

# Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

March 2006 meeting held at Leigh Cricket Club Leigh

Mr Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present: D Harrop, D Tighe, D Renshaw, K Evans, A Bennett, N D'Arcy, P Haworth, G Ogden, G Halliwell, G Finch, N Lea, N Smith, R Smith, R Livesey and C Anderton

**Guests:** J Bennett, Mrs L Smith, M Anderton, M Atkinson and M Ramsden

**Apologies** for absence: R Drake, F Brown, R Birchall, D Wilson, P Byrne, P Didlick, C Henry and G Knowles.

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006 were circulated then proposed as a true record by P Haworth and seconded by N Smith.

**Matters arising:** Mr Lea wished to raise a couple of issues; however the Chairman felt it inappropriate at that time, mainly due to the presence of the guest speaker. Mr Lea was asked to reissue his questions at the next meeting

## Correspondence

- A. Referees Association meeting notes from meeting with Lancashire Referees Association
- B. Referees Association conference 2006 new venue Hilton hotel Warwick
- C. Lancashire Referees Association recommendations 50 year awards
- D. Lancashire Referees Association alteration to rule motion and notices with voting slips
- E. Bolton Leisure information on funding
- F. Lancashire Referees Association alteration to constitution and information on new affiliation fees
- G. Lancashire Referees Association monthly meeting minutes
- H. Referees Association proposed alteration to rules
- I. Sport health and inclusion questionnaire
- J. Referees Association of England board meeting minutes
- K. Exclusion of two referees Stephen Hogan and Hugh Rotherham Manchester County

**Matters arising:** none

## Football Partners

- Leigh Amateur League: for the league Mr Renshaw said in general all going ok with a cup semi final pending. However things weren't looking too good for the forthcoming season, as of yet no new teams had applied to join the league.
- Leigh Youth League: no report
- Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: no report
- Leigh RMI: concerns were raised regarding the meeting venue and comments were passed regarding continuity of a meeting venue. Agreed the Secretary should speak to Leigh RMI directly and ascertain where they stand on the society using the clubs facilities.

## **Football Partners (continued)**

- Lancashire Referees Association: Mr Mort felt it appropriate that the society should be represented at the next monthly meeting, then report back to the full executive committee. However concern was raised at the how the situation of the two bodies now working together.
- Referees Association of England: As was normal practice at this time of the season a vote was taken on continued membership of the society within the workings of the national body. The vote was taken a blanket agreement was reached with no dissenters. Therefore it was agreed that for the season 2006 / 2007 be would be full members of the Referees Association of England

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr Harrop detailed the society standing and accounts, with membership standing at an healthy 35 that side of things was in good shape. Financially we were also in good shape, with current account standing at £157.28 with recent payments out for the purchase of the website domain and name for two seasons. Interest had been added to the reserve account which now totalled £2006.69. [Questions to the Treasurer:](#) none

## **Training Classes:**

Mr Tighe stated that he completed three courses two at Fred Longworth High school and one at Westhoughton High School with 32 successful candidates, it was hoped that we could recruit some for the following season

## **Child Protection and CRB clearance:**

Mr Tighe organised appointments with three members to organise forms and the child protection course.

## **Society Website:**

Mr Haworth said we were between websites at the moment and with the recent purchase of the new name, [www.leighrefereessociety.co.uk](http://www.leighrefereessociety.co.uk) we hoped things could be returned to normal service within a couple of weeks.

## **Guest speaker:**

Premier League Referee Martin Atkinson spoke to the meeting detailing how he got from the local league to F.I.F.A. Mr Atkinson proved to be humble and was very encouraging to all members present. A vote of thanks was offered by fellow Yorkshire man Graham Ogden seconded and complimented by Robert Smith

## **Any other business:**

Mr D'Arcy detailed an idea for a 'get together' during the upcoming world cup, with a themed evening when England play Sweden.

[With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 45pm](#)