



## APFSCIL

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### Meeting 401

Monday 7 November 2016 @ 7:30PM

At The PEASANT, 240 St John Street, London, EC1V 4PH

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P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

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

**Top Table: Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester City): Roger Pyne, minutes Secretary (Exeter) and Rob Madigan, Social Secretary (Everton).**

**Meeting Opened: 19.35**

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

**1.1 Neil Le Milliere, Secretary (Exeter); Stephen Moon, Nottingham Forest; Kari Mawhood and Martin Clubb, Newcastle; Liz Cocks, Webmaster (Blackpool); Paul Welch, Brighton; Steve Watts, WBA; Mark Cooke, Bristol City; and Paul Ashbridge; Hull, Dave Cross, Vice-Chairman (Mansfield), Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton); Gregor Smith, Aberdeen; Paul Kennedy, Celtic; & Gary Warren, Football Chairman (Shamrock Rovers).**

**2 Attending For First Time: There were no representatives attending for the first time.**

### **3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 400**

**3.1 I can also confirm that no instances of Chester City had to be amended in the draft supplied to me so we got this right this time.**

**3.2 Hearts and Middlesbrough were in attendance so the list needs amending to show this – they had not signed the attendance register hence being shown as absent.**

**3.3 The person shown as the Hearts Darts rep should actually be Chris Learmouth, the Hearts Pool rep.**

**3.4 After taking account of the matters referred to, the minutes were approved by the meeting.**

### **4 Matters arising from Meeting 400 not covered elsewhere**

**4.1 6.5 As requested by Peter Jones and to confirm the Chair's view, the following clarifies the position with regard to Associate Membership and why it would not be appropriate for Football Clubs who only existed to play in the APFSCIL football competitions.**

**Firstly Associate Members are still affiliated to the organisation and, as such, would still be required to attend at least 50% of meetings which is what these clubs are seeking to not have to do.**

**Secondly the rules pertaining to associate membership say:**

#### **“12. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**The Association shall also maintain a category of Associate Membership for organisations or individuals whose ultimate objective is to form an organisation which shall be capable of, and eligible to, apply for affiliation to the Association. The following provisions shall apply to the category of Associate Membership:”**

**However clause (c) could perhaps be adapted to solve that issue**

**(c) Associate Members shall not be permitted to participate in any of the sporting activities organised by the Association save that Associate Members may be invited to participate in any individual sporting or other competitions organised by the Association.**

**My own preference would be for the meeting to agree a new “Sports Club” class of membership which would only be available to one Sporting Organisation playing in the name of a Football Club not in full or associate membership of the organisation and would only be required to attend say the AGM.**

**If, at any time, a Supporters Club from that team wanted to become members then they would have to incorporate the Sports Club member.**

**Similarly if the Sports Club member wanted to take part in any activity other than the one for which is applied then they would need to convert to a full member.**

**Perhaps this could be discussed by the membership with a view to either proposing this to a future General Meeting or to the next AGM.**

Neil's preference was discussed by the meeting, and the mood of the meeting was positive. Richie Cockton (Sunderland) was of the opinion the rule change should be made at the AGM, and that was the feeling of the meeting. Kevin Wells (Chairman) said the committee would contact the Football Chairman to update him on the progress made to date and what the likely outcome would be following the AGM.

Neil, Le Milliere, Secretary

#### **5 Chairman's Report:**

**5.1 Nothing to report prior to the meeting.**

Kevin Wells, [kwells@gwc-accountants.co.uk](mailto:kwells@gwc-accountants.co.uk)

#### **6 Secretary's Report:**

**6.1 I have received an enquiry (in my capacity as a member of the Exeter Exiles) from a group of Southend Exiled Supporters asking for advice about setting themselves up as a proper exiled supporters club.**

I have replied that I'd be happy to help but that they may also like to consider joining APFSCIL.

Neil Le Milliere, [neil\\_le\\_milliere@btinternet.com](mailto:neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com)

#### **7 Treasurer's Report**

**7.1 The balances were supplied and emailed to all clubs after the meeting, and were as follows;**

**Current a/c £1,609.83**

**Deposit a/c £5,105.42**

**7.2 Membership Fees are due from Aberdeen, Bristol City, Celtic, Chester, Hearts, Hibs, London Scottish, Mansfield, Newcastle, Plymouth, Scunthorpe, Sunderland & WBA. The Chairman said he would email all these clubs in the next week or so to chase them up.**

**7.3 Darts Fees are due from Sunderland, Scunthorpe, Burnley, Manchester City & Plymouth.**

**7.4 The pool fees have been set as follows: Clubs competing in the League and Cup will pay an annual fee of £16, clubs competing in the League only or the Cup only will pay an annual fee of £10. As the fees are now due can they be paid to the Treasurer as soon as possible.**

Nick Head, [nickjh1480@hotmail.com](mailto:nickjh1480@hotmail.com)

#### **8 Webmaster's Report**

**8.1 Nothing to report currently.**

Liz Cocks, [elizabethcocks@sky.com](mailto:elizabethcocks@sky.com)

#### **9 Travel Secretary's Report:**

**9.1 It seems there are still clubs that are unaware of the Megatrain Website which sells off cheap train tickets from Stagecoach TOCs (currently SWT and East Midlands).**

**They are actually part of the Stagecoach Group as is Megabus. The url is**

**<http://uk.megabus.com/megatrain.aspx>**

**9.2 I'm always amazed why people use Trainline or similar websites to buy their rail tickets rather than going direct to the TOCs websites. It's worth repeating that the cheapest tickets for any journey should always be available from the TOCs themselves and unlike Trainline you do not pay an admin charge.**

**9.3 Members may have noticed the new (and not very good) SWT and East Midlands websites which have severe limitations currently and are nowhere near the previous versions. I have now discovered (somewhat worryingly) that the reason for the new websites is the old ones were provided by Trainline and they are separating themselves from that agreement.**

**I say worryingly as this means unbeknown to me Trainline had my personal details as I had website accounts with both TOCs, or so I thought. No one has told me officially what has happened to that data or even where it now is. Something that perhaps needs taking up.**

**9.4 In a rare bit of good news there are currently two deals available for members going to the West Country or the South Coast. For Over 60s GWR are currently offering a great deal on their services and it's a walk up fare so worth a look if you're travelling to anywhere out of Paddington. Dave Leitch (Barrow) said that three of their members had travelled using this deal yesterday.**

**9.5 For travellers going on any SWT services they have a deal where you can make a single journey for £14.95 to any destination – as long as it's not past Yeovil towards Exeter! Oh well, you can't have everything.**

**9.6 Maggie Reeves (Manchester City) advised that West Coast Trains had stopped group travel, coming up with the excuse that it was to do with HS2!**

**9.7 Phil Arnold (Leicester City) reported that he had finally received a refund because of delays re the Hull trip on the opening day of the season.**

**9.8 Ian Colley (Sheffield Wednesday) warned those travelling to Huddersfield via Euston. Despite their reservations stating their journey was via Euston and not King's Cross, Virgin staff tried their best to not allow them to board their booked train out of Euston. Following much argument they were eventually allowed to board their train.**

**9.9 Richie Cockton (Sunderland) advised the meeting that Grand Central were having a 10% sale from 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Neil Le Milliere, [neil\\_le\\_milliere@btinternet.com](mailto:neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com)**

## **10 Sports & Social Secretaries Reports**

### **10.1 Pool**

**10.1.1 It's Saints vs Newcastle in the Clydie Weekes Cup Final which takes place this Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Southwark Brewing Co. Tap Room. 46 Druid St., SE1 2EZ. <http://southwarkbrewing.co.uk/> All welcome.**

**10.1.2 The League Fixtures are now out and matches are taking place. There will be a full update next month but you can see the fixtures on the pool website.**

Cheers Steve [steve\\_cole99@btinternet.com](mailto:steve_cole99@btinternet.com) Mob 07772047273  
[http://apfscilpool.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1\\_269910850.html;jsessionid=97FC9AEFF40F0D85E101B9DCAE737FFE.clubsites1](http://apfscilpool.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1_269910850.html;jsessionid=97FC9AEFF40F0D85E101B9DCAE737FFE.clubsites1)

## 10.2 Football

10.2.1 The season is in full swing now and I am happy to report that it has been going very well so far. There have been a couple of postponements and reshuffled games but nothing out of the ordinary and the majority are down to parent clubs being on TV or teams flagging games where they have a number of players away well in advance.

10.2.2 On the admin side the issue with the league seemingly not being on the FA website has been cleared up, allowing teams to register with the FA for the season.

10.2.3 A couple of clubs partook in the Play Fair Qatar campaign that Stephen Russell got in touch with the organisation about. Pictures were taken with squads together holding the posters and these have been forwarded on to Stephen. The teams taking part were London Scottish, Shamrock Rovers and Hull. I have attached a picture from the Shamrock Rovers v London Scottish game.

10.2.4 As luck and bad timing would have it I am not able to attend today's meeting as is evident by the fact this report is being read from the top table. I have been made aware of the discussion that will happen in relation to the Sports Club membership and I wish to confirm that the football committee is fully behind the proposal. We have no problem in getting clubs to sign up to this and would be hopeful that the majority would attend the AGM also. While this is being brought in with the football clubs in mind I like the fact that it is 'Sports Club membership' and not just focused on football clubs. This could be used as a good way to attract other clubs to the organisation through darts, pool etc and not just football - opening the membership up to a wider audience. No reason why some of these, including our own football only clubs, cannot go on to become full members in the future.

10.2.5 If anyone has any queries on the football side of things or wants any more information please just grab me at any meeting (that I attend..!) or get my email address from the committee - [apfscilfootball@gmail.com](mailto:apfscilfootball@gmail.com)

Many thanks, Gary Warren

Chairman APFSCIL Football League.

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

All teams except Bolton have played at least one game so far, with Chester having already played 4 matches. There have been plenty of postponements, but nothing too concerning.

The top two teams in each division at this early stage are:

Division 1 - Sunderland and Leicester City

Division 2 - Burnley and Blackpool

## **Division 3 - Everton and Plymouth.**

### **10.3.2 Knockout Cup**

The draw for the preliminary round of the team knockout cup place after last month's meeting. No games have been played as yet.

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[http://apfscildarts.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1\\_661152872.html](http://apfscildarts.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1_661152872.html)

### **11 Social Secretary**

11.1 Rob told the meeting that the Holland darts trip had been cancelled as numbers were not enough to justify it.

11.2 Rob told the meeting that FanTV were looking for supporters of APFSCIL clubs to appear on their shows. They are based in Oxford Circus and broadcast via Facebook and Sky Channel 202. A free can of Foster's is provided for those appearing to settle the nerves! Rob said it was an enjoyable experience, and it would help if people could appear, to publicise their supporters' club and APFSCIL generally. Rob has all the contact details so please contact him.

Rob Madigan [horseshoeclerkenwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:horseshoeclerkenwell@hotmail.co.uk)  
APFSCIL Social Secretary

### **12 Press and Publicity Secretary – Position Vacant**

12.1 No items raised prior to, or at, the meeting.

### **13 Any Other Business**

13.1 Jon Goddard (Norwich) mentioned that John Sills, who is 101 years young had attended the game at Barnet, enjoying himself enormously, a 5-0 win helping!

13.2 Martin Garret (Coventry) mentioned a book signing (A Different Story) and talk by Bob Latchford on 30<sup>th</sup> November at The Crypt On The Green, Clerkenwell Close, EC1R 0EA, not far from The Horseshoe. All are welcome, admittance is £3.50 on the door. Martin also mentioned that his branch were having a function at The Horniman at Hays Galleria, Chris Cattlin and guests would be in attendance.

13.3 Peter Riley (Nottingham Forest) mentioned the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their branch to be held at the Ambassadors Hotel, they were hopeful that John McGovern would attend.

13.4 Ian Colley (Sheffield Wednesday) said members were most welcome to take part in the Home Counties quiz league at the Calthorpe Arms on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Ian would have an email sent to all clubs advising of this.

### **13.5 Date of Next Meeting**

Our next ordinary General meeting is scheduled to be our Xmas meeting on Monday 5 December at the Horseshoe. As it is the Christmas meeting a buffet will be provided to give some festive cheer after the meeting.

**Meeting Closed: 20.10**