

Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 8th December 2005

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present:

D Tighe, R Birchall R Smith, C Anderton, R Livesey, D Harrop, G Halliwell, D Wilson, R Drake, N D'Arcy, N Lea, P Haworth, A Bennett, G Ogden, G Knowles, K Evans,

Guests: Mrs L Smith J Bennett and M Anderton

Apologies for absence: D Renshaw, F Brown, P Didlick, M Smith and C Henry

Minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 10th November 2005 were circulated and had been posted to the website. Once viewed the minutes were proposed as a true record by D Wilson and seconded by P Haworth.

Matters arising: note a misprint as to the amount in the Halifax remained unchanged not as printed in the minutes. It was agreed to add as matter arising in the minutes for the minutes of this meeting.

Correspondence

- Eccles magazine

Matter arising: none

Football Partners

- Leigh Amateur League: Representative not present but noted that several members were assisting Dave Renshaw in his capacity as Referees Appointments for the league.
- Leigh Youth League: In general league progressing and were looking to add small sided football for next season which would give a starting block for future novice referees
- Leigh RMI: Noted that work had finally begun on the new sports village.
- Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: League running well obviously more officials would be welcomed, noted that long serving committee member Myles Harrison had retired through ill health.
- Referees Association No meeting
- Lancashire Referees Association: No meeting but noted that the situation between the National body and Lancashire Referees Association was still ongoing.

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop gave his usual comprehensive review of the society's accounts informing members present that the TSB account now held £360.56, and the Halifax stood unchanged at £1980.16. Since the last meeting we had settled accounts with Cheshire Catering (Buffet costs) being £50.00. In addition membership looked to have levelled at 35. Some concerns had been raised at the lack of information regarding supply of the Referees Association magazine. Mr Harrop noted that information had been circulated in the monthly newsletter for September. A discussion then took place as to the virtue of a society lottery for members, After due consideration it was felt that the matter should be further discussed by the society EC.

[Question to the Treasurer:](#) None

Training Classes

Mr Tighe stated that a course was due to start in early January 2006 at a local High school namely Fred Longworth in Tyldesley. In addition a course would be advertised for late February 2006

Child Protection and CRB Course: a dual course would be held by the end of March to co-inside with the training classes.

Society website

Mr Haworth said the site was ticking over

Points of play

Not included

Guest Speakers for 2006

Mr Evans stated he had secured the cooperation of Martin Atkinson (select group referees FA Premier League) to speak at our March meeting

Any other business

The Christmas function was discussed Mr D'Arcy had posted invitations to all members and was hoped that all would attend. The idea being that members would meet, watch the game between Leigh RMI and Hucknall then stay after the game and enjoy a few drinks and a buffet

[With no other business the meeting was closed at 8 21pm](#)

THE QUIZ

An interesting and eventful competition took place; there were some dodgy questions from the Quiz Master, some blatant cheating, and some downright lack of knowledge of the laws of the game. However despite all Neil Smith ran out as winner with runners up in Gary Halliwell and Alan Bennett and a 'joint effort' between Graham Ogden and Gary Knowles cobbled them into the winners circle. A presentation was then made to Alan Bennett's Grand Father, Jim, who seems to have developed into a chauffeur service for Alan, but the service is needed and appreciated