

Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

Annual General Meeting held Thursday 31st May 2007

Mr Harrop in the chair with the following members present: F Mort, D Tighe, D Renshaw, G Knowles, P Haworth, R Birchall, R Drake, N D'Arcy, A Bennett, N Smith, M Smith, N Lea, G Halliwell, L Clarkson, D Sims, J Holmes P Molyneux, G Ogden and K Swindell

Guests: J Bennett

Apologies offered and accepted from: C Mountford, D Wilson, K Evans, F Brown, G Finch

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 26th May had been distributed to all members and copies available at the meeting. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by F Mort and seconded by D Renshaw

Matters arising: It was agreed that the Jack Boardman quiz would be resurrected the Secretary would contact both Warrington and Wigan societies.

Correspondence:

- Referees Association eve of final rally
- Lancashire FA AGM information
- Lancashire Football Association allocation of purchasable cup final tickets
- Referees Association nominations for Officers information on conference
- Referees Association society directory request
- Refereeing today (magazine)

Matters arising: None

President's Report: Mr Harrop gave a report on his overview of the society; he felt the society had moved on from a dark period in its history. There was now a really good spirit within the ranks of our members and this was coming through at meetings and social events. He thanked each of his fellow Officers for their sterling efforts to promote the society, the fun evening at the dog track in between Christmas and New Year had been a great night, particular thanks for this was due in non small part to Nigel D'Arcy who had organised the event. The society website was now proving its worth again supremely well overseen by Paul Haworth. To the society Chairman Mr Mort who kept meetings to an interesting level and stops the boredom of red tape incurring into meetings. Great to see Karl Evans who despite operating at the highest level still found time for the society, bringing quality high profile guests to speak at society meetings. Finally thanks to the Secretary who again gave so much of his time and effort without any great cost to the society.

Secretary's report: Mr Tighe said he could only echo the sentiments of the society President Mr Harrop. He felt that Leigh RMI FC was still the most appropriate place to meet and was proving the most central. To his fellow Officer he again thanked them for all their efforts on behalf of the society. He hoped to continue training and hopefully this would bring more referees into the society.

Treasurer's report: Mr Harrop gave a review of the society finances as of close of business on 30th April 2006. He continued to state that the society finances were in good state he highlighted various items noting their individual insertion in the accounts. Some concerns were raised regarding the rate of interest being currently accrued and would it be worth reviewing this item, however after lengthy discussion it was agreed to leave with the Treasurer to deal with the matter of interest at the building society.

Presentation of balance sheet: Mr Harrop presented the society balance sheet it was noted that we had various items of stock still available to members, shirts, polo shirts and whistles, yes whistles. The sheets and books had been passed to the society auditors. The balance sheet was accepted proposed by F Mort and seconded by R Birchall.

Auditors report: Both Mr Mountford and Mr Wilson were not present at the meeting however a written report had been submitted and they both concurred that the society accounts were in excellent order

A vote of thanks was offered to retiring Officers from R Birchall who expressed the membership's gratitude to each of the society's Officers. Their efforts sometimes went unnoticed but not at Leigh society which had become stronger for good leadership. N Lea who echoed comments from Mr Birchall seconded this

Election of Officers: Elected 'en bloc' proposed by N lea accepted by all present via spoken acceptance 18 for one abstention

President: David Harrop **Chairman:** Frank Mort

Vice Chairman Karl Evans **Secretary** Duncan Tighe

Treasurer David Harrop

Executive committee members: G Knowles, Paul Haworth, David Renshaw & Gary Halliwell

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Proposed alterations to rule season 2007 / 2008

As per Society rules I am obliged to inform the membership when I receive a proposed alteration to rule, its proposer and seconder in addition the reason behind the aforesaid alteration

I am in receipt of a proposed alteration to society rule 8, proposed by N D'Arcy and seconded by A Bennett:

The proposal is as follows

Society rule 8

Delete current rule

Insert new rule eight to read as follows

Rule 8

The Secretary shall call meetings of the Society on the third Thursday in each month during the season. An additional monthly meeting may be called if necessary. The date of The Annual General Meeting shall be determined on or before the January meeting.

The reason for the proposed alteration is based around the meeting night. It has been noted that various referee associated groups meet on the second Thursday (our current meeting night, such as the Lancashire FA academy and the FA Premier league elite group). Therefore it is believed that more members can attend meetings and guest speakers are hopefully more available.

On this basis we propose the above alteration to rule.

N D'Arcy & A Bennett

Presentation of awards

[Jim Warburton Merit Award Trophy](#) recipient Nigel D'Arcy

[Stuart Hide Most Conscientious Referee Trophy](#) recipient Alan Bennett

[Roy Birchall Meritorious Award](#) no recipient nominated

[Jack Boardman Trophy](#) (not proposed)

A new award was instituted being [the Karl Evans award](#) for a new referee in first three seasons shows ability, and progression at the junior level. This given to commemorate Karl's first season as a Football league referee

Announcements

Mr Haworth organised a public viewing of the website recently updated with photographs of the society in years gone by, donated by R Birchall. It was an interesting insight and it was agreed to ensure all names would added to the photographs over the summer so future members could be aware as who was who

[With no other business the meeting was closed at 8 50pm](#)