

Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held 9th November 2006

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present:

D Harrop, K Evans, R Birchall, P Haworth, R. Drake,
G Knowles, N Lea, N Smith, D. Wilson and K Swindell

Apologies for absence: F Brown, D Tighe, G Halliwell, A Bennett, and N D'Arcy

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes were circulated to members present, then proposed a true record by N. Lea and seconded by G. Knowles

Matters arising: none

Correspondence:

1. LRA "Questionnaire for Societies"
2. LRA minutes 25/9/06.
3. Awards for all reference number and certificate etc.
4. Awards for all award & certificate
5. "Buzzer" flags purchase information

Additional correspondence was listed in the EC Minutes, not available at the meeting but available from the secretary.

Matters arising: none

Football Partners:

Reports were not available at the meeting but the chairman said all partners' reports were available at the EC meeting and reported in those minutes, available from the secretary. Paul Haworth said he would request the EC minutes from the secretary, and copy the reports into these minutes. (This has proved unsuccessful)

Leigh Youth League:

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation:

Leigh RMI:

Referees Association of England / Lancashire Referees association:

Treasurer's report:

Mr Harrop reviewed the society membership (being 28) and said the finances were in good shape being as follows; TSB £418.53 and Halifax at £2217.69.

No significant changes to amounts, but "Awards For All" grant of £4,544 will put deposit account funds temporarily over £5,000 and into a greater interest rate band.

Society website:

Mr Haworth said after recent technical difficulties, the site was now up and links for both "The Printers" and Smartink had been added. Due to problems with the ownership of the website access software, it was likely that the society would have to purchase its own copy in the next 6 months. Mr Haworth would look into this for source and cost.

Child Protection Workshop:

Members were reminded that they needed to complete the course before February next, and the Society would be arranging a Workshop to “mop-up” any remaining members.

N.Lea raised concerns regarding changing facilities at New House Farm with respect to referees changing facilities and their siting in the toilet/shower public area. The meeting agreed it was recommended to be raised as an issue with the BBF Committee via Duncan Tighe.

Training Classes

The Chairman noted that classes would be provided, and the first would be early in December at Leigh RMI. This will utilise some of the new grant monies.

Points of play:

As was customary, an interesting and INFORMATIVE discussion took place.

Topics included:

- The penalty kick, and encroachment into the penalty area.
- Possession of the ball and time in the hands of the goalkeeper
- Direct vs indirect freekicks for dangerous play with and without physical contact (and other offences).
- Colour clashes and an example where both teams turned-up in black kits!

Any Other Business:

Christmas visit to Belle Vue Dog Racing – Arrangements in the hands of N.D’Arcy

An example of a Society Magazine was produced, while those present all agreed it was excellent and should be on the website, no-one present knew who had produced it. Mr Haworth said he would ask for a copy for the website from Duncan Tighe along with the EC minutes etc.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 25pm