

APFSCIL DARTS LEAGUE AGM 2016

The Horseshoe, Clerkenwell Green, Monday 11 July 2016, 7.45pm

1 Attendees;

Tina Robertson (Man City) – chair, Chris Turner (Rotherham United) – secretary, Matt Stephens (Nottingham Forest), Richie Cockton (Sunderland), Paul Bradley (Rotherham United), Andrew Williams (Derby County), Mark Hempleman (Blackpool), Rick Goby (Chester), Rob Evans (Chester), Andrew Plummer (Gillingham), Rob Madigan (Everton), David Golya (Sheffield Wednesday), Ian Lamey (Exeter City), Nick Brooks (Burnley), Micky Hart (Manchester United), Stephen O'Brien (Manchester United).

2 Apologies;

Peter Reynolds (Blackpool), Keith Adamson (Sunderland), Chris Vaughan (Scunthorpe), Nick Head (Southampton), Ray Elliott (Ipswich), Peter Kelly (Bolton), Martin Garrett (Coventry), Steve Port (Leicester), Ian Wood (Burnley).

3 Matters Arising from 2015 minutes

These were approved. Proposed by Richie Cockton and seconded by Rick Goby.

4 Season 2015/16 secretary's report

This was circulated to member clubs prior to the meeting.

Mark Hempleman (Blackpool) mentioned that the Peacock was going through a few changes which could potentially impact on the teams that use the pub. However, it's currently business as usual.

A discussion then took place on the situation which befell Derby County last season with them being unable to fulfil their fixtures, and what their status should be for the 2016/17 season. Andrew Williams (Derby) informed attendees of the reason why the team pulled out of the league last season without completing all its fixtures. Rick Goby (Chester) commented that Derby's decision to withdraw part way through the season was disappointing and affected their enjoyment of the darts season. Rick also mentioned the fact that the darts committee and Rick himself had tried to contact a rep from Derby but nobody replied to any message. Andrew agreed that communications could have been better but he and other members of Derby had informed APFSCIL of the difficulties they had faced as a branch last season.

The meeting took a vote on expunging Derby's results from the 2015/16 season. This was proposed by Dave Golya (Sheff Wed) and seconded by Paul Bradley (Rotherham United). It was 12 votes to 1 to expunge Derby's results from the 2015/16 season.

The meeting then took a vote on Derby's eligibility to play in the 16/17 season, should they be able to form a team. Richie (Sunderland) suggested it would be a shame to lose a team such as Derby and they should be welcome to play in the league if they were able to regroup. This was concurred by Steve O'Brien (Manchester United). A vote was then taken, which was proposed by Richie Cockton and seconded by Paul Bradley that Derby should be allowed to rejoin the league for the 2016/17 season. It was voted 10 – 2 that Derby County be allowed to join the league in Division 3.

It was agreed that they must respond to the darts secretary by 25 July as to whether they are in a position to play in the 16/17 season. It was also put to the meeting that if they do join and are unable to fulfil their fixtures again, then a suspension should be considered. Rob Madigan expressed an interest from Everton in joining the APFSCIL league in 16/17. This was unanimously agreed.

5 Season 2016/17

a) Composition of leagues

In view of the uncertainty over Derby, the composition of the leagues was discussed, taking account of the various scenarios, ie whether 18, 19 or 20 teams would be entering the league next season. Steve O'Brien (Man Utd) suggested that Divisions 2 and 3 should have more teams than Division 1. Tina said that could be considered at the next AGM if it were to be formally proposed.

A vote was taken on the composition of the league as put forward by the committee, based on whether there would be 18, 19 or 20 teams. Each of the scenarios put forward were approved. After the 25 July deadline, the secretary would confirm the composition of each league.

b) Proposed dates

The proposed dates are similar to recent seasons. It is planned that the first week of fixtures will be w/c 19 September and all matches should be played by 23 June 2017. Other dates, eg: singles and pairs knockouts, and the cup competition will also be similar to previous years. **ACTION – CHRIS TO SEND OUT PROVISIONAL DATES ONCE THE COMPOSTION OF THE LEAGE HAD BEEN FORMALISED.**

c) Subscriptions for 2016/17

It proposed by Rob Madigan (Everton) and seconded by Rick Goby (Chester) that the subs remain at £16 for the League and £12 for the Cup. This was approved unanimously.

6 Election of Officers

The following officers were re-elected/elected following Rick Goby's proposal, and seconded by Nick Brooks (Burnley)

Tina Robertson – Chair

Chris Turner – Secretary

Andre Maxwell – Trophies

Chris Farthing – Competitions organiser

Division 1 rep: Rick Goby (Chester)

Division 2 rep: Steve O'Brien (Manchester United), subject to which division Blackpool will play in. The committee will then approach current Division 2 rep Peter Reynolds (Blackpool) to see if he wishes to stand as Division 2 rep.

Division 3 rep: Rob Madigan, Peter Reynolds or Annand Wiffen.

The secretary will discuss further with Steve, Peter, Rob and Annan.

7 Any other business

Rick asked that the Division 2 table be updated to reflect that Derby's results from 15/16 will be expunged. The secretary agreed to do this following the vote earlier in the meeting but

did not want to do this prior to the AGM. **ACTION – CHRIS TO REMOVE DERBY'S RESULTS FROM THE 15/16 SEASON AND UPDATE THE WEBSITE**

Steve (Man Utd) suggested we do more to the APFSCIL website, for example to include photographs of medal presentations. It was agreed that more should be done in this respect and we will endeavour to include photos from presentation evenings to post on the APFSCIL website. Richie also agreed to raise this at a future APFSCIL meeting.

Steve also suggested that there should be two contact details for each club on the website. This will help when contacting clubs to arrange fixtures should the first contact be unavailable. **ACTION – CHRIS TO REQUEST DETAILS PRIOR TO THE 16/17 SEASON**

Mark (Blackpool) raised the playing order of teams based on the overall standard of the team, for example whether the better players normally played first. Rule 6 clarifies the position regarding the order of the teams.

It was also noted that Rule 7c referred to the 'Cop' competition. This should read 'Cup'.
ACTION – CHRIS TO UPDATE THE RULES

The meeting closed at 9.30pm