

Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

Meeting held at Gardeners Arms Atherton Thursday 19th January 2006

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present:

P Haworth, D Harrop, N Lea, G Finch, R Drake, G Halliwell, G Ogden, D Renshaw, N D'Arcy, N Smith, A Bennett, G Knowles, R Birchall and D Tighe.

Guests: P Byrne and J Bennett

Apologies: none

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to members present; the minutes were then proposed as a true record by D Harrop and seconded by P Haworth.

Matters arising: The following notes to be added to the minutes: N Smith in attendance, and the venue should be added to the title of the document containing the minutes.

Mr Mort noted that an apology was due to members regarding the meeting being one week late this had been due to a shortage of staff at Leigh RMI.

Correspondence

- Angel Online invoice for web details
- Club volunteer questionnaire
- Lancashire Referees Association bi-monthly meeting minutes
- Referees Association Board meeting minutes
- Referees Association first interim report
- Football Association learning briefing
- Referees Association clothing catalogue
- Lancashire FA quarterly newsletter

Matters arising: none

Football Partners

- Leigh Amateur League: shortage of referees Dave Renshaw would ask 12 members to volunteer over a four week period. There are only six teams in the league and referees are treated well and marks are good.
- Leigh Youth League: some concerns at the behaviour of adults running the teams.
- Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: delegate not present
- Leigh RMI no report
- Referees Association: minutes available
- Lancashire Referees Association; minutes available

Treasurer's report:

Mr Harrop informed the members present that the current balance in the TSB stood at £199.46 and the Halifax remained unchanged at £1980.16, in addition membership remained unchanged since the last meeting.

Questions to the Treasurer

Mr D'Arcy asked as to the whereabouts of the other members, and suggested a function at the end of the season to encourage greater participation.

Training classes:

Officer not present

Child protection and CRB:

G Knowles said he would organize a date at Leigh RMI and inform when, all members MUST COMPLETE THE TWO COURSES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Society website:

Renewal of license due and at the same cost as last year being £120.00 however a cheap and better deal had been sort at £75.00 for two years and with one sponsor this could be recouped.

Any other business

The Chairman thank Mr D'Arcy for his input at the Christmas function seventeen members attended and the members present all declared the evening a success.

Jim Bennett thanked the society for the donation for his 'chauffer services'

It was suggested that the society challenge the Rugby League referees society to a cricket match as an end of season function!!!!!!

A discussion then took place regarding the situation with the meeting venue it was agreed that this evening place had been useful. However it was agreed that when inviting guests Leigh RMI carried a lot more kudos (not aftershave). It was agreed to move the meeting back to Leigh RMI, again Mr Knowles would organise the finer details.

Mr Haworth had complied a selection of video clips entitled 'penalty ref or not'. The event proved very successful and raised some great discussion points.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 45pm