



## APFSCIL

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### Meeting 409

Monday 7 September 2017 @ 7:30PM

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

P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

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

**Top Table: Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester City); Neil Le Milliere, Secretary (Exeter City) and Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter City).**

**Meeting Opened: 19:02**

### 1 Apologies for Absence

**1.1 Mick Strickland, Southampton; Ian Todd, Sunderland; Dave Cross, Mansfield; Greg Foxsmith, Plymouth; and Gary Warren, Football Secretary (Shamrock); Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton); Phil Loy, Ipswich; and Ian Colley, Sheffield Wednesday.**

**2 Attending for First Time: Joe Martin (Newcastle United) was attending for the first time and was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.**

### 3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 408

**3.1. My apologies for the lateness of these, my holiday got in the way and I only returned today. Sue from Chester pointed out the following errors "In case no-one else mentions it, I've spotted a couple of typos in the August minutes. The header on page**

1 mentions May 8 2017 (it confused me for a bit!) and further on, there's a misspelling of funeral.

3.2 It should be noted that Jane Hughes (Sunderland) attended the meeting.

4 Matters arising from Meeting 408 not covered elsewhere:

4.1 Not matters arising were raised.

Neil, Le Milliere, Secretary

5 Chairman's Report

5.1 Nothing to report.

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

6 Secretary's Report

6.1 Mick Strickland, Southampton, asked if we could provide any examples of printed Newsletters to help them with the production of theirs. I circulated this request and I am grateful to the clubs that have responded.

6.2 John Wood, Stoke, kindly forwarded on details of the issues Grimsby had had with their visit to Stevenage which I forwarded to all clubs to make them aware of the potential issues they may face.

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

7 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Balances

Current a/c £2123.74

Deposit a/c £5130.96

7.2 Monies owed to treasurer £354.61 (AGM buffet £80, and darts trophies first lot £274.61)

7.3 2017-18 Membership and Subscriptions still due: Aberdeen, Barrow, Blackburn, Bolton, Bristol City, Celtic, Derby, Everton, Hearts, Hibs, Hull, Leicester, London Scottish, Norwich, Plymouth, Scunthorpe, Shamrock, Sunderland, and WBA. Barrow, Blackburn, Hull, Leicester and WBA paid after the meeting. All application forms to be copied to Neil Le Milliere please.

7.4 2017-18 Darts paid: Nottingham Forest, Blackpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Ipswich (cup), Rotherham, Sheffield Wednesday, and Southampton. Leicester & Burnley paid after the meeting.

7.5 2017-18 Pool paid: Nottingham Forest, and Southampton.

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

8 Webmaster's Report

8.1 No report received prior to the meeting.

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

9 Travel Secretary's Report

9.1 I have circulated a few emails about the problems with the new franchise taking over the SWT route. No further news so far on the fare issue for travel to Exeter but they do now have a website, see <https://www.southwesternrailway.com/> It seems to have been a very soft launch including a half-price sale on advance fares though all these on Saturdays on the Exeter route have already disappeared and there wasn't even so much as a goodbye from SWT. As SWT is no more, train tickets sold under the Megatrain branding are no more. There is a fare review due in October 2017.

9.2 With thanks to John Wood, Stoke, he passed on the following: Abellio consortium (who run Merseyrail and Anglia) have won the franchise from London Midlands trains, and will be known as West Midlands trains from December. West Midlands trains immediately announced they'd discontinue the direct link from Euston to Stoke from December. This is a popular service with fans travelling to Stoke or Manchester/Liverpool and changing at Stoke or Crewe. Though slower the service is far cheaper than Virgin. The move led to protests from various user groups including our Stoke Southern Supporters branch. West Midlands trains has now bowed to pressure and confirmed that it will now continue with the direct link to [Euston from Stoke](#). No detail yet on the frequency or level of service, we'll monitor the situation and look for any change to this popular - and cheaper - 'trundler' service.

9.3 With thanks to Nick Head for the following nugget: "Though not strictly to do with football travel, this may be useful, the first-class section at the rear of all new Thameslink trains is declassified on all services (tables and plugs available)"

9.4 Neil recounted the excellent service he had experienced when travelling between Rome & Venice (a nationalised service) and contrasted it with the ongoing shenanigans at Southern Rail in the UK.

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

## 10 Sports Secretaries Reports

### 10.1 Pool

10.1.1 Preliminary round: Middlesbrough v Hearts Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Aug (TBC) Venue TBA; Barrow/Plymouth 4 v Exeter 5

Round 1 A Middlesbrough or Hearts v Nottingham Forrest; B Sunderland 3 v Newcastle 6; C Southampton 6 v West Brom 3; D Hull 3 v Exeter 6

Semi Final A v Newcastle; Southampton v Exeter.

If there are any amendments to the contacts list please let me know ASAP.

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

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### 10.2 Football

#### 10.2.1 Football League Report

Firstly, my apologies to all for not being present this evening. There is not a lot to update on since the last meeting as we are still in pre-season but there are just a couple of things below.

#### 10.2.2 Race Night

Unfortunately, the race night a couple of weeks ago had to be postponed as not enough people turned up. To make it worth our while we need to get a good crowd to turn up and bet money on the races. As there were only about 16 or 17 there I decided that we would not make enough out of the evening so postponed it until the end of October/start of November. Granted, having it on the bank holiday Friday didn't help but the low turn-out was still quite disappointing. A new date will be decided tomorrow night and I will share with everyone via email. If you can please try to come along and circulate to your members it would be greatly appreciated.

#### 10.2.3 AGM

The AGM is happening here in the Horseshoe Pub tomorrow evening at 7.30pm. There is quite a lot to cover during the evening and all clubs will have at least one representative present. Amongst other things the additional £5 for the APFSCIL

membership will be put to the clubs. I will provide a full report on the AGM at the next meeting.

#### 10.2.4 League opener

The 2017/18 league will begin on the 17th September with the first Dave Baister Cup fixtures. As is traditional we always begin the season with the cup's group fixtures and this year will be no different. The draw for the groups will take place at the AGM tomorrow and fixtures will be released by the end of the week.

Gary Warren APFSCIL Football League Chairman

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 fixtures have been finalised and should be on the website shortly.

10.3.2 The darts venue, The Peacock, is sadly no more.

10.3.3 The 2017/18 subs are £16 League and £12 Cup.

Chris Turner [Chris.Turner@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Chris.Turner@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

APFSCIL Darts Secretary

#### 11 Social Secretary

11.1 A book signing has been booked into the Horseshoe on Oct 11th from 7pm. All reps from APFSCIL are of course welcome and author Simon Hughes will talk about the subject matter of how Brexit has changed teams both big and small in and around the North West of England. Entry is free, and a small buffet will be available.

Simon may very well bring along a guest ex-footballer speaker, which we will find out about later.

Please forward this onto your Social Secs so they can forward it on to your members. Also, Andre Kanchelskis will be at The Horseshoe on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

11.2 I will be starting the Fantasy Football shortly.

into <https://fantasyfootball.skysports.com> and after setting up your team, join the APFSCIL league by using the Pin 8328338, Best of luck.

11.3 I was thinking of doing a book signing for Andrei Kanchelskis as an APFSCIL event at the Crypt here in Clerkenwell on 17<sup>th</sup> October as it was hoped that it would attract more people than the Horseshoe room could cater for. The Crypt could cater for 60-80.

Rob gave more details about the event and would like APFSCIL to consider underwriting the event. It was agreed that interest would be canvassed from our membership and these should be returned ASAP to Rob please.

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 the meeting.

#### 13 Any Other Business

13.1 The Committee have decided that the 2016/17 Supporter of the Year is Ryan Sutherland (Barrow) who travels regularly from Malaga for games. This decision was warmly applauded by the meeting. Dave Leitch of Barrow accepted the award on Ryan's behalf.

**13.2 The Committee have decided that the 2016/17 newsletter/website of the year should be awarded to Coventry City. Martin Garrett accepted the award for the club.**

**13.3 Kevin Wells, Chairman, advised the meeting that as he was attending a charity event he would be unable to attend the November 2017 meeting.**

**13.4 Date of Next Meeting**

**Our next ordinary General meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 2 October.**

**Meeting Closed: 19.26, in time for the England match!**