

Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 13th December 2007

Let the record show that the meeting due to be convened on Thursday 15th November 2007, was put aside. The reason being that sixteen society members attended Warrington society to hear the head of refereeing in England (Mr Keith Hackett) address their monthly meeting.

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

A Bennett, L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, R Drake, P Haworth, M Smith, D Simms,
D Harrop, D Tighe, G Knowles, D Renshaw, N Smith, R Thorpe, D Tighe,

Guests: K Berry, C Berry, L Jolley, S Platt, R Hughes and L France

Apologies accepted from:

F Brown, M Smith, D Martin, D Massey, and J Bolton G Ogden G.Halliwell & J Waterfall

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 18th October 2007 were circulated to members and had been posted on the society website. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by Neil Smith and seconded by David Renshaw.

Matters arising: none

Correspondence: October, November and December (part) 2007

Received

- Awards for all end of award information
- Wigan MBC community chest information
- Leigh & Wigan CVS safeguarding children information pack
- PG Sports invoice mentor team outerwear
- PG Sports invoice various items
- The FA D Tighe confirmation as Futsal instructor
- Lancashire RA information regarding new executive committee
- Community Foundation end of grant information
- PC World notice of end of warranty on laptop, and projector
- Invoices from shirts of distinction for embroidery on items £450.00
- Referees association of England information on new executive committee
- Steve Stewart guest speaker February or March availability
- Promoprint UK mentor id badges
- Leigh Sports Village facility hire form
- Lancashire Referees Association membership numbers as of 30th September 2007
- Morecambe referees society monthly magazine
- Eccles Referees Association monthly magazine

Despatched

- Invite to course over November and December
- Steve Stewart invite as guest speaker
- Awards for all end of report confirmation

Football Partners

Leigh RMI: agreed to add Leigh East RLFC, this being as to where the society may move to in the near future, in addition it was hoped the academy would be located there also. One point of concern was the room available was somewhat noisy and may be inappropriate.

Leigh Youth League: The secretary asked all officials present that if they witness a breach of league rule please report it to the league management committee. In general the league was progressing well.

Bolton Boys & Girls League: It was noted that some teams were not abiding by the league rule of the cordoning off, of the playing area. Again it was asked to report the actions. It was noted that the league would operate a respect the ref policy for the months of January and February. In addition the captain of each team would be allowed to speak to the referee, with the emphasis on speak. In addition no games were to be played on Bolton Metro pitches until at least 6th January 2007

Referees Association: meeting missed by representatives however the society would be represented at the forthcoming meeting in January 2008.

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop gave a full review of the society's accounts now being even more complicated by the allocation of the recent grants. Membership now stood at 50, which was excellent. The TSB currently stood at £682.61, and that chequing account from grant 2 now held £1118.22. Since this he and the secretary had agreed to leave the grant in the Halifax and move a proportion at intervals when required. Of the secondary grant, we had spent £4417.52 so far, namely on footwear, and the two agreed video cameras, this left £2582.48. The Halifax now contained the £500.00 from the Greater Manchester police the society had £3114.71 of its own funds in the savings account. The combined amounts now held in the Halifax account currently stood at £5078.97 this being made up of society own funds of £3114.71 and funding held at £1964.26. Complicated still, you are absolutely right!

Questions to the Treasurer: None

Junior academy

As part of the ongoing training and mentoring programme Mr D'Arcy game oversaw an interactive demonstration on positioning of the referee on the field of play. In addition a video was shown regarding child protection. Bill Eaton from the Bolton & Bury District Junior League had contacted Nigel to help find games close to home for young refs. He explained match fees and procedures for games he was contactable on the following telephone number 01204 400056 and email : refereesappointmentsecretary@hotmail.co.uk

Training classes: Noted that the last session had seen ten candidates qualify it was a successful class with a great group of candidates. Another course was to take place again on Saturday and the following Saturday. Mr Tighe thanked fellow Officers who had assisted on the course.

Society website: Paul Haworth said all was going well and all current minutes were now on the site. More information was needed any photographs, points of interest etc

Points of play:

An interesting and varied discussion took place regarding various matters, players wearing caps, incidents of mass brawls, players not retreating the required distance and referee intimidation.

This was followed by group work, on attributes of a referee utilising the diamond nine teaching system.

A presentation of certificates was made to four players from Pennington FC who had recently taken, completed and passed the referees course.

Those candidates being S Platt, Lloyd Jolley, L France and R Hughes

The meeting closed at 9 06 when the buffet was served, prior to which the Chairman wished all present compliments of the season and a happy new year.