



APFSCIL

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Meeting 453

Monday 2 October 2023 @ 7:30PM

At The HORSESHOE, 24 Clerkenwell Close, EC1R 0AG

P = Present X = Absent A = Apologies

A	Aberdeen	A	Heart of Midlothian	A	Rangers
P	Barrow	P	Hull City	P	Rotherham United
P	Blackpool	P	Ipswich GL	P	Scunthorpe United
P	Bolton Wanderers	P	Leicester City	A	Sheffield Wednesday
P	Brighton & Hove Albion	X	London Scottish	X	Southampton
P	Burnley	P	Manchester City	P	Sunderland
P	Chester	X	Manchester United	X	West Bromwich Albion
A	Coventry City	A	Mansfield Town		
A	Derby County	P	Middlesbrough		
A	Everton	P	Newcastle United	A	Football Rep
P	Exeter City	P	Norwich City	P	President
A	FC United	P	Nottingham Forest	A	Webmaster
A	Gillingham	X	Plymouth Argyle		

Top Table: Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester); Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter); and Jon Goddard, Social Secretary (Norwich). Also in attendance Phil Arnold, Treasurer (Leicester).

Meeting Opened: 19:40

1 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies: Aberdeen/Iain Walworth; Coventry/Martin Garrett; Derby/Fred Motson; Everton/Nick Brennan; Exeter (and Secretary)/Neil Le Milliere; FCUM/Nick Duckett; Gillingham/Andrew Plummer; Hearts/Ian Manzie; Mansfield/Dave Cross; Nottingham Forest/Stephen Moon; Rangers/John Jobber; Sheffield Wednesday/Ian Colley; and Southampton/Dave Thomas.

2 Attending for the First Time:

2.1 No one was attending for the first time.

3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 452

3.1 No corrections reported to the meeting.

4 Matters arising from Meeting 452 (not covered elsewhere)

4.1 Nothing raised prior to the meeting. Kevin Wells, (Chair) reported “As you know, I was unable to attend the September meeting, which was the original date for Meeting 453, at short notice due to rail problems. Jon Goddard (Norwich) kindly chaired an al fresco meeting in the garden, and then posted me the minutes. Unfortunately, the postal service where I live is not good currently and I have not yet received them. As we are therefore unsure if the meeting was quorate, we have had to roll that meeting over to this one. Jon has kindly agreed to bring up any pertinent points from September.

5 Chairman’s Report

5.1 Nothing from me apart for apologies for missing the last scheduled meeting due to signalling problems on my line into London. Kevin Wells, kwells@qwc-accountants.co.uk

6 Secretary’s Report.

6.1 I had an interesting enquiry from an Aberdeen Supporter in Glasgow “Hello, I run a supporters’ club for Aberdeen fans and am hoping to create an association for Scottish football supporters’ clubs to provide education and support for people running individual supporter's clubs. Are you aware of any such body in Scotland? I'm not sure that we have one, so if you have any advice or thoughts on how to establish one, I would greatly appreciate any advice. Many thanks, Alan Lamont, Glasgow Dons” I replied, copying Iain in, and pointed him towards Supporters Direct Scotland.

6.2 I’ve had the following message for you all from Steve Moon, Nottingham Forest who is understandably an apology for this meeting “I had my knee replacement surgery yesterday, all seems fine with it, but sore, only to be expected. Have X Ray and some extensive physio later in day. Probably out of football and pool for a few weeks now but I’ll live with that. Should be home before weekend is out.”

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

7 Treasurer’s Report

7.1 ACCOUNT BALANCES

Current account £1537.70 + £56.00 subsequently received = £1,593.70.

Deposit account £4077.63

7.2 2023 Membership Subs received: Barrow, Brighton, Burnley, Coventry, Exeter, Hull City, Ipswich Town GL, Leicester City, Manchester City, Norwich, Nottingham Forest, Rangers, Rotherham, Southampton, Sunderland, and WBA

7.3 2023/24 Darts subs received: Leicester, and Nottingham Forest.

7.4 2023/24 Pool subs received: Nottingham Forest.

7.5 2023 Non-League Finals Day tickets paid for (total £490) Barrow, Coventry City, Exeter City, FC United, Leicester City, Newcastle United, Norwich City, Plymouth Argyle, Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton, and Sunderland AFC. Non-League Finals Day APFSCIL subsidy (including £1.50 print at home charge) is £201.50.

Phil Arnold, phil.arnold1884@outlook.com

8 Webmaster's Report

8.1 No report received prior to the meeting. Liz has been updating the website, thanks Liz. Liz Cocks, elizabethcocks@sky.com

9 Travel Secretary's Report

9.1 Nothing much to report though one interesting bit about the rail strike on Saturday was that we still managed to get our train to Burton but then of course had to stayover (in Derby as we at least got back that far) and the benefit was we could then use our Advance return tickets to get any train we liked back to London – and we got to break our journey at the simply wonderful Sawley Junction micro pub outside Long Eaton station, highly recommended if you are able to break a journey there.

In addition, if you are going to Burton then there is a great new Micro Pub just down from the station called the Last Heretic which is also well worth a visit, and you'll receive a warm welcome.

9.2 Jon Goddard (Norwich) reported that his recent trip to Plymouth was extended because his train was routed via Bristol.

9.3 Ian Wood (Burnley) said that trying to get to Burnley by train these days in an absolute shambles.

9.4 Monica Hartland (President, Stoke) bemoaned the effect of strike action, causing late cancellations and leading to hotel spaces being at a premium especially with the Home Office requisitioning many hotels as well.

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

10 Sports Secretaries Reports

10.1 Pool Report

10.1.1 The “winter” League has two matches to be played and both have a bearing on who might finish top, as both the potential divisional winners are involved. Unfortunately, one of those matches is in danger of not being played as the away team do not want to travel to the home club's venue so want to concede the match. The home team is one of the two potential winners and if the match was conceded then they couldn't be caught and will win the title so very unfair on the other team involved who are currently three points behind them.

10.1.2 The Summer Cup draw has been made with the following match ups: Hearts v Southampton. Winner home to WBA; Middlesbrough v Nottingham Forest; Newcastle v Sunderland; Hull v Exeter winner away to Barrow/Plymouth Argyle.

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

10.2 Football Update

10.2.1 Nothing to report currently.

Iain Walworth APFSCIL Football League Rep efcsocial@outlook.com

<https://football.mitoo.co.uk/Noticeboard.cfm?countieslist=LondonMiddx&LeagueCode=APFS2019>

10.3 Darts (1 and 2 are the report from the original meeting date; 3, 4, and 5 are the report made at this meeting).

10.3.1 Division 2 fixtures have been extended to the end of September in a bid to get all matches played. Various games are to be decided and it is to be hoped that the league does not drag on to long.

10.3.2 The Darts AGM will be held on Monday 25 September at the Horseshoe. All teams are encouraged to attend.

10.3.3 The AGM was held on 25 September to decide amongst other things, the league structure next season and subscriptions. Many thanks to those who attended. All matches in Division 1 have been played, but a handful of fixtures are outstanding which is affecting the outcome of Division 2. I have been trying to contact the Blackpool captain to try and ascertain whether they will be entering the league next season and whether they were planning to complete their outstanding fixtures as these have a bearing on the final table, and therefore promotion. I can't therefore start to plan the league fixtures for 23/24 until I hear from him. In the meantime, Manchester United have said they wish to rejoin the league so we'll have 16 clubs (or 17 if Blackpool re-enter).

10.3.4 At the darts AGM, it was agreed that subscriptions to the league remain at £16 and the cup £12, but I was asked to raise at the October APFSCIL meeting whether a reduction in subs for the 24/25 season could be considered by the APFSCIL committee, in view of APFSCIL's relatively healthy bank balance.

10.3.5 Finally, the pairs competition will be held on Monday 13 November at the Horseshoe. All clubs welcome – please pass on the details to your players”.

**Chris Turner Chris.Turner@communities.gov.uk APFSCIL Darts Secretary
Tables and Results can be seen via our website <http://www.apfscil.org.uk/sporting-fixtures.html>**

11 Social Secretary

11.1 Jon made the following points:

11.1.1 The fantasy football league is up and running and there's a special prize for whoever finishes top in May.

11.1.2 Can anyone think of any guest speakers they could recommend? I know we have been down this road before, but it may be worth revisiting.

11.1.3 I still intend writing a quiz and maybe organise a night out before Xmas, what do members think?

11.1.4 It was suggested at the September gathering that we might consider a members' trip to the play “Dear England”. Jon would ask the Secretary to email clubs to gauge interest.

11.1.5 If there is enough interest, we could enter a quiz team in the Home Counties Football Quiz League.

11.1.6 Lastly is there any interest in reviving some sort of Annual Dinner. Kevin Wells (Chair) did not think this would be a starter, but it could be added to the Secretaries email.

Jon Goddard, Secretary jonmgoddard@hotmail.com

12 Press and Publicity Secretary - Position Vacant

12.1 Nothing to report.

13 Any Other Business

13.1 Richie Cockton (Sunderland) said it seemed to him that the time added to games was now getting shorter after the initial lengthy additions at the start of the season.

13.2 Date of Next Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be on Monday 6th November at The Horseshoe.

Meeting Closed: 20.27