

Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Thursday 14th September 2006

In the absence of the Chairman Mr Evans chaired the meeting, with the following members present:
R Birchall, D Harrop, P Haworth, N Smith, N D'Arcy, N Lea,
A Bennett, R Drake, G Finch, G Halliwell, D Renshaw and D Tighe

Apologies accepted from: F Mort, D Martin, M Smith, F Brown and D Wilson

Minutes of the meeting held 10th August 2006:

were circulated then proposed as a true record by P Haworth and seconded by R Drake.

Matters arising: Concern was raised that it mentioned in the minutes that previous training grant money had been spent on the society dinner dance. Mr Birchall stated for the record that this was untrue. It was noted that Referees Association draw return money had not yet been paid and would not be paid until October.

Correspondence

- 1 Craig Mountford donation
- 2 Eccles referee magazine
- 3 Referees Association information
- 4 Lancashire Referees Association electronic mail

Matters arising: none

Football Partners

- 1 Leigh Youth League: all going ok at present with just eleven teams competing this season, it was hoped to have full coverage for the season.
- 2 Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: Really a struggle as the Lancashire FA had brought all their competitions forward, and this was putting a strain on the amount of referees available.
- 3 Leigh RMI: no report
- 4 Referees Association / Lancashire Referees Association: concern was again expressed at the lack of payment from draw tickets. It was also felt that because we had no representation at the meeting we were not being kept well enough informed. Mr D'Arcy asked what went on at the Lancashire Referees Association meetings, he was then quickly volunteered to be the society's representative. The Secretary thanked Mr D'Arcy for his offer to represent the society and said he would accompany him to the first meeting on the last Monday in the month.

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop said the society's finances were in a good state being as follows TSB £429.78 and Halifax standing unchanged at £2006.69, membership stood at 28.

Questions to the Treasurer

The lack of the Referees Association magazine was noted by some members
Mr Harrop noted that the magazine had been taken over by the FA and would now be free to all members and published three times a year, with the first issue having recently being issued to members.

Training Classes:

Mr Tighe expressed concern at the lack of numbers and the constraints being imposed by the FA i.e. costs and minimum numbers. However he was undeterred and intended to run a course in November 2006.

Society Website:

Due to technical difficulties the site had not been updated but hopefully would be at full steam for the next meeting.

Child Protection / CRB:

Mr Tighe reminded all present that a child protection workshop certificate was required from Jan 2007 and the old CD-Rom would no longer be sufficient.

Presentation of The Roy Birchall award:

The recipient was Karl Evans who over many years had represented the society at many levels and was now the highest ranking referee in the society. The award was presented by Mr Birchall himself.

Any other business

- 1 Mr Tighe stated for the record that Mr Ogden had not rejoined the society and the he felt somewhat to blame for this. Mr Tighe gave his reasons as a difference of opinion over a failed holiday trip. Members felt that this was not something the Secretary should allow to concern himself with as all members had freedom of choice.
- 2 Mr Tighe said he had recently attended the national Generic Tutors course and had incurred some major costs. Lancashire FA did not cover any of the costs at all it was agreed that Mr Tighe be fully reimbursed of the outlay he had incurred
- 3 Mr Evans said the speaker at the next meeting would be Premier League Referee Mr Howard Webb

Points of play

As usual an healthy interesting discussion took place in addition to a 'set the scene' role play on the dressing room and the assessor

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 26pm