



**THE ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' CLUBS
IN LONDON [www.apfscil.org.uk]**

**41st Annual General Meeting
Monday 6th June 2016 at 19:30**

At The HORSESHOE, 24 Clerkenwell Close, EC1R 0AG, T020 7253 6068

P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

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

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.

The total number of clubs represented was 20, 2 less than last year.

Top Table: Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester), Neil Le Milliere, Secretary & Travel Secretary (Exeter) and Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter). Rob Madigan, Social Secretary (Everton) was in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 19.40

1: Apologies for Absence

1.1 Paul Welch, Brighton. Mark Joannes, Plymouth; Simon Newell, Newcastle; Allan Fell, Blackburn Rovers; Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton); Ian Wood, Burnley; Richie Cockton, Sunderland; Stephen O'Brien, Manchester

United; David Cross, Vice-Chairman (Mansfield); and Chris Vaughan, Scunthorpe.

2: Minutes of 40th Annual General Meeting

2.1 The minutes were approved by the meeting.

3: Matters Arising

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4: Chairman's Report - Kevin Wells (Leicester)

4.1 I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their help over the season, and also thank Liz Cocks for her sterling work with the website and also to Rob Madigan (Everton) for being such a convivial host at The Horseshoe. I did say last year that I would not stand as Chairman again, but as there were no other candidates I am prepared to stand again, with the caveat that my work commitments mean that I cannot spend as much time on APFSCIL affairs as I would like.

5: Secretary's Report - Neil Le Milliere (Exeter City)

5.1 As usual there has been monthly pressure to produce agendas for the meetings and then draft minutes for confirmation. My thanks to Roger for doing the minutes taking and to Kevin for the original drafts which I then formulate. We did have a request to get the draft minutes out sooner after meetings if possible and we have endeavoured to do this when we can.

5.2 In preparing agendas I am dependant on the various officers and secretaries getting their reports to me. My thanks to all of them for their hard work and helpfulness through the year.

5.3 Also my thanks to individual club representatives for their help with apologies and other communications though please remember that the earlier you can let me know the earlier I can send out the final agendas.

5.4 We have lost a few more APFSCIL stalwarts and founder members over the year and as always our thoughts go out to their families and fellow supporters. Amongst these there was Ron Rulton and Dave Baister, both long standing and great contributors to our organisation. The fear remains that not as many volunteers have come forward to take their place but hopefully they will keep appearing.

However some members are still going strong though and Maurice Sills celebrated his 100th birthday during the year.

5.5 Its been an interesting year with a number of one off events that have come my way. In particular and in no particular order:

5.5.1 Putting the Football League Tonight Show in touch with various member clubs to for their supporters to appear on the show (something that has now been dropped)

5.5.2 The usual round of ex-players publicising their new books.

5.5.3 Putting the One Show in touch with member clubs to attend the live FA Cup draw on the programme.

5.5.4 A petition on ticket prices.

5.5.5 Liaising with various researchers and reporters.

5.5.6 Publicising various information that comes my way that would be of use to member clubs.

5.5.7 Liaising with an increasing number of TV companies who require supporters for programmes that we have been able to help with.

5.5.8 Responding to general enquiries that come to us via the contact form on our website.

6: Treasurer's Report - Nick Head (Southampton)

6.1 Copies of the Audited Accounts (independent auditor N Snowdon) were at the meeting; were discussed, and approved subject to Audit.

6.2 Once again as the auditor commented no pool trophies have been bought. The £7.50 expense against pool is 50% of the cost of the result texts.

6.3 Nick said that although we had lost one club he has proposed no increase to the subscriptions so they will remain at £5 and will become due at the August meeting. This was approved by the meeting.

6.4 Ian Todd (Sunderland) and others proposed that the accounts be approved by the meeting (subject to audit) and this was duly done.

6.5 Nick has confirmed he is happy to act as treasurer for next season.

7: Travel Secretary's Report – Neil Le Milliere (Exeter)

7.1 Another year of problems for most of us on the railways and it really does seem at times as if we are nothing more than an irritation to the Train Operating Companies (TOCs) but we persevere.

7.2 Part of that perseverance is my representing APFSCIL at the Rail Football Forum (RFF) meetings with the next one due in August. My thanks to Phil Arnold for deputising for me at the last one in January.

7.3 One of the small positive outcomes from the RFF was for us to get advance advice from Virgin East and West Coast about Dry trains which I then forward on to Clubs. This now also includes dry Eurostar trains for the forthcoming Euros.

7.4 A couple of TOCs made special offers to us including the continuing special ticket offer from East Midlands (their latest offer for the coming season is now on our website) who continue to be the only one happy to help any club's supporters on their travels on their routes. Virgin also came up with an offer but typically it was for Premier Club's Supporters only and then limited to only certain supporters.

7.5 I had set up a special email group for Travel Officers from all members clubs and this has now been brought up to date. I (and anyone else can) use this to communicate tips about travel offers and/or rail problems to all members clubs

for them to get relevant information to their individual members including the dry trains details.

7.6 As for the coming season generally I really hope we might make a break through with one or more of the long distance TOCs but optimism is tempered with experience which means I realise it is probably misplaced.

7.7 Neil mentioned a forthcoming “Fans not criminals” event that was shortly to take place.

8: Sports & Social Secretaries Reports

8.1 Social Report Rob Madigan (Everton)

8.1.1 Since being a part of APFSCIL, I as a publican wanted to help out with social events.

Being involved in the APFSCIL Darts league is useful to me, as I not only play but from next season I'm hoping to help organise a new team in the league which will be Everton through ESCLA. I think the more team we have the stronger the league can become.

On this note, I meet many provincial football supporters through the pub that have no idea or concept of APFSCIL or what it means to them. I think it would be a great move if both APFSCIL along with each team had some leaflets or handouts here at the Horseshoe so when I meet these people, instead of trying to explain, I can give them a hand out from their own teams organisation and ours so hopefully we all gain more members along with creating more awareness of what we do.

8.1.2 So, Social Secretary and what I have been doing since I got involved. My first “meet up” was to be the 2016 FA Cup Final between Man Utd and Crystal Palace. A buffet sorted out, big screen sourced and set up, projector fitted and speaker and cables all set up. Of course we had spoken about the event at a few meetings and I had asked who wants to come along and what do you want to do to make it entertaining. The consensus was an FA Cup final quiz which was sorted out by our Man City branch. It was a wonderful quiz, put together wonderfully and very well received. A trophy engraved sat on the stage waiting to be contested.

The day started with the Scottish FA Cup Final, and how exciting, not just the football but the aftermath too. Could the English FA Cup bring as much excitement? Well no, not really. But a few ref decisions and Pardew screaming on the line brought a bit of passion on the Palace bench, in contrast to the Utd bench with Giggs and Van Helsing playing a word search on a pad.

So I had staff at the ready, Chef, bar staff and myself. But sadly, just a few teams turned up. The quiz was a highlight, but sadly, the fact that it was a no show from the majority of our member's teams was disappointing. Buffet was good though.

8.1.3 Everton, Manchester City and Brighton & Hove Albion have used the function room big screen set up a few times for their games and I have had some

nice reports back about atmosphere and comfort. There is still work to do, but if your own club wants to watch a certain match exclusively on the big screen in the function room and make a bit of noise please get in touch. There is no cost for the room, and it is only available for football viewing for APFSCIL clubs.

8.1.4 A trip to Holland in November for my first APFSCIL outing. Four night, three days plus two excursions. Two darts tournaments organised by myself including an international match v Holland's finest dart players is on the cards along with free entertainment in the hotel + a quiz. Prices are £250 per person. I'm hoping to see an APFSCIL match for the first time on foreign soil whilst there. Deposits of £50 will need to be paid to me by the end of June if you are interested in this trip. 14 tickets have been sold, 50 in total are available, please get in touch as soon as possible if you want to go. There will be an email from the Darts Secretary.

8.1.5 For the future?

The footy starts again soon, Fantasy football league anybody? We could have our very own league. I'm thinking that we could run an American style draft system fantasy football league. Basically every player in your team is unique to you, so if Harry Kane is signed for the Exeter Fantasy Football Team, then Plymouth will have to change tactic and bid for Vardy instead.

I would be happy to set out the league, sort the scoring and run the league as long as teams nominate a manager for their team.

8.1.6 The Euros start very soon. I will be watching as many games as I can, so if I'm watching, I'm showing. If you want to watch please feel free to come along. I will try and make use of the big screen for as many matches as possible, a blind sweepstake for APFSCIL members will be on sale at the AGM. All Scotland matches will be shown live on the big screen.

8.1.7 Remember football pontoon is the Sunday papers? Well I have registered APFSCIL as a Pontoon league in Clubpontoon.com, A little bit of fun plus some cash winnings to boot.

The rules.

- Teams are randomly selected by computer
- All goals scored by a team in any weekend (Fri - Mon incl.) fixture are counted.
- Domestic league, cup and play-off games will count. Friendlies and European games will not.
- The first team(s) to exactly 11 or 21 goals wins.
- Once a team reaches 11 or 21 goals, that pontoon game is stopped. The club will be notified using the registered email(s) that someone has won.
- If a team exceeds 21 goals, they are out of the game.
- Cup and play-off games include extra time, but not penalties.
- If a team plays more than once over the Friday-Monday period, only the first game will count.
- If your team does not play over the weekend period, or the game is abandoned, then you will be awarded 2 goals, irrespective of the reasons for same.
- Each time a game is started, the teams are re-drawn for everyone, so you should not have the same team consecutively.

- Pontoon will start on the weekend of August 7th 2015 and end on the weekend of May 7th 2016 and will resume in the new season 2016-17
- The current team allocation and ‘leader board’ will be available to view in your administration area. Just log in to your account and select the relevant option

We could do it for fun, or do it for a quid a week? It's up to you.

8.1.8 Season ticket roulette.

April 1st, Fools day. I was thinking maybe we should have an annual season ticket exchange day. Similar to roulette, we could all put our season tickets in the pot and draw them out. It would be quite awful if we got our local rivals, but it would also be a bit of fun. Maybe during the process you not only had to go to the next home game for the team you have drawn, but also had to have a selfie at the local teams pub? Or some other landmark. I think the meeting that follows this would be most interesting, and listening to some of the stories could be quite funny. Just a suggestion, but I'm willing to put my pair of Goodison tickets in the pot for a bit of April Fools fun.

8.1.9 So that's my report. I'm hoping to stay on a social sec, and hoping to see most of you in Holland.

Rob Madigan horseshoeclerkkenwell@hotmail.co.uk
APFSCIL Social Secretary

8.2 Darts Report Chris Turner (Rotherham)

8.2. This has been my second full year as darts secretary, and things have gone relatively smoothly over the season. Unfortunately however, we have lost one of the stalwarts of the darts league, Derby County, owing to internal issues within the Supporters club.

The committee and others have tried desperately to contact other members of their committee, but ultimately, it appears that we have lost them. However, we'll keep trying over the Summer in case they are able to reform one way or another.

The withdrawal of Derby clearly has implications for promotion and relegation places, which the darts committee will be looking at. If Derby can reform that are welcome next season, plus there is interest from Everton.

8.2.2 On to the darts itself. All fixtures in Division 1 have been completed. Thanks to all involved. Congratulations again to Nottingham Forest who retain the First Division title, with Sunderland finishing as runners-up.

In Division 2, there are a few games outstanding, but it's between Chester or Ipswich for the title.

In Division 3, there are a few games outstanding but plans are in place to get them completed by the cut off date of 24 June. Gillingham currently lead the table having completed their fixtures, but Newcastle and Man Utd could still pip them to the title.

8.2.3 The Team knockout competition is still ongoing. We're at the semi-final stage. Although it would be great to get the matches played as soon as possible, completion of league fixtures has been a priority. Neil Le Milliere pointed out that a game was being played this evening, and reminded clubs that as a matter of courtesy, games should not be scheduled on evenings that APFSCIL is meeting.

8.2.4 The pairs knockout was won again by Craig Munro and Ian Davey from Nottingham Forest, who beat Dave Armstrong and Zach Mendelsohn (Blackpool) in the final. The pairs plate was won by Kari Mawhood and Phil Cordingley (Newcastle).

8.2.5 The singles competition was won by Raj Gujral (Leicester) who beat Ritchie Cockton (Sunderland) in the final. The plate competition was won by George Peppard (Ipswich).

8.2.6 I'd like to thank the following people who've been a great help over the season. Tina Robertson and Peter Reynolds for their advice, particularly with the situation over Derby; Chris Farthing for expertly organising the knockout competitions; Andre Maxwell for organising the medals and trophies; and Rob Madigan for hosting the events.

8.2.7 The AGM will take place on Monday 11 July at 7.30pm at the Horseshoe. Further details will be sent out to darts contacts in the next few days. I urge all teams who play in the APFSCIL league to be represented at the meeting.

Chris Turner Chris.Turner@communities.gsi.gov.uk
APFSCIL Darts Secretary

8.3 Football Report Terry Cecil (Man City)

8.3.1 We have managed to get through another challenging season hindered by the weather and sports grounds anxiety whenever there is any rain on their precious pitches. Having said that we have recognised that there is an ever growing problem with clubs calling games off too lightly and that is something we are going to address for next season. Still we made it to the end and got all our games played.

8.3.2 This season the first division was won by Celtic by 5 points from Aberdeen who were runners up. Middlesbrough finished bottom and are relegated to the second division for next season along with Bristol City. In division 2 Glasgow Rangers pipped Hull City to the title by 2 points and both clubs are now promoted to the top tier for next season. Interestingly, Exeter City finished bottom with only a single point for the 7th consecutive season. Exeter City, however, continue to be represented by their supporter's club superbly and really do embody the spirit of this league. They turn out every week and despite the results and always put their heart into the game. They really do prove that winning is not what this league is about, it's about representing your club and the pride that is felt wearing your clubs' colours.

8.3.3 The first David Baister cup final to be played since the man's sad passing was won in a tightly contested game held at Wembley FC by Aberdeen who beat Celtic in extra time 3-1 despite being 1-0 down, thus preventing Celtic from the double.

8.3.4 It was also the first time we had our APFSCIL Shield competition which is contested by the bottom two teams in the Dave Baister cup groups. We started this competition to give the league clubs a fair chance of cup glory. The final which was also played at Wembley FC was an all Middlesbrough affair with Middlesbrough beating Middlesbrough 3 on penalties after the game finished 1-1.

8.3.5 The league is losing its fixture secretary Paul Morrison, who has been an outstanding contributor to the league on the field and on the committee and we will miss him greatly. Paul is returning to Scotland after many years in London with wondrous stories of a yellow bright thing in the sky that shines a lot and monitory system which isn't based around alcohol. We wish Paul well and all the best for the future although the smart money is on him buying his return ticket before he reaches baggage reclaim.

8.3.6 We lost a team at the very start of this season when Westway Celtic pulled out after only just managing to complete one season with us. It did cause a huge problem administratively but we managed to absorb the problem. We are actively seeking new clubs and are speaking with Napoli and a Spanish representative team (out of the ashes of the Barcelona debacle) and we are hopeful we can still grow the league.

8.3.7 We will also be voting on a new rule of rolling subs for league games next season after the successful trial in the cup competitions. The AGM, where the vote will take place, will be held after the Euros..

8.3.8 We would like to congratulate Celtic, Aberdeen, Glasgow Rangers and Middlesbrough for their success this season and we look forward to another challenging season on 2016-17

8.3.9 The football league finances are a bit tight, and this will have to be addressed by member clubs.

Terry Cecil, APFSCIL Football League Secretary

Information etc can be found on the MITOO website as follows:

<http://football.mitoo.co/Noticeboard.cfm?countieslist=LondonMiddx&LeagueCode=APFS2013>

8.4 Pool Report Steve Cole (Newcastle)

8.4.1 Results. Back in June last year, Middlesbrough edged out neighbours Sunderland to secure the 2014/15 League championship.

In October Sunderland defeated Exeter 8-1 to retain the Clydie Weekes Memorial Summer Cup.

With just one defeat in 2015/16 Middlesbrough have retained their grip on the League. They finished on 85 points from 10 matches, 5 points clear of second placed Newcastle. Hull are currently 3rd but Sunderland could leapfrog them if they win their final match v Hearts. So it looks as if the East Coast is the hot bed of pool, if not football.

8.4.2 Venues. Over the last 12 months we've lost the League's favourite venue with the White Lion going the way of so many other pubs and falling into the hands of property developers. The newly opened Southwark Brewery, owned and operated by members of Sunderland Supporters' Club has proved a popular alternative.

8.4.3 Teams. Sadly Sheffield Wednesday were unable to fulfil their fixtures but I hope we will see them competing next season either in their own right or jointly with another APFSCIL member club.

8.4.4 Cup. Once the Euros are done and dusted we will get Clydie Weekes Summer Cup up and running. Any Clubs interested in joining in should get in touch asap. The Pool AGM will take place later in the year (Sept/Oct).

Cheers Steve steve_cole99@btinternet.com **Mob 07772047273**

http://apfscilpool.leaguerepublic.com/lfg/1_269910850.html;jsessionid=97FC9AEFF40F0D85E101B9DCAE737FFE.clubsites1

9: Webmaster's Report – Liz Cocks (Blackpool)

9.1 Website continues without issue, though as normal clubs that haven't updated their information are reminded to check and update.

The emailing has provided slightly more issues with individuals asking to be removed having been added via a supporters group mailing list - please check with those on mailing lists they are aware of amount of mail coming to them.

As always, if your club's details have changed, please let me know!

10: Press and Publicity Report

10.1 None, position vacant.

11: Election of Officers

Positions

11.1 Chairman

11.2 Vice Chairman

11.3 Secretary

11.4 Treasurer

11.5 Travel Secretary

11.6 Press & Publicity Secretary

11.7 Social Secretary

11.8 Minutes Secretary

Current Occupants

Kevin Wells, Leicester City

Dave Cross, Mansfield

Neil Le Milliere, Exeter

Nick Head, Southampton

Neil Le Milliere, Exeter

Position vacant

Rob Madigan, Everton

Roger Pyne, Exeter

All the above were voted in by the meeting though Kevin made it absolutely clear that this was his last year as Chair..

The following positions are appointments rather than elections and in the case of the Sports Secretaries, each section's own AGM appoints them. The current incumbents are shown below.

11.9 Webmaster

Liz Cocks Blackpool

11.10 Darts Secretary

Chris Turner Rotherham

11.11 Football Secretary
11.12 Pool Secretary

Terry Cecil, Manchester City
Steve Cole Newcastle

Liz Cocks indicated her willingness to continue as webmaster.

12: Supporter and Newsletter of the Year Awards

12.1 We have had one nomination for Supporter of the Year and two for the Newsletter of the Year awards.

12.2 Could any clubs who wish to nominate anyone for these awards but have not yet got round to it please send the nominations to the Committee at committee@apfscil.org.uk

12.3 *We will announce the winners at the August meeting.*

13: Date of Next Monthly General Meeting

Monday 1st August at the Horseshoe.

14: Motions

14.1 None received.

15: AOB

15.1 Neil Le Milliere, Secretary, brought up the matter of clubs attendance records at meetings, and this was discussed at some length. The Committee has been lenient in this regard, as we do not wish to lose any clubs, but some clubs record of attendance is very poor, and in some cases we have not even been getting apologies. It was agreed that Neil would contact the clubs with poor records to point out what is expected up clubs and ask for their comments. Neil would then report back at the next General Meeting.

15.2 There then followed a general discussion regarding such matters as the scheduling of fixtures, the positive outcome of the engagement of Northumbria Police with Sunderland and Newcastle fans and clubs with regard to the policing of derby fixtures, being among the matter discussed.

15.3 With a very kind mention form the floor thanking the committee for their work during the season, the meeting ended, sandwiches being supplied by Rob Madigan, for which our thanks!

16: Meeting Closed

20.50