



APFSCIL
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Meeting 395

Monday 7 March 2016 @ 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

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

Top Table: Dave Cross, Vice Chairman (Mansfield); Neil Le Milliere, Secretary (Exeter); Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton); Rob Madigan, Social Secretary (Everton) and Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter).

Meeting Opened: 19:33

1 Apologies for Absence: Kevin Wells, Chair (Leicester); Phil and Linda Arnold, Leicester; Sue Choularton, Chester; Paul Welch, Brighton; Phil Loy, Ipswich; Mark Joannes, Plymouth; Chris Turner, Rotherham; Martin Garrett, Coventry; and James Howell, Middlesbrough; Terry Cecil, Football Secretary (Man City); Simon Newell, Newcastle; Alan Fell, Blackburn Rovers; and Liz Cocks, Webmaster (Blackpool).

2 Attending for First Time: There were no new attendees.

3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 394

3.1 Paul Beckett, London Owls, pointed out that the minutes did not mention the enquiry from a BBC reporter and also the minutes of the Football Secretaries report did not mention the referee recommendation.

These changes have now been made to the draft minutes.

3.2 Richie Cockton, Sunderland, corrected item 9.4, it was Swansea City who reimbursed Sunderland Supporters not the rail company.

4 Matters arising from Meeting 394 not covered elsewhere

4.1 The Londoner article mentioned at 6.6 was published and a link was circulated to all members after both Rob and Neil suggested a correction be made first..

4.2 Having received approval to pay the Namesco Ltd website and mail system renewal at item 6.2 the Secretary will be paying this next week. The Treasurer gave the Secretary to cover this expense, £115.17.

5 Chairman's Report:

5.1 Nothing to report.

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

6 Secretary's Report:

6.1 As suggested I sent a message of congratulation to the Spirit of Shankly for their action on proposed ticket price rises on behalf of APFSCIL.

6.2 The Secretary also circulated by email a number of other items that were forwarded to him by members for general information of all.

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

7 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Balances

Current a/c £1744.06

Deposit a/c £5105.41

7.2 Membership and Sports Fees

7.2.1 Subs not received: Cardiff; and Shamrock (NB Post meeting Shamrock's Subs were paid. It was agreed that Cardiff should now be dropped from the list of potential members).

7.2.2 Darts subs have now all been paid.

7.2.3 Pool subs not received: Exeter; Barrow/Plymouth; Hull; Sunderland; WBA; Sheffield Wednesday; and Newcastle (some of these were paid during the meeting and an update will be given at the next meeting).

Pool fees League £16 Cup £4

Nick Head, nickjh1480@hotmail.com

8 Webmaster's Report

8.1 Nothing to report.

Liz Cocks, elizabethcocks@sky.com

9 Travel Secretary's Report:

9.1 The Travel Officers group email list and spreadsheet have not been updated recently and as the membership forms have come in sporadically I will be emailing all clubs to get contact details for their current travel officers. The sort of things circulated are advance notice of dry trains; short term disruption information; and details of any special cheap train travel offers that other clubs may be able to take advantage of eg the current SWT travel anywhere for £15 off-peak day return.

9.2 One of the things recently circulated were the details of all the major rail works over Easter. One of these was the closing of the lines between Victoria/Waterloo and Clapham Junction but for those travelling to Gatwick and beyond the Thameslink line from London Bridge is open.

9.2 Dave Cross mentioned the Brighton scheme that combines match and rail tickets and said it would be good if more club's could do this, much as many German Club's do.

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

10 Sports & Social Secretaries Reports

10.1 Pool

10.1.1 No report received prior to the meeting but participants at the meeting confirmed games were being played.

Cheers Steve steve_cole99@btinternet.com Mob 07772047273

http://apfscilpool.leaguerepublic.com/lfg/1_269910850.html;jsessionid=97FC9AEFF40F0D85E101B9DCAE737FFEclubsites1

10.2 Football

10.2.1 Terry Cecil (Football Secretary) sent his apologies as the meeting started due to a Health and Safety meeting being called at short notice at his work. There was therefore no official report.

10.2.2 The Aberdeen representative at the meeting confirmed they were top.

10.2.3 Some encouraging news was passed on about referees as the Secretary had received two separate enquiries from newly qualified referees looking to referee our games and the football secretary and referee's secretary have followed this up.

Cheers, Terry Cecil, terry.cecil@googlemail.com

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 League

The leaders in each division are as follows;

Division 1 – Sunderland and Rotherham

Division 2 – Chester and Ipswich

Division 3 – Newcastle and Man City.

10.3.2 Derby

I've been informed by Pete Reeves at Derby that they are pulling out of the darts league due to internal differences within the supporters club. Tina and I have

been trying to see what can be done to prevent them from pulling out but we appear to have reached an impasse and it looks as though they will not be in a position to fulfil their remaining fixtures. The darts committee will need to agree how their results so far are affected as well as promotion and relegation places for next season.

The Derby representative at the meeting, Sam Kemp, was encouraged by Steve Moon, Nottingham Forest, and others to try attempt to fulfil their fixtures and Rob Madigan said he would try to get them some extra players if they needed them for individual matches. (NB Post meeting Sam has contacted me for the Darts Secretary's details as they hope to fulfil their matches with everyone's help.)

10.3.3 Singles Knockout Competition

The APFSCIL singles knockout competition takes place on Wednesday 16 March here at the Horseshoe. Details have been sent out to each club so please pass on and encourage as many players as possible come along. A reminder will be sent out later this week.

Chris Turner Chris.Turner@communities.gsi.gov.uk

http://apfscildarts.leaguerepublic.com/l/fq/1_661152872.html

11 Social Secretary

11.1 Rob Madigan circulated details about the Great British Beer Festival which takes place from the 9th to the 13th of August. The basic charge is £11 a day but there was an opportunity to buy group tickets if clubs wanted to go together. Perhaps clubs could indicate whether this was an idea that Rob could pursue.

11.2 Rob mentioned that he was Secretary of the Smithfield Summer Darts League and if any of the APFSCIL teams wanted to enter either individually or jointly they'd be very welcome. There are three divisions and Rob could provide more details for anyone that requires them.

Rob Madigan horseshoeclerkkenwell@hotmail.co.uk

APFSCIL Social Secretary

12 Press and Publicity Secretary – Position Vacant

12.1 No report received prior to the meeting.

13 Any Other Business

13.1 Date of Next Meeting

The next General meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 4/4 at the Horseshoe.

13.2 Flyers were circulated for a new play that was being performed around the country, Girls with Balls, football is a game of two sexes, which has great write ups. It is playing at the Broadway Theatre, Barking, on Thursday 28th April. You can see more info about the play at www.off-the-fence.com and for the Barking performance details see www.thebroadwaybarking.com.

13.3 Ian Todd, Sunderland, mentioned the Spirit of Shankley campaign against the Liverpool Ticket price increases and now want to bring pressure to bear on other clubs ahead of the Premier League meeting on 23rd March by supporters writing to all the other 19 premier Clubs to get them all to compromise over ticket prices. To make sure this is in time for the meeting it needs to happen by 21st March. Ian asked could

supporters do this via the link on the FSF website to compile emails as this would then also record how many were sent. (NB subsequent to the meeting the Premier Clubs announced a price cap for away tickets for the next three seasons of a maximum of £30. However as it was hoped to extend this down to Championship Clubs there was still advice there was further advice on the FSF website at <http://www.fsf.org.uk/latest-news/view/Weekend-of-Action-announcement>)

13.4 Neil Le Milliere commented that League 1 and 2 clubs were in the main less affected and obviously got less TV money and as such their ticket income represented a bigger percentage of their income and any reduction in ticket prices for away supporters may have a more significant effect. Dave Cross agreed and said this extended down to the lower leagues.

13.5 Maggie Reeves, Manchester City, wondered whether this campaign would extend to the FA Cup. Paul Ashbridge, Hull, commented on the big disparity between different Premier Clubs.

13.6 Ian Todd, Sunderland, commented that there was also a proposal to remove categorisation of matches from the Premiership.

Meeting Closed: 20.05