

# Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

## Annual General Meeting held Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Mr Harrop in the chair** with the following members present: K Berry, L Berry, R Birchall, S Boydell L Clarkson N D'Arcy K Evans A Geeves P Haworth N Lea, F Mort, T Nicolaides, A Ross, D Ross D Renshaw, D Sims M Smith (M46), D Tighe, D Wilson and, R Woodcock,

**Apologies** offered and accepted from: A Bennett, C Berry, R Drake, A Eastwood, G Halliwell, A Handley, A Jones, G Knowles, C Mountford, M Smith (BL2), I Stobbs, R Thorpe J Waterfall

**Guests:** C Booth (Mrs), C Boydell (Mrs), K Boydell, D Mullen, S Mullen (Mrs), T Mullen, G Prescott, R Prescott (Mrs) and A Woodcock

**Minutes** of the AGM held Thursday 21st May 2009 had been distributed to all members and copies available at the meeting.  
The minutes were proposed as a true record by M Smith and seconded by F Mort

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence received:

- Lancashire Referees Association regarding new referee recruitment
- Lancashire FA regulation and control of referees kit information
- Referees Association voting cards and minutes
- Referees Association receipts memberships
- Lancashire FA cup final ticket allocation
- Lancashire Referees Association meeting minutes and AGM notices
- Refereeing magazine

Correspondence despatched

1. Lancashire FA Respect the referee (mentors course)

**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 the previous season, where we could now boast a membership of 60. This was mainly due to the hard work of the society's senior members namely the Frank Mort and Duncan Tighe, not forgetting the other colleagues on the Society management committee who had moved mountains to make such great improvements to the society's well being. In particular it was great to see younger members joining the society and in addition attending society meeting. Again the RA draw had been a major success so had the Christmas function and the intrepid golf

day, In closing it was good to see so many members on the ladder of success no more so than Karl Evans who was on the football league referees list. But in particular it was great to see so many young new faces. Also the society had been awarded the Stott Cup by the Lancashire Referees Association this was in recognition of its forward movement, recruitment and retention and its attendance at meetings. The late Stuart Hide (Past President) would have been very proud the society had been awarded the prestigious trophy. On that point Mr Mort felt it was appropriate to dedicate the award to the memory of Stuart. It was noted we had last been award the cup 35 years ago.

### **Secretary's report**

It would also be appropriate at this juncture to mention my colleagues on the society management committee (that's what we do). The numbers now in the society was excellent already at 41, in years gone by begging letters had been despatched in October to force fees from members. It was great to see all the new and active members attending meetings. The society magazine had been taken over by James Waterfall who was still finding his feet but was beginning to produce some interesting text and a valuable addition to the society's armoury for information.

Looking round the room it was great to see so many members in the new society attire it was good modern and forward thinking, money well spent me thinks! It was still sad to see members facing backwards, we need to look forward it can be the only way; we are the current incumbents we need and have to nurture the new and up and coming that's our aim and mission statement. It was evident that we need more members to become assessors and mentors, the Lancashire FA would be approached to ascertain when the next courses are scheduled.

There are always going to be ups and downs and this season we have experienced both as a group and some of us as individuals. However as long as I am ensconced in the position of Secretary I will ensure the society will back, mentor, train and promote society members and always act in their best interests, may not always be pretty, but that's how I am, and we as a society should promote and act in members best interests, not just to meet on the third Thursday of every month from August through to May. In all his tenure had proved formative and it had been considered this would possibly be his last season as society secretary, however this had been reviewed and he noted that the Chairman Mr Mort was also in the same frame of mind, as to them both remaining in Office unless not elected.

Society members Alan Bennett and Nigel D'Arcy had both risen to their respective challenges. Alan had been invited to the young referee's conference in Daventry (only two are sent form each county). Nigel had been promoted at the third time of asking he had shown great resilience and had achieved his deserts.

In closing I hope you enjoy the break and can get away from it all on holiday I will be holidaying at least twice. It is a pleasure to be secretary of this forward thinking non-political society that produces quality match officials. I hope to carry on serving you the members for some time yet and we SHALL continue forward.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Mr Harrop gave a review of the society finances as of close of business on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010. He continued to state that the society finances were in good state he highlighted various items. The society had achieved sixty members, of which 41 were of adult age and 19 were junior (under 18). We had funded 7 adults and 5 juniors under the two year scheme at a cost of £152.50, quite an expense, but had proved valuable in both recruitment and retention of referees within the society.

### **TSB Main Account**

The society pays a Lancashire Referees Association fee of £1.25 per member irrespective of their age group; this includes a benevolent fund payment, (give a lump sum on death and a grant when hardship occurs). There had been some generous donations of £183.00. The trophies again had been supplied by the Secretary free of charge; in addition he had taken no gratuity from the society coffers. The income had exceeded expenditure by £258.22; the closing balance at the bank was noted at £341.77.

### **TSB Training Account**

Expenditure was for flags purchased at a cost of £100.00, an amount of £77.00 had been recouped from sales of the said items (in the main account). This gave a closing balance of £20.17.

### **Halifax Treasurers Account**

Receipts had come from The Atherton Charity Cup in the amount of £250.00, this covered the two seasons 2007 / 2008 and 2008 / 2009. In addition an amount of £192.00 had been returned from the sale of Referees association draw tickets (17 members partook in the sale of the aforesaid draw tickets). An amount of £300.00 had been paid for the purchase of society polo shirts on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010, since that date £240.00 had been recouped from the sale of the polo shirts. £283.92 had been paid in regard to the funeral costs of the late Frank Brown; we are in the process of trying for a reimbursement of the costs. Expenditure exceeded income by the amount of £138.63; the closing balance was £3441.07.

The balance sheet was proposed as accurate and be accepted by the membership by D Wilson and seconded by F Mort. This was carried with no dissentions.

### **Auditors report**

Mr Wilson spoke on behalf of Mr Mountford and himself stating that the society was being run extremely well, with the accounts being impeccable. It was noted that the current economic climate had affected the interest received from the Halifax; being only £3.29 yet for a similar financial state we received £88.48 in season 2007 / 2008. Society fees were up, only one part receipt was damaged or unrecognizable in the amount £44.29, with £21.51 being seen. It was considered wholly appropriate to assist Mrs Brown in the funeral costs, and it was good to see the Treasurer starting to become more computerised in his role as society fund manager.

### **Vote of thanks to retiring officers**

Mr D'Arcy offered a vote of thanks to the retiring officers who all had served the society so admirably over the past twelve months

### **Election of Officers**

Elected 'en bloc' proposed by D Tighe and seconded by D Wilson accepted by all present, there were no dissensions

**President:** David Harrop

**Chairman:** Frank Mort

**Vice Chairman** Karl Evans

**Secretary** Duncan Tighe

**Treasurer** David Harrop

**Executive committee members:**

Norman Lea, Paul Haworth, David Renshaw and Gary Halliwell

### **Presentation of Awards**

**Jim Warburton Merit Award recipient:** Nigel D'Arcy

**Stuart Hide Most Conscientious Referee Trophy:** Martin Smith (M46)

**Roy Birchall Meritorious Award:** Not Awarded

**Jack Boardman Trophy:** Warrington

**Karl Evans Trophy:** awarded jointly to Sam Boydell and Reece Woodcock

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9.01pm

The next Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011