



APFSCIL

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Meeting 389

Monday 7 September 2015 @ 7:30PM

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

Nearest tube & mainline station is Farringdon

P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

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

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

Meeting Opened:

1 Apologies for Absence: Neil Le Milliere, Secretary and Travel Secretary (Exeter); David Cross, Vice Chair (Mansfield); John Jobber, Rangers; Sue Choularton, Chester; Tony Brown, Brighton; Paul Beckett, Sheffield Wednesday; Paul Morrison, Aberdeen; Chris Learnmouth, Hearts; Steve O'Brien (Manchester United); Mark Cooke (Bristol City); John Wood (Stoke); Allan Fell (Blackburn) and Sam Kemp, Derby.

2 Attending for First Time: Damian Devine (Norwich) and Rob Madigan (Everton) were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 388

3.1 No issues with the minutes have been raised prior to the meeting and none were raised at the meeting.

4 Matters arising from Meeting 388 not covered elsewhere

4.1 9.4 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5 Chairman's Report:

5.1 The AGM minutes have been typed up and will be distributed. If there were any more apologies can the Secretary be made aware please.

5.2 The Treasurer will no doubt mention this, but can all membership application forms and subscriptions be in as soon as practicable.

Kevin Wells, kwells@gwc-accountants.co.uk

6 Secretary's Report:

6.1 Membership and membership forms.

Given the small number of memberships paid so far, hopefully many of you will be bringing your forms and money to this meeting however please remember to also send us your form in electronic form to allow us to input your contact's e-mail details.

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

7 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Balances

Current a/c 1468,80

Deposit a/c 5082.05

7.2 Membership and Sports Subs

7.2.1 The 2015 Membership Fees of £5 are now due, please ensure these are paid promptly so that we do not have to chase them. Details and the Membership Application Form were circulated recently. If any club did not receive this please email the Secretary for a copy.

Please also remember to send an electronic copy of the form to the Secretary so that both he and our Webmaster can use these to electronically update as necessary.

7.2.2 Subs so far paid: Plymouth; Southampton; Newcastle; Exeter; Bristol City; Scunthorpe; Nottingham Forest; Blackburn; Chester; Everton; and Gillingham, plus a number of others that the Chairman had been given at the last monthly meeting.

7.2.3 This season's Darts Fees have been agreed as £16 for the league and £12 for the cup so are now also due from those entering the relevant competitions.

7.2.4 Subs paid: Gillingham; Rotherham; Nottingham Forest; Southampton; Exeter; and Scunthorpe plus some clubs as noted at 7.2.2.

Nick Head, nickjh1480@hotmail.com

8 Webmaster's Report

8.1 Can I be made aware of any changes to club details as soon as possible. Please check your entry on the APFSCIL website to make sure it is up to date, this is in the interests of your member club, if enquires are misdirected it will affect your club.

Liz Cocks, elizabethcocks@sky.com

9 Travel Secretary's Report:

9.1 RAIL FOOTBALL FORUM

I have received the minutes of the meeting but am not allowed to share them with you so here are some highlights – lots of which are obvious!

Football Crime and Incidents reported to/by BTP reduced again last season. But (BTP consider) crimes and incidents reported to BTP are just the 'tip of the iceberg' as many people just accept what happens and do not report it.

Drug incidents have decreased but that is almost certainly because they are using drug dogs less in line with Government Policy on Stop and Search.

Pyrotechnic offences have also decreased.

Weapon incidents have fallen.

Reports via social Media have increased.

Reports of Hate Crime are on the up after the Chelsea/Paris incident.

There is a promise to inform us of any proposed Dry Trains, either by BTP or others, as far in advance as possible.

It was suggested to the group that it would be useful to set up a sub-group of the RFF, which would create an Action Plan. One action might be to explore how the Leagues and fan groups can create better codes of conduct. This could help control incidences of disorder on the railway but also in stadia, streets, etc. This was accepted and I'm meant to be on it but almost inevitably they have arranged the first meeting on a date I cannot go.

The Virgin East Coast scheme involving Sunderland and Newcastle supporters was discussed but unfortunately there was no representative there from the company to go into details.

9.2 I circulated details of a petition about the change of rules on the use of railcards on peak trains, it is important to get as many members as possible to sign this – especially as this change removes something which they used in their argument to get an extension to their deal!

9.3 Ian Todd and Richie Cockton (both Sunderland) said that developments were awaited regarding Virgin West Coast, as the proposed discount policies seem difficult to administer.

9.4 Phil Arnold (Leicester) reported that he has obtained advance return tickets with 2 together card to Newcastle for £31.50 each, which seemed a bit of a bargain.

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

10 Sports & Social Secretaries Reports

10.1 Pool

10.1.1 The Summer competition – The Clydie Weekes Memorial Cup is underway, and at the date of this meeting all first round matches have been played.

10.1.2 The League season final drew to a close with Sunderland top of the table having amassed 76 points from 7 wins in 10 matches. Middlesbrough completed 9 matches ending with 7 wins and 71 points

Middlesbrough are appealing the decision to void their match v Sheffield Wednesday, claiming a walk-over which would see them overtake Sunderland.

It looks as if the 2014/15 league title will be decided at the AGM which will be held before the end of September. Date & venue TBC

10.1.3 CLYDIE WEEKES Summer Cup 2015 UPDATE 1

Round 1

1 Barrow/Plymouth 1 v 8 Hull City

2 Newcastle United 4 v 5 Southampton

3 Heart of Midlothian 6 v 3 West Bromwich Albion

Round 2

A Hull v Nottingham Forest

B Middlesbrough v Sunderland

C Exeter v Heart of Midlothian

D Southampton v Sheffield Wednesday

Semi Final

Winner A v Winner B

Winner C v Winner D

First round games to be played by Friday Aug 28

2nd round by Friday Sept 11

Cheers Steve steve_cole99@btinternet.com Mob 07772047273

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

10.2 Football

10.2.1 Terry Cecil (Manchester City) told the meeting that the Football Section AGM was held in August and the committee were all re-elected. The league is to start on October, there have been no departures or additions, so the teams competing will as be for the 2014/15 season. New teams are more than welcome, please contact Terry. 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>

10.3 Darts

10.3.1 The darts fixtures for 2015/16 have now been added to the APFSCIL website and the season starts in earnest during w/c 21 September. They have also been emailed out to all the darts contacts.

10.3.2 Also, as agreed at the darts AGM in July, I have looked into certificates for those scoring a maximum 180 in a leg during the coming season and propose to use the Unicorn Darts website for this <http://www.unicorn-darts.com/community/180-club/>

10.3.3 I'll also circulate to darts contacts before the season begins so they can inform me when any of their players scores a maximum so their name can be put forward.

Chris Turner Chris.Turner@communities.gsi.gov.uk
http://apfscildarts.leaguerepublic.com/l/fq/1_661152872.html

11 Social Secretary – Position Vacant

11.1 Football League Tonight - Live Audience – APFSCIL Contacts

Request from the FLT show were sent to all league clubs saying “We would like a really good representation of fans from all clubs and divisions to join us in the studio. Obviously geography is not on our side for this, but perhaps you could help us to get in touch with a supporters group representative, if you have one, and we can look to source London based fans, and to tap into away support on certain fixtures?” – in Exeter’s case this was then forwarded on to me.

I then made contact with Alex Bryson at Sunset and Vine who arranges the audience for the show and is usually happy to accommodate anyone that wants to go along, contacts just need to send them an email if someone would like to go.

However what Alex sometimes does is invite people from certain clubs who have a connection to the guest of the week and to get that invite out there they need a contact at as many clubs as possible.

Live audience members are needed from 19:30-22.30pm at the studios being used, usually down at Sky's studios in Isleworth, nearest station Syon Lane.

Could any clubs interested in being involved please let me have a contact’s details to forward to Alex.

Neil Le Milliere, Secretary

Paul Welch (Brighton) said that the production company did not appear to be making direct contact with clubs, they should do this as many clubs have good lines of communication with London Branches of supporters’ clubs.

11.2 Maggie Reeves (Manchester City) told the meeting about a TV Football Comedy Show being filmed at BT Studios at Stratford, which she recommended. If any members/clubs fancied being in the audience please email here and should would put them in touch.

12 Press and Publicity Secretary – Position Vacant

12.1 Nothing to Report.

13 Any Other Business

13.1 Ian Wood (Burnley) complained about Sky TV releasing batches of live games in the Championship at very short notice, often only 3 to 4 weeks’ notice, which is too late, as clubs obtaining cheaper advance rail tickets will already have done so. This

has affected Burney v Derby and Huddersfield v Nottingham Forest already, it is setting a dangerous precedent. Steve Moon (Nottingham Forest) said his club had been affected by this with three games coming up on Sky, and six games in the last three months! It seems there is no restriction on the number of live games a particular team can be shown live on TV per season. Liz Cocks (Blackpool) confirmed that she had lost travel and accommodation money due to games being moved at very short notice.

Monica Hartland (Stoke) thought that there had to be a minimum of 6 weeks' notice given of Premier League games had to be moved. Phil Arnold said that the contrast between the Premier League and the Football league was marked, and perhaps this was a matter for the Football Supporters' Federation to take up with the football League. Kevin Wells (Chairman) said that although it would probably be a waste of time, supporters affected should make a point of complaining to their own club.

13.2 Liz Cocks (Blackpool) also mentioned the ridiculous situation at Sheffield Wednesday, with away fans being charged £52!

13.3 Dave Leitch (Barrow) said that BT Sport was now showing National League highlights, 12 matches in 30 minutes!

13.4 Date of Next Meeting

The next General meeting will be on Monday 5/10, venue at the Horseshoe, 24 Clerkenwell Close, EC1R OAG, meeting starts at 19.30. If representatives cannot attend please email your apologies to Neil Le Milliere. The nearest tube/mainline station to The Horseshoe is Farringdon, it is 10 minutes' walk.

Meeting Closed: 20.10