

# Minutes of Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

meeting held Thursday 19th April 2007

Mr Mort chaired the meeting with the following members present:

D Harrop, P Haworth, G Knowles, D Tighe, N Lea, L Clarkson,  
G Halliwell, M Smith, D Simms, G Molyneux, A Bennett, N D'Arcy,  
N Smith R Birchall, K Evans, D Wilson, and R Drake

**Apologies for absence:** K Swindell, F Brown, D Renshaw, and M Smith

**Guests:** E Wolstenholme, J Bennett, R Spragg, J Spragg, M Ramsden  
and J Entwistle

**Minutes of the previous meeting** held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were circulated via the website, and hard copies were available to members present at the meeting. The minutes were proposed as a true record by N Smith and seconded by P Haworth

**Matters arising:** None

## **Guest Speaker:**

Mr. Eddie Wolstenholme Lancashire FA referees Officer, addressed the society. He highlighted various topics mainly under the headings Cooperation, pre match instruction, timing, anxiety and communication.

Mr. Wolstenholme reviewed various aspects of the stated topics using the spoken word and video clips. Having informed, educated and entertained for approximately one hour he then answered question from members present.

**A vote of thanks** was then given by Nigel D'Arcy and seconded by Alan Bennett. Mr Mort then made a small presentation of a selection of wine as a gesture of thanks from the society.

## **Correspondence received**

- Eccles Referees Association monthly magazine
- Eccles Referees Association annual dinner invite
- Network fund request for information
- Referees Association Annual conference list of speakers
- Referees Association Annual conference booking form
- Lancashire Referees Association confirmation of membership numbers
- Ross Thorpe unavailability to attend meeting
- FC United of Manchester information on club
- Community Network fund quarterly magazine
- Electronic flag purchase invoice
- Promo print UK I D Badge information

## **Correspondence dispatched**

None

## Matters Arising

- Members informed that all registered referees needed to complete a CRB and the child protection prior to registering for the forthcoming season.
- ID badges to be discussed at the society EC meeting

## Football Partners

**Leigh RMI:** The new complex was developing at a pace and it was hoped to continue our association with the club. It was noted the current caterers might still be involved at the new complex. The application for the 10,000-seat stadium had been advertised

**Bolton Boys & Girls Federation:** Several of the society members would be involved in cup finals this season. There would be no game at the Reebok due to the relaying of the playing surface. Instead the club had offered their training ground at Euxton.

**Leigh Youth League:** All well at the moment It had been noticed how well the new influx of young officials and compliments had been passed by several managers. The League Cup Final would be held at Leigh RMI Hilton Park next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, the match referee would be Neil Smith. Mr Mort hoped Society members would support the event and our colleague

**Referees Association / Lancashire Referees Association:** Minutes would now be published on the society website. A meeting was held on the last Monday in March. N D'Arcy and the society secretary attended the meeting. Mr D'Arcy felt that some headway had been achieved and perhaps some modernization would occur, it even had been mooted that a website could be instigated. They hoped to attend again next year and again improvements hopefully would continue. Mr Birchall asked if the Stott cup was still in existence, Mr Tighe said it was, and perhaps we were in line to be awarded the trophy!!

**Atherton Charity Cup:** This item to be added to the meeting agenda, Paul Haworth who is the referee's appointment secretary for competition, stated that 19 games had been played and all had been covered, each with three officials. It was great to see so many society members involved. He had hoped that Gerald Butler (competition secretary) would be at tonight's meeting but he had as of yet not been observed in attendance. Paul thanked all concerned, advising one second round game left then into the quarter finals and so on. Paul stated he was an assistant short, for a game on Monday next, Martin Smith volunteered his services.

## Treasurer's report:

Membership now stood at 37 of which five were junior members, the finances were in a good state being as follows TSB £670.78 and the Halifax £2248.71. An amount of money from the awards for all grant had been spent he detailed that as follows Observer jackets £90.00, PC world £3300 and a set of electronic flags at £307.46. This left a usable amount from the grant as approximately £835.00. Mr Harrop said the books had now closed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and all payments and credits for the season 2006 / 2007 had been completed and the books would be passed to the auditors for their review. He pointed out that last year the society received £211.00 from the sale of Referees Association draw tickets, the only fund raising done by the society.

Questions to the Treasurer: None

## Training classes / Referee Observer:

Various members were assisting in the scheme each new junior member had been assisted and observed. All new members were to be allocated to a senior member from the forthcoming season it was hoped that the scheme would improve the potential of the young junior members. In addition the next scheduled referees course would take place on the last two Saturdays on March. Lewis Clarkson said the 'assessment sheet' had been valuable and was well received.

**Society Website:** All was going well but more items of interest were requested that could be inserted. History was high on the agenda and members were asked to provide any items of interest.

**Points of play:** As was usual an interesting and informative discussion took place, in addition various incidents were shown via the new technology and also added greatly to the ongoing discussion.

## Any other business

**CRB and child protection,** an evening would be organized for members to complete the child protection workshop, or indeed the CD Rom (only for existing referees). Funding was still available and the matter should be reviewed at the society EC meeting.

**Karl Evans** reviewed the recent appointment at the Johnstones paint cup final (previously Leyland Vans). Karl showed members items he had retained from the day i.e. shirts, program and the commemorative medal.

**Mr Wolstenholme** remained in the meeting until its closure.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 10.02pm.