

# Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

## Meeting held Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2007

Mr Evans in the chair with the following Officers and members present:

L Ardrey, A Bennett, R Birchall, L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, R Drake, D Harrop, D Hibbert, G Knowles, N Lea, G Molyneux, G Ogden, D Renshaw, D Sims, M Smith, N Smith, K Swindell, D Tighe, J Waterfall & D Wilson.

Guests: J Bennett, P Spragg & R Spragg

Apologies accepted from: J Bolton, F Brown, G Finch, G Halliwell, P Haworth, J Holmes, F Mort, M Smith & R Thorpe.

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007 were circulated to members and had been posted on the society website. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by Gary Knowles and seconded by Danny Sims.

Matters arising: A question was asked if the society could obtain a copy of the presentation given by the April meeting guest speaker, Mr Eddie Wolstenholme. The secretary stated he would speak to Eddie to see if could obtain a copy of the DVD used.

### Correspondence: (May, June, July & August)

1. REFEREE SUPPLIES.COM INFORMATION
2. A&H INTERNATIONAL NEW UMBRO KIT INFORMATION
3. REFEREES ASSOCIATION LOCAL ASSOCIATION FORMS
4. OFFICIAL SPORTS 2007/2008 CATALOGUE
5. LANCASHIRE FA INVOICE FOR 50 WHISTLES AND 20 SETS OF RED/YELLOW CARDS
6. REFEREES ASSOCIATION NEWS DIGEST
7. UMBRO TEAM WEAR BROCHURE
8. LANCASHIRE FA BASIC REFEREE COURSE COSTINGS
9. LANCASHIRE FA REFEREE COURSE INVOICE AND RECEIPT
10. LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION CONCERN ARISING FROM LETTER FROM AUDITORS, AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT RESIGNATION
11. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NOTICE OF AWARD OF £7000.00
12. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT
13. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION END OF GRANT INFORMATION SHEET
14. LANCASHIRE FA AGM INFORMATION AND PUBLICATION OF ACCOUNTS
15. ECCLES REFEREES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MAGAZINE
16. LANCASHIRE FA NEWSLETTER
17. PRINTWORKSHOP INVOICE AND RECEIPT FOR HANDBOOKS £80.00
18. FA MORT COMPENSATION FOR MENTOR SCHEME
19. P HAWORTH COMPENSATION MENTOR SCHEME
20. D RENSHAW COMPENSATION MENTOR SCHEME
21. N D'ARCY COMPENSATION MENTOR SCHEME
22. D TIGHE COMPENSATION MENTORScheme
23. PAYMENTS TO LANCASHIRE FA ONE JUNIOR MEMBER
24. S WOOD FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER INVITE TO MEETING TO DISCUSS IF THE GROUP COULD WORK WITH OURSELVES ON A LOCAL BASIS
25. BASIC REFEREES COURSE PRO FORMA LADYBRIDGE FC 25 CANDIDATES
26. MEMBERSHIP INVITE TO COMPLETE PAYMENT FEES JULY 2007
27. FA PANEL OF SPEAKERS INFORMATION BOOKLET
28. STEVEN PAGNAM FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER THANK YOU FOR ATTENDANCE AT THEIR RECENT MEETING
29. REFEREES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION
30. REFEREES ASSOCIATION GRAND DRAW LIST OF WINNERS
31. JAMES WATERFALL MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY
32. DANNY HIBBERT MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY
33. RORY SPRAG MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY
34. DAVE WILDE MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY
35. LANCASHIRE FA CHILD PROTECTION COURSE INVOICE TWO MEMBERS
36. REFEREES ASSOCIATION AMENDED CONSTITUTION
37. MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT REQUEST TEN MEMBERS
38. LANCASHIRE FA REGULATION AND CONTROL OF REFEREES
39. LANCASHIRE FA CHARITY SHEILD TICKET ALLOCATION FOR PURCHASE
40. REFEREES ASSOCIATION PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE MEDICAL DECLARATION
41. REFEREES ASSOCIATION NEWS DIGEST JUNE 2007
42. LANCASHIRE FA NOTICE OF PROMOTION DETAILS OF MATCH OFFICIALS
43. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2007

## Matters arising

Item 10 :Lancashire RA noted that the society EC felt that the question raised by the Lancashire RA committee could only be answered in one way. It had been agreed at the society EC that it would comply with a vote of no confidence in the LRA Treasurer.

## Football Partners

Leigh RMI noted that the ground was still operational and looks like would remain so until May 2007, obviously if there was a place at the new ground then it would be looked into and a decision would be taken at an appropriate moment.

Leigh Youth League: the league would commence on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007, two new rules had been added to the league handbook. Firstly it had been decided that if no referee was available then the game would not take place. In addition all playing areas were to be cordoned off by rope and stanchion.

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: The league would commence on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September the league was somewhat depleted and a review was taking place regarding the issue. Again as the above league a policy of no referee no game had been employed and again the roping off around the playing area.

Referees Association/ Lancashire Referees Association: No meeting

## Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop reviewed the society accounts stating that the society finances were in a really healthy state. The current balance in the TSB was £883.87 being made up of £554.59 society generated funds and £329.28 remaining from the grant acquired last season. However he recently been informed that the society had procured a secondary grant of £7000.00 (cheque received) and this would also improve the status of referees within the society, a new secondary TSB account had been opened in the name Leigh Referees Society Mentoring and Training account. The Halifax remained at a healthy level of £2248.7, an amount if £266.00 was due from the Referees Association being the 50% payment for the sale of draw tickets, this amount would be added to the Halifax account when received (expected September 2007). Membership was very healthy at 39 for this Mr Harrop thanked all members who had paid promptly, this had saved the Secretary a great deal of work.

## Junior referee academy:

Mr D'Arcy raise the possibility of an academy on a similar line to the Lancashire FA. The idea would be to hire a playing area Leigh East had been earmarked, junior members would meet there under the tuition of the more experienced society members. Each junior member would be supplied outdoor attire and the idea monitored for the future of the society.

## Training classes:

A new course would be run at the beginning of September this in conjunction with both local junior leagues who had to now comply with the idea of no referee no game. A venue would be notified once further numbers had been collated. Referee mentor / Coach scheme: Mr Tighe informed members that we were soon to purchase two video cameras and many society members would be filmed in action. It would then be envisaged that the play and points of play would come from this medium.

## Society website:

Mr Haworth was not present at the meeting.

## Any other business

A discussion took place regarding the first Football League game in which our society vice chairman had officiated in. In addition an interactive session took place on cautions and dismissals.

The secretary noted that new society merchandise was now available these being as follows polo shirts at a cost of £10.00, 'T' shirts at a cost of £8.00, both available in either blue or black. Rain and padded jackets at £12.00 and £22.00 respectfully, again in either colour. As a special discount the first polo or 'T' shirt would be £6.00.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 35pm