

# APFSCIL DARTS LEAGUE 2011 AGM

## Sekforde Arms, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 19:30

### 1 Attendance

8 out of 19 clubs were represented as follows:

| <b>TEAM</b>                | <b>ATTENDEE(S)</b>         |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Blackpool</b>           | Neil Johnson               |
| <b>Burnley</b>             | Ian Wood                   |
| <b>Ipswich Town</b>        | Ray Elliott                |
| <b>Manchester City</b>     | Tina Robertson             |
| <b>Nottingham Forest</b>   | Stuart Garland             |
| <b>Rotherham United</b>    | Chris Turner, Paul Bradley |
| <b>Scunthorpe United</b>   | Chris Vaughan              |
| <b>Sheffield Wednesday</b> | Rory Galloway              |

### 2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Chester City, Derby County, Gillingham, Nottingham Forest, Southampton, Sunderland, Chris Farthing (Ipswich Town, Competitions Manager), André Maxwell (Nottingham Forest, Trophies Manager).

### 3 Minutes of the 2010 AGM

The minutes were agreed.

### 4 Matters Arising

LeagueRepublic does in fact have a matrix style presentation of league results and outstanding fixtures. Links have been added to the darts section of the APFSCIL website.

Given the persistently high level of unmitigated postponements (36%), it remains impractical to consider such expansion of the fixture list as would be required to support two divisions of nine teams.

It was reported that, by mutual agreement of respective captains, the forfeit of a singles leg by short-handed teams had been regularly ignored and matches played as if the previous rules were still in force. It was agreed that in this regard for the 2011 – 2012 season:

- a) the singles leg forfeit rule will apply to Division 1 only
- b) Division 3 will re-adopt the previous 'draw a substitute player' rule
- c) in Division 2 the respective captains will agree which format to play. If the captains disagree, ???

## 5 Season 2010 - 2011

### 5.1 League

#### 5.1.1 Summary

| Div. | Champions      | Runner Up         | Relegated/Wooden Spoon         |
|------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1    | Ipswich Town   | Derby County      | Newcastle United<br>Sunderland |
| 2    | Leicester City | Nottingham Forest | Blackpool<br>Plymouth Argyle   |
| 3    | Gillingham     | Exeter City       | Chester City                   |

#### 5.1.2 Final Tables

##### 5.1.2.1 Division 1

| POS | Team              | P  | W | L  | F  | A  | Dif | PTS |
|-----|-------------------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Ipswich Town      | 10 | 9 | 1  | 77 | 33 | 44  | 95  |
| 2   | Derby County      | 10 | 8 | 2  | 68 | 42 | 26  | 84  |
| 3   | Scunthorpe United | 10 | 5 | 5  | 58 | 52 | 6   | 68  |
| 4   | Rotherham United  | 10 | 5 | 5  | 48 | 62 | -14 | 58  |
| 5   | Sunderland        | 10 | 3 | 7  | 51 | 54 | -3  | 57  |
| 6   | Newcastle United  | 10 | 0 | 10 | 23 | 82 | -59 | 18  |

Newcastle United was deducted five points for their cancellation against Sunderland.

##### 5.1.2.2 Division 2

| POS | Team                | P  | W | L | F  | A  | Dif | PTS |
|-----|---------------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Leicester City      | 10 | 8 | 2 | 79 | 31 | 48  | 95  |
| 2   | Nottingham Forest   | 10 | 6 | 4 | 58 | 52 | 6   | 70  |
| 3   | Manchester City     | 10 | 5 | 5 | 56 | 54 | 2   | 66  |
| 4   | Sheffield Wednesday | 10 | 4 | 6 | 53 | 57 | -4  | 61  |
| 5   | Plymouth Argyle     | 10 | 4 | 6 | 44 | 66 | -22 | 52  |
| 6   | Blackpool           | 10 | 3 | 7 | 40 | 70 | -30 | 46  |

##### 5.1.2.3 Division 3

| POS | Team             | P  | W | L | F  | A  | Dif | PTS |
|-----|------------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Gillingham       | 10 | 8 | 2 | 70 | 40 | 30  | 86  |
| 2   | Exeter City      | 10 | 7 | 3 | 62 | 48 | 14  | 76  |
| 3   | Burnley          | 10 | 6 | 4 | 62 | 48 | 14  | 74  |
| 4   | Bolton Wanderers | 10 | 5 | 5 | 56 | 54 | 2   | 66  |
| 5   | Southampton      | 10 | 2 | 8 | 42 | 68 | -26 | 46  |
| 6   | Chester City     | 10 | 2 | 8 | 38 | 72 | -34 | 42  |

## 5.2 Team KO Cup

Ipswich Town beat Derby County 6-4 to win the Cup for the fourth season in a row.

## 5.3 Other KO Competitions

| Ch'ship        | Winner(s)  | Runner(s) Up                             | Losing Semi-finalists   |
|----------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Singles</b> | Paul Ebbelwhite<br>(Ipswich Town)                | Gordon Crossman<br>(Sunderland)          | Richie Cockton<br>(Sunderland)<br>Chris Farthing<br>(Ipswich Town)  |
| <b>Pairs</b>   | Paul Ebbelwhite/Chris Farthing<br>(Ipswich Town) | Chris Harp/Jim Shepherd<br>(Exeter City) | Phil Broughton/Paul<br>Bradley<br>(Rotherham United)<br>Anthony Bradley/Chris<br>Vaughan<br>(Scunthorpe United) |

## 5.4 180s

| Date     | L/C | H/A  | Player     | Team                | Opponents      |
|----------|-----|------|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 31/01/11 | L   | Away | Ian Barber | Sheffield Wednesday | Blackpool      |
| 19/05/11 | L   | Home | Nick Davis | Derby County        | Ipswich Town   |
| 05/05/11 | L   | Away | Raj ???    | Nottingham Forest   | Leicester City |

## 5.5 Super Cup

Ipswich Town (2009-10 League & Cup winners) walked over Derby County (2009-10 League Runners Up).

## 5.6 Website

Nothing to report.

## 6 Season 2011 - 2012

### 6.1 Divisions

Assuming, as is the current indication, that all teams re-enter, the divisions next season will be as follows:

| <b>Division 1</b> | <b>Division 2</b>   | <b>Division 3</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Derby County      | Exeter City         | Blackpool         |
| Ipswich Town      | Gillingham          | Bolton Wanderers  |
| Leicester City    | Manchester City     | Burnley           |
| Nottingham Forest | Newcastle United    | Chester City      |
| Rotherham United  | Sheffield Wednesday | Plymouth Argyle   |
| Scunthorpe United | Sunderland          | Southampton       |

### 6.2 Programme of Dates

| <b>Date</b>             | <b>Event</b>  |
|-------------------------|---|
| August APFSCIL meeting  | Last date for entering the League.                                |
| Last week of September  | First week of fixtures.   |
| October APFSCIL meeting | Last date for entering the Cup.                                   |
| Mid October             | Presentation Evening and Super Cup (Ipswich Town v. Derby County) |
| Mid to end November     | Pairs KO (tbc by Competition Manager)                             |
| Mid to end March        | Singles KO (tbc by Competition Manager)                           |
| Mid May                 | Last week of fixtures   |
| End May                 | Cup Final   |
| Mid June                | Fixture Completion Date   |
| Beginning July          | AGM   |

Where possible, the darts fixture list should avoid clashes with:

- a) APFSCIL General Meetings
- b) Football International weeks
- c) School & Bank holidays

### 6.3 Fees

Thanks largely to André's diligence in finding a cheaper trophy supplier, the Darts section made a profit this season, so it is proposed to keep the fees at the same level for next season, namely £16 (League) and £12 (Cup).

## **6.4 Officers**

No new nominations have been received. Except where they have indicated otherwise, it's assumed that current officers are willing to stand for next season as follows:

| <b>Office</b>        | <b>Officer</b>                    |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Secretary            | Vacant                            |
| Trophies Secretary   | André Maxwell (Nottingham Forest) |
| Competitions Manager | Chris Farthing (Ipswich Town)     |
| Div. 1 Rep.          | Ray Elliot (Ipswich Town)         |
| Div. 2 Rep.          | Tina Robertson (Manchester City)  |
| Div. 3 Rep.          | Rick Goby (Chester City)          |

This leaves filling the Secretary's post as a matter of urgency. FWIW, most of the work is concerned with pre-season set up and AGM preparation. If it helps the transition, I am quite willing to do the bulk of the work in setting up the new season (fixture list, setting up the Darts website etc.), which should mean the new Secretary has the best part of seven months with just result entry and progress chasing to deal with.

## **7 Discussion Items**

### **7.1 Postponements**

This season there were 90 league and 17 cup fixtures scheduled, a total of 107. These gave rise to a total of 50 postponements and one cancellation, or 48%. Of these 12 were mitigated (by clashes with football, weather, tube strikes etc.), leaving 39 unmitigated, or 36%.

Whilst the new strictures regarding postponements (principally within a week of postponement agreeing a new date within a month of the original) were not strictly adhered to, people had on the whole got on with re-arrangements reasonably promptly, thus there had been no particular end-of-season backlog this season, thus avoiding the inequity that usually involves.

At a team level, with the exception of Derby County, the average number of postponements is less than two per team (1.67 actually) with a maximum of 3, which is clearly quite acceptable.

Derby County on the other hand was responsible for nine postponements. Whilst this is considered to be an unacceptable level, the AGM did not feel any need to introduce formal sanctions, such as points deduction, for exceeding any acceptable level.

Congratulations to Gillingham, Ipswich & Sunderland who had no postponements at all: it can be done.

## **7.2 Latecomers**

During the season Derby County had tried to claim a match when allegedly at 19:52 (seven minutes after official start time) none of their opponents had arrived. It was agreed that if a team did not have three players (minimum required to fulfil a fixture) by 20:30, at that point and not before their opponents are free to claim the match and depart.

## **8 Rules**

Phil will draft and distribute rule changes arising from decisions made by the AGM.

## **9 AOB**

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 21:00.

Th-Th-Th-Th-Th... That's all, folks.

**Minutes prepared by Phil Cordingley, Secretary.**