



**APFSCIL**  
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**Meeting 402**

**Monday 5 December 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

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

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

**Meeting Opened: ?**

**1 Apologies for Absence**

1.1 Neil Le Milliere, Secretary (Exeter); Liz Cocks, Webmaster (Blackpool); Phil Loy, Ipswich; Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton); Ian Todd, Sunderland; Arthur, Middlesbrough; Paul Ashbridge, Hull; Maggie Reeves, Manchester City; Elliot Millington, Derby; Mark Cooke, Bristol City; John Wood, Stoke; Gregor Smith, Aberdeen; Dave Cross, Vice-Chairman (Mansfield); Alan Fell, Blackburn; Steve O'Brien, Manchester United; Mark Joannes, Plymouth Argyle; and Mike Gething, Bolton.

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

### **3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 401**

**3.1 I Some of those attending were not noted correctly. The Secretary has now corrected the minutes.**

### **4 Matters arising from Meeting 401 not covered elsewhere**

**4.1 6.5 There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere.**

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

**5.1 The trophies have now been taken out of storage, where they have been since 2011. I have been struggling to find a local laser engraver for the wood trophy. Rob Madigan may have some contacts in this respect, and if I continue to draw a blank I will get back to Rob.**

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

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

**6.1 The following comments have been passed to me and Rob and his staff are so far unaware =, but they'll know now :>)**

"Ahead of tonight's meeting, I know that there are some teams that have anniversaries coming up and may be looking for venues. We recently had our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash in The Horseshoe and would whole heartedly recommend it to anyone.

We had the whole pub for the Saturday. We came in and started setting up at 3 and were there until well gone 11. (There was no charge for the room.) We decorated the room upstairs with City shirts from the last 50 years and put out some tables around the edges with branch memorabilia on. The rest of the room was set out with chairs only – about 80. We used the stage for our guests and Rob arranged for microphones for 4 and the sound system.

Downstairs, we had the food – a buffet – and arranged our raffle prizes. We showed City videos on the screens. Rob would probably help there if needed. Lyn and Lesley organised a superb buffet for us. We had hot chilli and bread, as well as hot and cold snacks. These were all arranged beautifully in the alcove. There was a separate table for vegetarian food. I had mentioned to Rob what we were looking for and he came back to me with a suggested menu at a good price.

I can't recommend it highly enough. We all but took over the pub for the day. Nothing was too much trouble for Rob and the 2 ladies in the kitchen and bar staff all worked their socks off. Everything was made very easy for us and it was as stress free as it possibly could have been.

**Tina, Man City"**

"In addition to the stuff Tina has already sent to you, I'd just like to add my take on having our 50th at the Horseshoe. Last meeting someone was asking about venues for an Anniversary "do" and like others we thought about a "sit down meal" etc but decided on something less formal. We also decided against the corporate venue of City in the City near Euston which caters for functions for the "high-end" supporters and stick to the place we think of as our base where we play darts, watch matches on the TVs and have our AGM. Rob and the staff were great - they put on a great spread

and really did their best to allow us to create a little bit of City there. We decorated with shirts and banners etc and had displays of Branch memorabilia upstairs that people could take their time examining. It was a great evening and everybody enjoyed it - in particular those original members who were still with us who set the Branch up. We did the formal Q and A stuff and memorabilia displays upstairs and the food and informal chats down . A few banners can hide the bits of dodgy decor. Can highly recommend it as a venue. Hope you have a good meeting. Cheers Maggie”

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

## 7 Treasurer's Report

### 7.1 Balances

Current a/c £1,647.83

Deposit a/c £5,105.41

7.2 Bristol City; Celtic; Hearts; Hibs; London Scottish; Mansfield; Norwich; Plymouth; Scunthorpe; and WBA. Hearts & WBA paid at the meeting and it was reported that Scunthorpe had paid direct to APFSCIL's bank account.

### 7.3 Darts Fees Due From:

Scunthorpe; Burnley; Manchester City; Plymouth; and Norwich (cup).

### 7.4 Pool Subs Due From:

All teams taking part. WBA paid £15 after the meeting (£1 short, it transpired later, we will let them off that!).

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 There is a new player in town for buying train tickets, Expedia. However they will probably charge you fees for buying from them so it will still be better to go direct to the rail company you are travelling with.

9.2 The next Rail Football Forum is on Friday 27/1 13:15 – 15:30 at the RDG offices, 200 Aldersgate Street.

9.3 Paul Whelch (Brighton) recounted the woes being inflicted by the incompetence of Southern Rail. A recent evening home game had considerable delays in getting to the ground, with fans being stranded after the game!

9.4 Jon Goddard (Norwich) warned of major rail works on the mainline to Ipswich & Norwich in February & March 2017 involving rail replacement buses.

9.5 Dave Leitch (Barrow) mentioned a recent trip Barrow had undertaken involving rail delays of over an hour.

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 The Clydie Weekes Summer Cup Final took place on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Southwark Brewing Co. Tap Room. Southampton beat Newcastle 7-2, a fitting result as Clydie was an active and valued member of the London Saints.**

### **10.1.2 The League 2016/17 Season**

**West Brom are the early leaders in the league but with only 3 matches played the season has got off to a slow start**

**The league has lost Sheffield Wednesday this season. If any member club, or combination of clubs fancy trying their luck the league can still accommodate, and would welcome a new team for this Season.**

**Cheers Steve [steve\\_cole99@btinternet.com](mailto:steve_cole99@btinternet.com) Mob 07772047273**

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### **10.2 Football League report - December 2016**

**10.2.1 Not a lot to report from the football section this month which I suppose is a good thing in a way. The main highlights/issues from the month are;**

#### **10.2.2 League fixtures**

**The League is progressing well with all teams well in to their league campaigns at this stage. There have been a few more postponements than I would like but on the whole they have been handled well by the clubs and genuine attempts to reschedule are being made.**

#### **10.2.3 Cup and Plate Quarter Finals**

**The group section of the cup has been completed leaving us with a full program of quarter finals in both the Dave Baister Cup and the APFSCIL Plate. All Quarter Finals are down to be played on Sunday 5th February and it has thrown up a few mouth watering ties. It should be a good day for the league and you can see the fixtures at: <http://www.football.mitoo.co.uk/MtchDay.cfm?TblName=Matches&MDate=2017-02-05&DivisionID=21438&LeagueCode=APFS2016>.**

#### **10.2.4 Bank Account**

**The league Bank Account is still in the process of being handed over. This is a much slower process than was anticipated but we are hopeful of getting it resolved shortly.**

#### **10.2.5 League fees**

**A few clubs still owe their league fees and this is being actively chased up. The committee accepts part responsibility for this due to the situation with the league bank account but an alternative is in place so we are making sure everyone is fully paid up before the Christmas break - this shouldn't be a problem**

#### **10.2.6 Disciplinary/refereeing issues**

**There is nothing really to report on the disciplinary side this month and in general, games are being played in the spirit of the league. There has been one complaint made against a referee and this is being followed up on and looked in to.**

That is all from the football side apart from wishing all members and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year.

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

The top two in each division are;

Division 1; Leicester City and Sunderland

Division 2; Burnley and Blackpool

Division 3: Plymouth and Everton.

Bolton (Division 2) have yet to play a match, and Sheffield Wednesday (Div 2) and Derby (Div 3) have played only one match each. I'll be contacting their captains to see if there are any problems.

NB Mick Gething from Bolton have sent the following message in their absence tonight "I realise we are behind on the darts fixtures. I have spoken to our darts Capt Peter about this and we are fully confident that we can catch up by season end. I understand Peter has spoken to the APFSCIL darts committee about this. If there are any further questions then please keep me in the loop."

#### 10.3.2 Knockout Cup

The draw for the first round of the team knockout cup will be made after December's meeting.

10.3.3 The presentation evening and pairs knockout will take place on Monday 16 January at the Horseshoe. Although I'll be sending out details next week to darts captains, grateful if all clubs could let their members know.

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

### 11 Social Secretary

#### 11.1 Current APFSCIL Fantasy Football table

1 On our way FC Andrew Underwood 792

2 Wot No Canaries Jon Goddard 591

3 Everton Lesley Lyttleton 532

4 HomeBrew Simon Mills 449

5 Heathrow Stokies Garry Zuk 360

11.2 The Bob Latchford book signing went well. He had a lot to say on his Everton and Birmingham days. A very good night was had. My highlight was getting him to pour me a pint, it was the worse bit of bar-tending I have ever seen, but the pint was wonderful when I finally got it.

**11.3** I spoke to the book publishers deCoubertin Books who were interested in maybe setting up a book event for APFSCIL at some stage next year. That will take some time to organise but hopefully after Easter we can have an APFSCIL book signing.

**11.4** FAN TV are always after fans to go on the show, so if you are up for it please let me know, also please pass this on to your member base.

**11.5** I see there has been a lot of talk on safe standing. It may be an idea to have a vote on the issue. For, Against, and Neutral. Maybe it could be an idea to also go back to our own Supporters Clubs to see how they think, then at our next meeting we could see the results. I think we could then share our findings with the press , I know a few media people, so maybe they could highlight the APFSCIL poll? The mood of the meeting was that in the New Year, APFSCIL should canvass member clubs to see if there was support for safe standing.

**11.6** Chris Learmouth (Hearts) advised the meeting that the Pool League was investing in a new trophy, however they needed to ascertain who the winners/runners-up/cup winners were pre 2005. Richie Cockton (Sunderland) said he may be able to help. Also, it may be that APFSCIL secretary Neil Le Milliere, may have inherited some records that may throw some light on this.

**11.7** Marin Garrett (Coventry) said that his branch had had a very successful 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner at Hays Galleria, with worthies from over the years attending, and that he could highly recommend the venue.

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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 Date of Next Meeting**

Our next ordinary General meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 9 January (the 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Bank Holiday) at the Horseshoe.

**Meeting Closed:** 20.18, and was followed by a buffet laid on by Rob and the staff at The Horseshoe, which was enjoyed by all who partook!