

Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

Executive Committee meeting held Monday 6th November 2006

Mr Mort in the Chair with the following Officers present:

D Harrop, D Tighe, D Renshaw, G Knowles and G Halliwell.

Apologies from K Evans

Correspondence

1. Lancashire Referees Association (LRA) monthly minutes
2. Lancashire Referees Association draft questionnaire
3. Awards for all copy of grant application
4. Awards for all grant certificate award of £4544

Matters Arising:

- A. Re item (4) a discussion took place regarding the award of £4544 and as to what the funding would be utilised for. Mr Tighe explained that the grant was for training and with this in mind items such as a portable projector, laptop computer, portable screen, electronic flags (referee's assistant), digital camera and a two way communication system were on the buying list. In addition we were also to upgrade some of our existing electronic items, Paul Haworth to be asked if any item needed an upgrade
- B. Re item (1) It was noted that our new Delegate had made announced himself well at the recent monthly meeting. It was hoped Nigel would continue and develop the role
- C. Re item (2) The LRA had sent the society a questionnaire hoping to discover how societies work, difficulties, recruitment and retention, fitness training, society fees and meeting nights. It was agreed that the Secretary complete the questionnaire on behalf of the society

Football Partners

Leigh RMI:

Noted that the new sports village was developing at a pace and would be complete by 2008. Mr Knowles indicated that the Cheshire Catering may not be bidding for the catering contract at the new stadium. It was felt there was still mileage in holding meetings at a sports venue. It was felt that a 'suck it and see' policy should be employed and see what becomes available once the site is fully operational

Lancashire Referees Association / Referees Association:

Discussed in matters arising however the Secretary pointed out that the collection of draw tickets would be easier this year, having a delegate in situ.

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop said very little had changed since the last meeting with membership still standing at 28. Finances also were still similar TSB £418.10 and the Halifax confirmed at £2217.00 In addition to this the awards for all payment was due on for payment on 8th November. Mr Harrop noted that a membership had not been passed to the Referees Association; Mr Tighe said he had waited until after the last meeting and hoped more would come but none had materialised, the membership would be registered tomorrow. In addition Mr Harrop noted that the Secretary had not yet cashed a cheque he had been paid by the society; Mr Tighe said he would cash it as soon as possible.

Training grant discussed in any other business

Training classes

Mr Tighe said he hoped to run a course at the beginning of December again hopefully at Leigh RMI, utilising part of the training grant. Concern was raised at the Lancashire FA taking candidates when courses being run and making our courses redundant. Mr Tighe said he had spoken to the Lancashire FA and an apology had been received and their Mr Wolstenholme said they would send candidates when we next had a course scheduled. In addition a course had started today at Fred Longworth High School with ten year ten pupils attending, and seem like a good group.

Society website:

Paul Haworth not present

Any other business

- 1 Mr Knowles said a charity match was to be played in late November between a local public house and prison officer select eleven. He asked if the society could supply a trio of its younger officials, stating it would be a friendly encounter. Mr Mort said he had officiated at games before of this type and felt that at least one of the officials should be an experience referee.
- 2 Visit to Belle Vue greyhound track (Christmas function) agreed to ask for numbers and look at costs.
- 3 Mr Mort felt that special thanks should be given to the guys who had taken the time to work on the society's behalf and achieve a grant of such an amount.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 36pm