

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

Held Thursday 13th October 2005

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

Apologies accepted from F Brown, R Livesey, G Halliwell, A Hill and K Parker

Guests Lynn Smith and Malcolm Anderton

Minutes of the meeting held 8th September 2005 had been posted on the society's website and copies were available for members at the meeting. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by N D'Arcy and seconded by P Haworth

Matters arising: none

Correspondence

- A. Referees Association of England information on Lancashire area committee
- B. Lancashire Referees Association corrected balance sheet from their AGM
- C. Lancashire FA information on insurance policy schedule
- D. Lancashire FA floodlit league fixture list (D Tighe to appoint officials)
- E. Craig Mountford donation and (Manchester United dart board humorous picture)
- F. The FA behaviour in game document (copies available for members present)
- G. Eccles RA magazine and 75th Anniversary notices
- H. Referees Association of England Board meeting minutes
- I. Referees Association of England supplies document
- J. Roy Birchall apology for non attendance at September meeting
- K. The FA official products for order of Laws of the Game
- L. Lancashire Referees Association RA Draw ticket sale numbers
- M. Referees Association RA prize draw 2005 refund of £240.00
- N. The FA child protection workshop information
- O. Lancashire Referees Association ballot paper
- P. Official sport supplies document
- Q. Eccles RA monthly magazine

Please note correspondence for both September and October meetings were combined

Matter Arising: none

Football Partners

- Leigh Amateur League, Dave Renshaw said that despite the limited number of games per week finding officials was proving very difficult. He asked if members could offer one date per month this would ease current problems. He also hoped that in the future younger members could officiate in the league, as a starting block and good grounding. In addition the league was looking at expanding team numbers for next season from the current six.
- Leigh RMI no Officer present
- Leigh Youth League the league had been reduced to an under 13 league only containing eleven teams. The league policy was to continue to utilise the younger referees and this would continue for as long as possible.
- Lancashire Referees Association meeting due regarding instigation of Lancashire area committee, hopefully Society Chairman and Secretary to attend.
- Referees Association minutes available in minutes of this meeting

- Bolton Boys & Girls Federation, similar to the Leigh Youth League in the main all going ok but would like more officials where and when possible. However the extremely sad death of Atherton LR player Danny Young had overshadowed everything for the last few weeks. Mr Tighe stated he like many others knew couldn't help but like this really nice young lad. He continued by recalling the funeral which was a very special and moving event a celebration of a young life.

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop said the membership had risen to 35 and the league finances were in a very healthy state being as follows TSB £429.86 and the Halifax £1980.16. Some items of outer wear were available, being, polo shirts and some referees kit. In addition some match pads were also available at a reasonable cost.

Questions to the Treasurer

Nigel D'Arcy noted that the previous year had an amount offered to members for a festive function; he asked if this would be available again. Mr Mort intervened noting that the last event had been poorly attended asked if it would be appropriate. After lengthy discussion it would be a venture worthy of further consideration. Mr D'Arcy volunteered to look at options for the festive period and said he would come back with ideas for the next meeting; The main possibility was taking in a football match and then on to a 'social event involving alcohol'. So we await the outcome.

Training Classes

Mr Tighe noted that due to the pronounced difficulties being the new charge numbers had not been available to constitute a course within the society's remit. However a course would be run in conjunction with Fred Longworth High School which would commence in early January 2006.

Society website

Paul said he was enjoying monitoring the site and hoped members could add further items of interest. He expressed a little concern at the amount of time when uploading items. Mr Tighe felt that as our printers had organised the site it would be worth speaking to them directly.

Points of play

As was usual a lengthy and passionate discussion took place

Any other business

Society polo shirts members were asked to remember shirts were available and were ideal for wearing when attending matches, and society meetings.

The Secretary also noted that he had recently been in the company of the previous Secretary and life member Gilbert Wilkinson. He noted that both Gilbert and his wife was well especially Elaine recently recovering successfully from major surgery.

It was noted that Chris Anderton and Neil Smith needed to be offered the CRB clearance document Mr Tighe said that forms would be available for the next meeting.

[With no other business the meeting was closed](#)