

Minutes of Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 8th March 2007

In the absence of the society chairman, Mr Evans chaired the meeting with the following members present:

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

Apologies for absence: R Birchall, F Brown, R Livesey, M Smith and F Mort

Minutes of the meeting held 8th February 2007 were circulated via the website, and hard copies were available to members present at the meeting. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by G Knowles and seconded by N Smith

Matters arising:

- ◆ Mr Lea asked if any further outcome had occurred regarding the Referees Association insurance (this being that no payment had been made to the estate of local referee the late Steve Allon). In reply the Secretary said he had contacted the Referees Association secretary and the matter had been reviewed and the policy improved.

Correspondence received:

- ☒ Eccles Referees Association monthly magazine
- ☒ Eccles Referees Association annual dinner invite
- ☒ Lancashire FA enquiry as to who held the post of society fitness co-coordinator
- ☒ James Beswick society registration
- ☒ Referees Association Centenary conference 2008 Wembley stadium
- ☒ Referees Association Board meeting minutes
- ☒ Referees Association secondary meeting minutes
- ☒ Referees Association alteration to rule notices
- ☒ Manchester County FA family fun weekend
- ☒ Tom Farrell enquiry as to next date of referees course
- ☒ Symantec invoice
- ☒ Lancashire FA child protection course invoice two members (N Smith and K Swindell)

Correspondence dispatched

- ☒ List of RA draw ticket allocation, with accompanying letter
- ☒ Lancashire Referees Association notice that membership should read 35 not 2 as detailed

Matters arising

- Karl Evans duly elected as society fitness co-coordinator.

Football Partners

Leigh RMI: The new complex was developing at a pace and it was hoped to continue our association with the club. It was noted the current caterers might still be involved at the new complex

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: Agreed to continue the sponsorship and help with the new referees scheme and would continue with their financial assistance. With this in mind a donation of £300.00 was presented by Mr Tighe to the society.

Leigh Youth League: All well at the moment as the Bolton League would sponsor the new referees by the financial assistance. It had been noticed how well the new influx of young officials and compliments had been passed by several managers.

Referees Association / Lancashire Referees Association: Minutes would now be published on the society website. Next meeting last Monday in March N D'Arcy and the society secretary to attend the meeting.

Atherton Charity Cup: This item to be added to the meeting agenda, an enquiry had been made of Paul Haworth to act as referee's appointment secretary for the upcoming competition.

Treasurer's report:

Membership now stood at 36 of which four were junior members, the finances were in a good state being as follows TSB £753.03 and the Halifax £2217.69. An amount of £1154.00 was still being held in the TSB from the awards for all grant. Mr Harrop said he would like it noted that a bill for payment had been presented for payment for £121.00 to smart ink. After a further discussion with the secretary it seemed we had been invoiced wrongly, this being that the secretary holds three accounts. However due to his concern he had paid the invoice and had since received a second invoice. Explaining that there had been a large problem occurred the secretary said he would visit the business and try to resolve the matter amicably.

Questions to the Treasurer: K Swindell to refund the amount of the cost of the recent child protection course.

Training classes / Referee Observer: Various members were assisting in the scheme, each new junior member had been assisted and observed. It was hoped that the scheme would improve the potential of the young junior members. In addition the next scheduled referees course would take place on the last two Saturdays on March.

Society Website: All was going well but more items of interest were requested that could be inserted.

Points of play: As was usual an interesting and informative discussion took place, in addition various incidents were shown via the new technology and also added greatly to the ongoing discussion.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 22pm.