

# Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

Meeting held Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2008

The meeting opened with a minute's silence in remembrance of society member Frank Brown who passed away in June.

Mr Mort gave his traditional new season welcome to the society members. Mr Mort talked about the importance of the young referees coming through and progressing. Furthermore he encouraged our senior members of the society to mentor our younger members.

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present: A Bennett, K Berry, R Birchall, L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, R Drake, Miss K Foster, D Fox, G Halliwell, D Harrop, P Haworth, D Renshaw, M Smith, N Smith, D Tighe, J Waterfall, D Wilson

Guests: L Berry &

Apologies from C Berry, S Brockley, S Eastwood, K Evans, J Holmes, N Lea, G Ogden, D Sims, M Smith (Bol), R Thorpe, C Whyte, M Whyte

Minutes of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> April 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 D Harrop and seconded by N Smith

Matters arising: None

## Correspondence received

- LANCASHIRE FA AGM MINUTES
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION QUARTERLY MAGAZINE
- REFEREES ASSOCIATION DRAW RESULTS
- REFEREES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RECEIPTS (EIGHT ISSUES)
- NOTIFICATION TO LFA AND RA OF THE DEATH OF MEMBER FRANK BROWN
- REFEREES ASSOCIATION AGM MINUTES
- LANCASHIRE FA PHOTOGRAPH OF BERNARD RATCLIFFE RECEIVING HIS 30 YEAR AWARD
- WIGAN MBC INFORMATION COMMUNITY CHEST PAYMENT REQUEST
- THE FA NOTIFICATION OF DUNCAN TIGHE UPGRADE TO NATIONAL TUTOR
- REFEREES ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES REQUEST FOR BEREAVEMENT FRANK BROWN
- PGMO OFFSIDE VIDEO
- COMPANY SOLUTIONS INFORMATION ON FUND RAISING
- LANCASHIRE FA SOCIETY MENTORING DEVELOPMENT MEETING
- WIGAN MBC REFUSAL OF GRANT
- C McNAMARA COURSE APPLICATION
- LANCASHIRE FA ASSESSORS COURSE INFORMATION OF COURS ON 7 09 08
- LANCASHIRE FA LEVEL 6-7 6-5 AND 6-4 COURSE
- LANCASHIRE FA NEW 14 -17 ACADEMY INFORMATION
- GM POLICE END OF GRANT REPORT
- LANCASHIRE FA GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY
- PRINT DEPOT BANNER INVOICE £291.40
- LANCASHIRE FA LAW 4 UPDATE ON JEWELLERY
- LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION BEREAVEMENT PAYMENT FRANK BROWN THE FA REPECT THE REF INFORMATION
- COUNTY FA MAGAZINE

## Correspondence out

- ↳ LANCASHIRE FA INFORMATION ON THE DEATH OF FRANK BROWN
- ↳ REFEREES ASSOCIATION INFORMATION ON THE DEATH OF FRANK BROWN
- ↳ WIGAN MBC REPLY TO NON ISSUE OF GRANT
- ↳ REFEREES ASSOCIATION DRAW TICKETS AND PAYMENT OF £732.00
- ↳ INVITE TO MEMBERS TO AUGUST MEETING
- ↳ VARIOUS THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS TO FUNDS RE FUNERAL OF FRANK BROWN TO K BROMWICH, LAURA SMITH, ATHERTON TACKLE SHOP, KARL EVANS

Matters arising: None

## Leigh Youth League

For this season the Leigh Youth League will only be running an U16's league consisting of eight teams and will begin on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## Bolton Boys & Girls Federation

For the upcoming season the BBGF will be running age groups in U12's, 14's, 16's and 18's. Furthermore there will be no change in the match fee and the fixtures will begin on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. In addition at U18's level the substitutions rule is five from five.

## Leigh RMI / Leigh Genesis

Discussion was raised about Leigh RMI changing to Leigh Genesis. D Tighe also stated that Leigh RMI was still in operation at junior level as they are the one who gained the chartered standard club status and not Leigh Genesis

## Referees Association of England / Lancashire Referees Association

Nothing to report

## Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop stated the membership numbers were at 49. In addition he stated that pre-season was a busy time with various things being purchased. TSB was £205.93p. The Halifax was £3303.14p. Account Two (Grant 2) was now at £823.64p this was due to a combination of donations and a death grant from the late Frank Brown as this is what he requested. In addition the treasurer also gave special praise to Karl Evans for donating his Football League Kits from the previous season and these were sold on EBay for £120. This money also went into Account Two.

## Society website

Mr Haworth said that the website was regularly being updated. New photos had been added and that he was willing to accept any new material that society members would like on the website.

## Training classes / Referee Observer

Mr Tighe said that he running a local course on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September but no venue had been found as yet. Mr Mort then congratulated Mr Tighe on becoming a Full-Time FA Licensed Instructor.

Mr Tighe went on to encourage the Referee Observers to become more proactive this season. Furthermore he stated that the video camera would be used on a regular basis to film our members in action.

## Atherton Charity Cup:

Paul Haworth said that this year competition only three of its game had one match official on with the rest of the games being covered by three officials. The final once again had five officials on the game with four being from our society.

Academy: Mr Bennett said that he would have to sit down and discuss with the Secretary and Treasurer about continuing the Academy and hoped to have something in place for the next meeting.

Presentation of the Stuart Hyde Trophy: Will take place at next meeting

Alterations to Laws of the game/ Respect the Ref: Mr Tighe started with the new jewellery directive from the FA. He gave each member a letter from Ian Blanchard explaining the new directive. Mr Tighe then encouraged all members to take this letter with them to game in case a player or manager has any complaints.

Mr Tighe then went on to discuss the Respect the Ref campaign and what it entailed. Furthermore he discussed what information clubs would be getting and that as a society we should keep a record of any clubs who are not abiding to the campaign.

## Points of play

None to discuss but Mr Mort encouraged members to bring any points of play they would like to discuss to the meetings.

Any other business

The next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> September would be held at Eastleigh Labour Club with Andy Newell as guest speaker.

Mr Tighe asked members that if they had any spare unwanted kit then could they donate it to the society for any new referees who join our society.

Finally Mr Drake displayed more of his artwork with paintings from Monet and Constable

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 03pm