

Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society Meeting

Held Thursday 10th November 2005

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

Guests: M Ramsden, Lynn Smith, M Anderton and Alf Finch
Apologies from G Knowles and G Finch

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr George Cain ex football league referee, now national list assessor. Mr Cain gave a very interesting and humorous review of his life in football. Having spoken for over an hour he then held a question and answer session with members present. The evening was concluded by a vote of thanks from G Ogden and seconded by K Evans with a small presentation being made to Mr Cain by the society President.

Minutes of meeting held 13th October 2005 had been posted to the website (with additional copies being available at the meeting). The minutes were then proposed as a true record by P Haworth and seconded by D Renshaw.

Matters arising: Mr Lea felt that the information was not complete on the minutes due to the item points of play not stating exactly what was discussed. In reply Mr Tighe felt that the statement made regarding this item was sufficient, the reason being that a resolution was rarely agreed. Mr Lea remained unhappy and it was agreed to leave this item over until the next meeting due to the lateness of the hour.

Correspondence

- Wigan MBC account for Fred Longworth High School proposed course
- FA Learning information sheet
- Lancashire FA level 7 to 6 information and agenda
- Lancashire FA level 6 to 5 information and agenda
- Application for account with Official Sports
- Lancashire FA notice of retirement of Bob Mills
- Lancashire Referees Association minutes of September meeting
- Referees Association of England society survey
- Lancashire FA confirmation of substitution rule for 16s and under
- Manchester County FA CRB disclosure information funding review and removal (funding only)

Matters arising: It was noted that two members had as of yet not completed the CRB form it was agreed that while funding was in place the two members should participate, despite their respective ages.

Football Partners

- Leigh Amateur League: Mr Renshaw said that the situation with the coverage of games had improved over the last few weeks. In addition the teams had also expressed their appreciation of the society's efforts in assisting, this despite of the recent appearance the society secretary at a recent fixture.
- Leigh Youth League: Concern had been raised at officials arriving for fixture late and sometimes after the prescribed kick off time. Mr Tighe and Mr Mort reminded members of their obligations towards teams and their safety and duty of care.
- Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: As the Leigh Youth League but also the request for more officials would be appreciated
- Leigh RMI: Noted that the new sports village had been started and we would monitor the situation as regard the meeting place.
- Referees Association of England: An outline meeting between the Lancashire Referees Association and senior members of the policy committee was to take place and we were awaiting the outcome.
- Lancashire Referees Association : As Referees Association but the situation needed to be monitored

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop stated the membership numbers remained unchanged at 35 with the bank balances as follows TSB £402.46 and the Halifax remained the same at £1908.16. The question of a Christmas function was discussed and hoped that the society would fund part of the costs. The idea of watching the fixture between Leigh RMI and Hucknalll Town on 30th December a Friday evening was agreed upon, several members said they would be attending the event.

Society website

Mr Haworth said that the latest caption competition was available and would go online as soon as possible. He noted he had received a newspaper cutting from the Secretary where the virtue of a society member was being extolled, however the quality of the photograph was not good an original had been requested.

Training classes

Mr Tighe said that the next course was planned for early January at Fred Longworth High School Tyldesley starting on Monday 9th January 2006

Child Protection Course and CRB: it was agreed that the two items needed concluding as quickly as possible. Any members without either certification needed to act quickly and it was agreed to close the issue as soon as possible.

Points of play

Various issues were discussed in the accustomed lively manner.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 55pm