

# Minutes of the Leigh & District association football Referees' Society

Meeting held Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present: D Harrop, D Tighe, K Berry, N Lea C Berry, L Berry, P Barton, N D'Arcy, S Foster, T Nicolaides, L Clarkson, R Thorpe, P Haworth D Sims, R Drake, G Knowles J Waterfall

Guests:

Apologies from: K Foster, D Renshaw, D Wilson R Birchall, A Bennett, K Evans, I Stobbs, G Halliwell, M Smith, N Smith M Smith

Minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 had been posted to the website (with additional copies being available at the meeting). The minutes were then proposed as a true record by R Thorpe and seconded by L Clarkson

Matters arising: None

## **Correspondence for November 2008 Meeting**

### **Correspondence Received**

- 1) RA AGM MAGAZINE
- 2) COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPDATE REQUEST
- 3) CHARITY COMMISSION INFORMATION REQUEST
- 4) FA LEARNING TUTOR EVENT LAUNCH INFORMATION
- 5) FAMOA INCENTIVE SCHEME INFORMATION
- 6) BOLTON MBC SPORT INCLUSION VOLUNTEER DETAILS REQUEST
- 7) AWARDS FOR ALL FURTHER GRANT INFORMATION
- 8) OFFICIAL SPORTS CATALOGUE
- 9) A & H INTERNATIONAL CATALOGUE (REFEREES KIT)
- 10) REFEREES ASSOCIATION INVOICE FOR MEMBERSHIPS
- 11) GRASS ROOTS GRANT INFORMATION
- 12)

### **Correspondence Sent**

- DPD REFERENCE FOR DES MORRIS
- SIX INVITES TO PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Matters arising: None

**Leigh Youth League:** surprising amount of player dismissals had been recorded

**Bolton Boys & Girls Federation:** No update

### **Leigh RMI Leigh Sports Village**

Noted that the new sports village had been progressed and we would monitor the situation as regard the meeting place. In addition the society Treasurer and Secretary had attended a Sports Village trust meeting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008 where further information had be gleaned. It was disappointing that no Leigh Genesis games had been scheduled

## **Referees Association of England / Lancashire Referees Association**

Nothing further from the last meeting however the society had already paid its capitation fee for the forthcoming season being £1.25 per member with membership figures for the end of March 2008 being utilised this being 50 members. The next meeting was this Monday coming, which Mr Bennett would be attending

As Referees Association but the situation needed to be monitored

### **Treasurer's report**

Mr Harrop stated the membership numbers remained unchanged at 55. The bank balances were as follows TSB £187.55 and the Halifax remained the same at £3669.14 and the training account stood at the princely sum of £569.64

### **Society website**

Mr Haworth said that the latest caption competition was available and would go online as soon as possible. He advised members that the website had not changed very little due to access problems and an unexpected password change. This had now been reviewed and hoped the situation would be resolved in the next few days. Mr Berry noted that the email given on the site was incorrect; in reply Mr Haworth said the issue would be dealt with as soon as possible. Various other items were to be included. It was noted that great things had been done via the website and Mr Haworth should be congratulated for his sterling work.

### **Training classes**

Mr Tighe said that the recent course went well and we had achieved three new members from its number and hoped more would be added to society numbers. The next course was planned for January with the new LFA costings at £65.00 for 14 and 15 year olds and 16 and over £95.00. The increase in the latter due to all 16 year olds now taking a CRB.

Academy Mr D'Arcy said that there had been several members supporting with again and assist the programme. Mr Bennett said the idea was to run a technical and fitness programme. The event would take place prior to monthly meetings

**Points of Play:** None

### **Guest speaker:**

No guest, but the society secretary gave an interesting and informative talk on Assessors

### **Any other business**

The Christmas function will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2008 (Ten pin bowling) several members expressed an interest in attending the function

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 05pm where members were invited to partake in the complimentary buffet