

# Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society Executive Committee Meeting held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Mr Mort in the chair with the following Officers present:  
D Harrop, D Tighe, K Evans & P Haworth.

[Apologies for absence](#) G Halliwell, G Knowles & D Renshaw.

[Guest:](#) N D'Arcy

The Secretary apologised for his late arrival but he and Mr D'Arcy had been to visit the new sports complex

## Correspondence received:

- Eccles RA magazine
- Lancashire FA regulation and control of referees
- Tooled up invoice for mentors footwear
- Invoice PG Sports polo shirts
- Andy Burnham MP photo call invite
- Promoprint photo identity badges
- Greater Manchester Police community grant £500.00
- Lancashire Referees Association meeting minutes
- Community foundation grant meeting dates
- Cameras2U invoices for two DVD cameras, tripods and cases
- Football Association safeguarding children
- Atherton Charity Cup donation of £100.00

## Correspondence despatched:

- Greater Manchester Police grant request
- Lancashire FA training course information
- Leigh Journal advert for course
- Leigh Reporter advert for course
- Promoprint request for identity badges

## [Matters arising:](#)

Concern was expressed at the fact that the Eccles magazine was appearing on our website but no reciprocation was returned by the fellow society. The quality of the document was noted and praise offered to Alan Bennett for the work he was undertaking on the society's behalf. It was then agreed to only include the society newsletter on the front page of the website, with the Eccles magazine being relegated to a link only.

## Football Partners:

No report.

## Referees Association / Lancashire Referees Association

The delegate, Mr D'Arcy, reviewed the last meeting, which seemed to be somewhat disjointed with various issues being raised. The main issue was a vote of confidence in the Treasurer who had incorrectly submitted financial documents, which had not been agreed by the auditors. After a protracted and disappointing discussion a vote of no confidence in the Treasurer was proposed by this society and seconded by Blackpool and a second from Blackburn and Burnley saying no confidence but a censure and a vote from Lancaster and Morecambe for censure no further action with the latter being the end result. But Mr D'Arcy expressed their lack of thought of modernisation. Only becomes interesting when Alan Armstrong speaks, because he talks football and not waffle

## Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop gave a full review of the society's accounts now being complicated greatly by the allocation of the recent grants. Membership now stood at 47, which was excellent. TSB currently stood at £1283.00, which includes £290.72 from the original grant from Awards for All. There had been a problem via the Lloyds TSB who had lost the original application form; this had now been resolved, however due to the cheque needing to be cashed the £7000.00 had been placed in the Halifax. Since this he and the secretary had agreed to leave the grant in the Halifax and move a proportion at intervals when required. So far, of the secondary grant, we had spent £1870.47, namely on footwear and the two agreed video cameras. This left £5129.53. The Halifax now contained the £500.00 from the Greater Manchester Police grant which meant the society had £3014.17 as society's own gained funds, with the Atherton Charity cup donation being added at the first available opportunity. Thus the society Halifax accounts would be society own funds £3964.26 and funding held at £6978.97. - Complicated you are absolutely right!

## Guest Speakers:

Mr Evans said he had organised a fellow referee from the Football League to speak at the November meeting, however this clashed with the reinstated Jack Boardman quiz, this matter was left unresolved

## Training grant:

Obviously there was now £290.72 left of the original grant, which needed to be spent as soon as possible before the end of October.

## Community Foundation grant:

Further items of clothing had been organised for the mentors being, jackets, polo shirts, headwear, gloves and umbrellas, it was agreed to purchase Dictaphones as this would add to the tools of the mentors.

## Society Academy:

The Secretary and Mr D'Arcy had this evening visited the new sports complex at the sport village and had approached Leigh East to look at using their facilities. A successful and interesting meeting had taken place with the new complex being quite something to see. A positive outcome had been achieved and agreed to meet again with Keith Latham (Leigh East Chairman). It was agreed that we all need to go to the site. It was agreed that we convene our next Executive meeting at the venue on 6<sup>th</sup> November. It was noted that the time was moving on and we needed to move on the project.

## Training classes:

The next scheduled class would be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October again at Leigh RMI, dependant on numbers. Mr Tighe thanked colleagues who assisted at the last course seeing ten candidates go through.

## Recruitment and retention:

Noted that the numbers were currently high but needed to be kept high. That was the hard part. Agreed that the system in place was good but could be improved.

## Society website:

All running well but would like some more input agreed that once all items of clothing had been acquired a photo call would be called.

## Any other business:

It was agreed to co-opt Mr D'Arcy onto the society management committee until the end of the season, then create a role as academy officer with Mr D'Arcy ideally stepping into that role

Various functions were discussed regarding what events the society could attend over the Christmas period. Suggestions of the theatre, racing at Haydock park, members were asked to offer suggestions.

The Secretary noted that the society had come a long way in a short space of time and felt that some members were not too comfortable with the current forward movement. However he felt that we had needed this boost for a long time and the number of members showed this. Also the meeting venue was about to become a housing estate in the next few months and that also needed to be kept in vogue.

Mr Mort brought a programme from Leigh Athletic which an advertising space was available, this was reviewed but left over until the next meeting.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 10 10 pm  
Then re-opened to find Mr Harrops car keys.

The meeting was eventually closed at 10 35pm keys found