



## APFSCIL

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### Meeting 353

Monday 5th December 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

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

**Top Table:** Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester), Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter) and Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton).

**Meeting Opened:** 19.41

**1 Apologies For Absence:** Neil Le Milliere, Acting Secretary and Travel Officer (Exeter); Richard Cockton, Sunderland; Martin Garrett, Coventry; David Gilchrist, Dundee United; Chris Learmonth, Hearts; Andrew Plummer, Gillingham; Chris Swales, Hull; Mark Cooke, Bristol City; Peter Cherry, Liverpool; Paul Kennedy, Celtic; Chris Vaughan, Scunthorpe; Tony Vass, Vice-Chairman, WBA; Peter Higgins, Birmingham; Alan Fell, Blackburn; Stephen Perrins, Derby; Andrew Clark, Middlesbrough & Terry Cecil, Football Secretary, Manchester City.

**2 Attending For First Time:** John Reddy, Aberdeen was attending a meeting form the first time and was welcomed. Jane Pike, Burnley, was attending her last meeting before going back North, and in a similar fashion, the meeting bade her a fond farewell!

**3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 352:** The minutes were approved by the meeting.

**4 Matters arising from Meeting 349 not covered elsewhere:** None.

### **5 Chairman's Report:**

**5.1** The Chairman mentioned that a member club had suggested that APFSCIL hold a minute's silence at the meeting in respect of the tragic death of Gary Speed. Neil Le Milliere, Acting Secretary, had been in correspondence and explained that this was normally done in respect of a person who has a personal association with APFSCIL, and this point was accepted. The Chairman said that he would write on behalf of APFSCIL to the Football Association of Wales to express our sincere condolences

### **6 Secretary's Report:**

**6.1** Nothing to report.

### **7 Treasurer's Report**

#### **7.1 Balances in the Accounts**

Current a/c £404.26

Deposit a/c £5062.98

#### **7.2 Payments Due**

£200 Xmas food

#### **7.3 Monies received**

**7.3.1 Membership subs** received from: Leeds Utd; Leicester; Nottingham Forest; Exeter; Bristol City; Aberdeen; Man City; Norwich; Ipswich; Burnley; Blackburn; Southampton; Newcastle; W B A; Everton; Stoke; Scunthorpe; Sunderland; London Scottish; Cardiff; Coventry; Rangers; Bournemouth; Rotherham; Blackpool; Gillingham; Brighton; Derby; Hull; Sheffield Wednesday; Middlesbrough; Celtic; Chester; Birmingham; Liverpool; London Hibs; Dundee Utd; Plymouth; Barrow; Bolton and Mansfield. [41 Clubs paid up]

Outstanding were Hartlepool and Yeovil. Hearts were due to pay once they had APFSCIL's bank details in order to make payment direct.

**7.3.2 Darts subs** received from: Leicester; Nottingham Forest; Southampton; Blackpool; Gillingham; Chester; Derby (cheque in transit); Manchester City; Ipswich; Plymouth; Scunthorpe; Bolton; and Burnley

**7.3.3 Pool subs** received from: Newcastle; Southampton; Hull; Sunderland; Nottingham Forest; and Middlesbrough.

### **8 Webmaster's Report**

**8.1** I had every intention of making this meeting but work need me to switch shifts. So unfortunately I am absent again.

**8.2** Since the last meeting I have had no contact from Phil Cordingley about website updating however have managed by trial and error to make changes to the darts section. I will continue with this approach to make changes and see where this takes us.

**8.3** Thank you to Middlesbrough and Leicester who have sent their changes through for the website and continue to urge the rest of the clubs to do the same as so far all have required changes in some form or another.

**8.4** I am sure most have an opinion on the website and the interactivity, we at London Blackpool do have a Facebook page and Twitter account and they can prove useful but only if information is fed to them.

If anybody can provide a way to update the website then i am more than happy to let them have all necessary details to do this.

**Liz Cocks, [elizabethcocks@sky.com](mailto:elizabethcocks@sky.com)**

**9 Travel Secretary's Report** (read in Neil Le Milliere's absence):

**9.1** I have used the Travel Officers' distribution list for the first time and will be formalising this over the next few weeks.

**9.2** Ian Todd (Sunderland) spoke regarding the takeover of Grand Central by Arriva and said that there would be no change as regards fares, but ticketing arrangements may change.

**Neil Le Milliere, [neil\\_le\\_milliere@btinternet.com](mailto:neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com)**

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

### **10.1 Pool**

**10.1.1** No report received, but it was reported that the league was under way.

Please note that league fees are now due (£16 for League & Cup or £10 for League only). Cheques should be made payable to "APFSCIL" and sent to APFSCIL Treasurer – Nick Head. 27 Frobisher Court, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 7BW

Please include your club name and 'Pool' on the back of your cheque

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

### **10.2 Football**

**10.2.1** The league tables were available for the meeting and were read out.. Information etc can be found on our website as follows

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

**Terry Cecil (Manchester City)**

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

**10.3.1** The darts leagues are now well under way with matches played in all divisions and the preliminary round of the cup partly completed.

At the time of writing Ipswich Town top Division One with four wins out of four with Rotherham United in second place. In Division Two Gillingham are top, again with a 100% record with Sheffield Wednesday in second and Exeter City a point behind. The early pacesetters in Division Three are Plymouth Argyle with Burnley in second place.

**10.3.2** In the preliminary round of the cup Leicester City and Rotherham United had wins over Chester City and Coventry City respectively while Newcastle United v Bolton Wanderers is, as far as I know, still outstanding. This gives us a revised first round draw of:

Ipswich Town v Rotherham United  
Burnley v Scunthorpe United  
Sheffield Wednesday v Gillingham  
Derby County v Southampton  
Exeter City v Newcastle United or Bolton Wanderers  
Plymouth Argyle v Nottingham Forest  
Blackpool v Sunderland  
Leicester City v Manchester City

Matches to be played week commencing 16th January or before if it suits both teams.

**10.3.3** Could I place on record my thanks to the darts captains for their patience while we find our feet and again to Tina Robertson for all her sterling work while I find MY feet! They're out there somewhere.

**Peter Reynolds, [pete.reynolds3@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.reynolds3@btinternet.com)**

**10.4 Social Secretary – Position Vacant**

**11 Any Other Business**

**11.1** Date of Next Meeting – The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 9th January.

**11.2** No other AOB have been notified to the Secretary in advance of the meeting

**11.3** Kevin Wells, Chairman, mentioned that Andrew Clark (Middlesbrough) had been in communication with Neil Le Milliere, Secretary, regarding the future direction of the association. Kevin gave a very brief outline of some of Andrew's points, and invited comment at the meeting, but said that in the absence of Andrew (due to the happy event of having a new-born child) that the main discussion would be held over to the January meeting.

A brief outline of some of the points made were:

Lee Jameson (Plymouth) thought that a Twitter feed could be useful to the association, Jane Pike (Burnley) was more dubious. Lee agreed that a Twitter feed should be linked with a revamp of the website. Kevin Wells, Chairman, said that if a volunteer could be found to take on the vacant Press & Publicity committee post presumably the Twitter feed/Facebook offering could come under that post.

Lee Jameson (Plymouth) thought that the reduction in the membership of member clubs was in some way down to the growth of information technology – in the past member clubs were

sometimes the only source of information for expats in London. This was a powerful recruiting tool in many cases.

Jane Pike (Burnley) wondered if the number of meetings was strictly necessary now so much information could be disseminated by email. Kevin Wells, Chairman, said his personal feeling was that bi-monthly meetings might be what was needed now. Guest speakers at meetings had been mooted many times, but the problem was finding people who would attend without a fee! We would also not wish to embarrass a guest if the turnout was low. If members had suggestions for speakers the committee would be more than happy to consider it. He felt that member club's meetings were possibly the best forum for guest speakers. Nick Brennan (Everton) said that their recent social meeting with Mick Rathbone has been a great success. WBA had also had a very good event with Brendan Batson.

Tina Robertson (Manchester City) felt that APFSCIL still had an important role to play, and we should not forget that.

David Clarke (Rangers) pointed out that several member clubs (e.g. Sheffield Wednesday) have Twitter feeds.

**11.4** Paul Welch (Brighton) mentioned the sad passing of Alan Keen, MP for Feltham. He had given great assistance to Brighton in their attempts to get a new home and had sponsored an early day motion in Parliament.

**11.5** Lee Jamieson (Plymouth) gave the meeting a briefing on the recent goings-on at the club.

**11.6** Steve Murray (Mansfield) told the meeting that there was no more football at Field Mill, but there was good news in that the club was in safe hands.

**Meeting Closed:** 20.30 when the Christmas buffet commenced!