

Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

Meeting held Thursday 17th April 2008

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present: D Harrop, D Tighe, K Berry, N Lea C Berry, S Brockley, M Smith (Ath), M Smith (Bol), L Clarkson, R Thorpe, G Ogden, P Haworth, G Ogden, G Halliwell, K Evans, P Molyneux, A Bennett D Sims and G Knowles

Guests:

Apologies from R Drake, D Renshaw, D Wilson R Birchall, F Brown, J Bolton N D'Arcy, N Smith and J Waterfall

Minutes of the meeting held 27th March 2008 had been posted to the website (with additional copies being available at the meeting). The minutes were then proposed as a true record by A Bennett and seconded by D Sims

Matters arising: None

Correspondence received

- Wigan MBC application community chest
- Referees Association of England registrations 25 members
- Funding clearance for recent grant
- Westleigh High Scholl information on pitch hire costings
- Lancashire FA mentor meeting booklets
- Lancashire FA application for cup final tickets
- Funding grant end of grant report
- Various invoices from P G Sports training equipment etc
- Lancashire Referees Association meritorious service awards
- Lancashire FA new referee information

Correspondence out

- ✓ Community chest agreeing grant
- ✓ Lancashire FA request for cup final tickets
- ✓ Lancashire FA long service award B Ratcliffe Eastleigh Juniors

Matters arising: None

Leigh Youth League

The recent bad weather had a detrimental effect on fixtures causing quite a backlog the league would continue into May

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation

Similarly the recent bad weather had a detrimental effect on fixtures causing quite a backlog the league would continue into May. The league had begun a small-sided league that was hoped to regenerate the league

Leigh RMI

Noted that the new sports village had been progressed and we would monitor the situation as regard the meeting place. In addition the society Treasurer and Secretary would attend a Sports Village trust meeting on Friday 2nd May 2008 where further information could be gleaned

Referees Association of England / Lancashire Referees Association

Nothing further from the last meeting however the society had already paid it capitation fee for the forthcoming season being £1.25 per member with membership figures for the end of March 2008 being utilised this being 50 members

As Referees Association but the situation needed to be monitored

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop stated the membership numbers remained unchanged at 50, however through great efforts of members, membership for the season 2008 / 2009 already stood at 33. The bank balances were as follows TSB £457.78 and the Halifax remained the same at £3953.14.

Society website

Mr Haworth said that the latest caption competition was available and would go online as soon as possible. He noted he had put on several pictures of our esteemed football league referee discussing a point of play with an Accrington Stanley player. Various other items were to be included. It was noted that great things had been done via the website and Mr Haworth should be congratulated for his sterling work.

Training classes

Mr Tighe said that the next course was planned for early August, however nothing was planned until then. Mr Harrop gave a review of the recent meeting he attended with the secretary at Lancashire FA for potential mentors. Noted that we had kept a dignified participation and seemed to be both well received and respected

Atherton Charity Cup:

Paul Haworth said that due to the weather a slow start had occurred with the current game only the seventh, He thanked all concerned for their assistance in the competition.

Academy

Mr Bennett said that the event had been supported with an 18 % increase in the number attending this previous Monday, members agreed they would attend again and assist the programme. Mr Bennett said the idea was to run a technical and fitness programme.

Alterations to rule:

Members advised as to reasons behind proposed alterations for the Annual General Meeting

Points of play

Various issues were discussed in the accustomed lively manner.

Any other business

Wigan referees society challenge to a five-a-side match Mr Bennett to clarify and organise

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8 25pm where members went to observe the Charity Cup match that was taking place.