



**THE ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' CLUBS IN LONDON**

**Meeting No 339  
Monday 12th April 2010 @ 7:30pm  
At The Exmouth Arms, 1 Starcross Street, Euston, London NW1 2HR**

P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

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

The above table is compiled using the attendance sheet. If your team is shown incorrectly it is almost certainly due to the attendance sheet not being properly completed on the night so please ensure you take care to do this.

**Top Table:** The Meeting was chaired by Kevin Wells, Vice Chairman (Leicester); with Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton), Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter) and Julie Woods, Travel Officer.

**Meeting Opened:** 19:40 with 28 members clubs represented.

**1: Apologies for Absence:** Tony Vass, Chairman (WBA); Neil Le Milliere, Secretary (Exeter); David Gilchrist, Dundee Untd; Martin Garrett, Coventry; Dec Finnegan, RISSC; Paul Morrison, Aberdeen; Ian Wood, Burnley.

**2: Attending meeting for the first time:** Ceilia Ellacott, Plymouth Argyle

**3: Approval of the minutes from Meeting 338:** The following amendments were made.

2 David Gilchrist's club is Dundee United.

9.2 The whole 8 carriage train was taken out of service and replaced with a 4 carriage train.

9.4 This paragraph needs rewording slightly to emphasise it was an away match.

11.2 Alan Perry-Jones club should be Chester.

**4: Matters arising from Meeting 337:**

**4.1** Ian Todd (Sunderland) asked at the last meeting whether the one to one conversation Neil had had with Julie Summerville, the RFF facilitator, was more productive due to the TOCs not being there.

The answer is yes and no. Yes we got through a lot of positive discussion with our position clearly registered with Julie however to get a productive result we now need Julie to get positive responses from the TOCs which will be the proof and as yet this has of course not happened.

**4.2** Richie Cockton, Sunderland, updated the meeting with the SWT response to the letter about the train being taken out of service and replaced which caused travellers to miss connections. Their response had stated that they don't guarantee connections but they did refund the Taxi fare incurred.

**5: Chairman's Report – Tony Vass (WBA):** Nothing to report.

**6: Secretary's Report – Neil Le Milliere (Exeter)**

**6.1** The Virgin deal through the RFF will hopefully be in place for next season [where have we heard that before?].

**6.2** I have received a letter from RISSC as follows.

"Neil, as our football team has now been withdrawn from the league, it is unlikely this club will be represented at any further meetings for the rest of the season.

We will be reviewing our position in the new season and will advise if we wish to renew our membership,

Regards, Declan Finnegan, Secretary"

**7: Treasurer's Report – Nick Head (Southampton)**

No change from the February report which is reproduced below.

**7.1** Balances

C/A 392.92

D/A 3750.19

**7.2** Monies owed

£12 for darts cup entry from Bolton and Plymouth [Plymouth paid at the meeting]

**8: Webmaster's Report – Phil Cordingley (Newcastle Utd)**

**8.1** Phil apologised for there being no March report: but he was too busy recovering from having his laptop stolen. Otherwise there was nothing to report.

Phil Cordingley [phil\_cordingley@tiscali.co.uk]

## **9: Travel Report – Julie Woods**

**9.1** Julie is resigning her position due to now having to travel in from Cambridge and the fact that she is getting married in September [Congratulations Julie]. Julie will be looking for a successor but will not be at the May meeting so will report to the committee and then attend the June AGM as her last meeting.

**9.2** With regard to the RFF meetings Julie has lost touch with ‘Dave’ from Virgin Marketing [with whom the Association has spent £600k over the years]. Julie will write a report for her successor.

**9.3** Stephen Moon, Nottingham Forrest, proposed a vote of thanks and good luck which the meeting endorsed.

## **10: Sports and Social Secretaries Report – Position Vacant**

### **10.1 Pool**

Please check the contacts list and e-mail any changes/additions to pool.info@apfscil.org.uk. All results should also be sent to this address.

Steve Cole

### **10.2 Football Secretaries’ Report**

*No pre-meeting report received so far though I have been notified that they will have space for 4 or 5 new clubs/teams next season.*

More information etc can be found on our website as follows :

<http://football.mitoo.co.uk/News.cfm?LeagueCode=APFS2009>

Phil Middleton – League Secretary & Treasurer (Bristol City)

### **10.3 Darts’ Secretaries’ Report**

#### **10.3.1 March Report**

Phil apologies for there being no March report but he was too busy recovering from having his laptop stolen

#### **10.3.1.1 Website Result Reporting**

We are currently holding a trial of a new approach, which is to use a proprietary specialist sports administration website called LeagueRepublic. The basic LeagueRepublic offering, which is all we require, is free.

The benefits of the LeagueRepublic approach are:

- Less work for me in entering results, updating the APFSCIL website and producing my monthly report
- My spreadsheets are really only usable by me, and to get them into a state suitable for use by any successor would be a lot of work. The

LeagueRepublic user interface on the other hand is simple to use by any half way computer literate person

- LeagueRepublic offers many extra facilities (individual stats recording, result reporting by SMS text for example) which in the fullness of time we could look at implementing

The trial will be held until the end of the season, whence an informed discussion can be held at the AGM. An SMS text result reporting facility is included in the trial.

#### **10.3.1.2 Singles KO Competition**

This was held as scheduled on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at the Horseshoe, Clerkenwell. The winner and this season's champion is Paul Ebblewhite (Ipswich Town) who beat the defending champion Neal Hodges (Manchester City) 3-0 in the final. Indeed he went through the event without dropping a leg. Well done Paul!

#### **10.3.1.3 180s**

One reported this month: Chris Turner for Rotherham United v. Ipswich on 11/02/10. Well done Chris!

Phil Cordingley [phil\_cordingley@tiscali.co.uk]

### **10.4 Social Report**

**10.4.1** Richie Cockton, Sunderland, gave an update on the proposed May Social. The main problem was a lack of a confirmed speaker

**10.4.2** Ian Outram, Blackpool, and Robbie Jenkins, Rangers, have possible contacts but nothing definite. Richie has the tickets printed but needed a deadline. Monica Hartland, Stoke, voiced her concerns over the Association's reputation if the event was poorly attended.

**10.4.3** Kevin Wells, Chairman, asked for a quick idea of numbers from those clubs present at the meeting. The numbers fed back were not good. Because of this it was decided to put the matter 'on ice'. Richie suggested a future night maybe combined with a sports presentation night with a big name speaker.

### **11: Any Other Business**

**11.1** Date of Next Meeting – Monday 10th May at the Exmouth Arms.

**11.2** Member Clubs - online subscriptions, John Wood, Stoke.

John enquire of other clubs whether when using PayPal for online subscriptions did they require evidence of Tax status?

Some member clubs said they had used PayPal [Burnley, Leeds, and Liverpool] and would get someone to get in touch respectively.

**11.3** Phil Arnold, Leicester, said that East Midlands Trains has, from April, a new 'Corporate and Special Events' section that will be dealing with Group Travel.

**11.4** Monica Hartland, Stoke, said that currently you can get some very good individual fares to Stoke, as low as £6.60.

**11.5** Ian Todd, Sunderland, reported on the FSF event 'Sit Down, Shut Up' saying that it had good speakers and that the meeting put the CPS spokesman under pressure. They will be repeating this sort of event in the future.

**11.6** Jane Pike, Burnley, asked about how Clubs affiliate to the FSF?

**11.7** Peter Riley, Nottingham Forest, mentioned the absurdity of having one pm kick offs on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the last Championship games and the ensuing travel difficulties that this will cause.

**11.8** Ian Todd, Sunderland, said his recent nightmare journey had not put National Rail in a good light and they are now investigating it properly so it is ongoing.

**11.9** Jane Pike, Burnley, mentioned that there was a current Facebook Campaign called 'East Coast' aimed at keeping the line in National control and not sold off again.

**11.10** Lastly Phil Cordingley, Newcastle, moaned about the beer prices at the current venue.

**Meeting Closed: 20.30**