This will take place on the 24th September when we host Port Vale. Further info <http://www.northstandchat.com/showthread.php?212719-Fans-Re-united-24th-September-Home-Park-Plymouth>”

This event is really taking off and we the supporters of Plymouth Argyle thank the Brighton Fans for all the support they are giving us to organise this event.

Argyle could still very easily go out of business, and at the moment we need all the support from other member clubs. So if any of you guys/girls can come along to the event it would be great to have you there, if you can't make it but have any ideas for us or raffle prizes for the evening do just drop me a line.

The administrators at best have acted with sheer incompetence and the huge worry for me is that Peter Ridsdale could still become the club chair.

Thanks for reading.

Lee Jameson, Vice Chairman Argyle fans Trust”.

Lee confirmed that the 24<sup>th</sup> September game was against Macclesfield. Lee gave an update on the goings-on at Home Park, and many at the meeting sympathised with the situation that Plymouth were in. Paul Welch (Brighton) said that in many ways the situation at Plymouth was similar to what had occurred at Brighton in the past. Paul said that Brighton fans were being encouraged to wear green at the televised home game versus to show solidarity with Plymouth's fans and also to hopefully keep up the pressure on the football authorities regarding Plymouth's situation.

**11.4 Date of Next Meeting** – The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at The Exmouth Arms.

**Meeting Closed:** 20.50