

Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held 12th October 2006

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present:

D Harrop, K Evans, D Tighe, G Halliwell, D Renshaw, P Haworth,
G Knowles, N Smith, N Lea and A Bennett

Guests:

J Bennett and K Swindell

Apologies for absence:

F Brown, R Birchall, N D'Arcy, M Smith and D Martin

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes were circulated to members present, then proposed a true record by A Bennett and seconded by P Haworth

Matters arising: none

Correspondence:

1. Roy Birchall apology for absence October meeting
2. Lancashire FA note that handbooks are available for collection
3. Eccles Referees Association monthly magazine
4. Awards for all reference number for grant application
5. Referees Association of England (RAE) grand draw information
6. RAE AGM minutes
7. RAE election of board members - The Society had a vote of 35 members (as per season end 2005 / 2006). After reviewing known candidates, it was agreed and declared that The Society votes would be totalled and all would be cast for Eddie McGrath.
8. RAE minutes of board meeting held 3rd September 2006
9. RAE information on grand draw 2007
10. RAE benevolent fund information
11. RAE history and rules of area branch or society

Matters arising: none

Football Partners:

Leigh Youth League: as a small league most things were going well just a minor struggle this weekend, one referee required. Neil Smith volunteered and said he would attend the game at Winsfield Rovers

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: Due to the large number of teams referees were always required. Concern was raised by N Lea that the substitution rule was unworkable. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the issue which remained unresolved but with the roll on roll off system being employed referees had to accustom themselves to the system. However all players need to be on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the game, and cannot be added once the game had started (as per the laws of the game). In addition both the Bolton and Leigh leagues operate a triplicate sheet system, where the referee gets a copy prior, or at least should do so!!!! Mr Harrop felt that perhaps Mr Lea also should write to the league and obtain a directive from them.

Leigh RMI: the new complex was progressing a pace and we keep the matter on the agenda as at sometime in the future the society would have to find a new meeting place.

Referees Association of England / Lancashire Referees association: Mr Tighe had accompanied Mr D'Arcy to his first meeting. The meeting had proved interesting and it was good to see Mr D'Arcy would continue to attend. From the meeting it was noted that the death grant had been increased to £750. Also they had raised concern that the association was stagnating (Secretary's phrase) and needed to review its practices. It was agreed to contact all societies via a questionnaire and investigate ways the association could improve. Some societies had already joined other county branches, eg Warrington and Eccles to Manchester. There was also some concern raised regarding the continuation of two other societies but that would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Mr Harrop reviewed the society membership (being 28) and said the finances were in good shape being as follows; TSB £415.28 and Halifax at £2217.69.
The alterations were as follows:

Income :

- £100.00 donation from Smartink being two years advert on website,
- The sale of eleven laws of the game to Leigh Youth League being £27.50,

Expenditure :

- Purchase of a printer.
- Reimbursement of D Tighe for course cost and expenses at the Generic Tutor course.

The Halifax balance had increased due to the payment from the RAE for £211.00 being 50% of the draw tickets sold 05/06.

Society website:

Mr Haworth said he had had some technical difficulties and had been unable to access the internet. However the secretary was trying to procure the software from "The Printers" to allow access to the system. He also said as soon as he was up and running he would add links for both "The Printers" and Smartink.

Child Protection Workshop:

Members were reminded that they needed to complete the course before February next; in addition the CD-Rom route was no longer recognised.

Points of play:

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

Topics included:

- The goal kick,
- Cautioning and dismissal procedure
- What happens once the game is over.

The guest speaker Mr Webb was discussed and his non-appearance, Mr Evans said that Mr Webb had been abroad on one of the European qualifiers and had not got back in time. Mr Evans said he would continue to look at different people to attend and hoped a guest could be found for the November meeting, request had already been sent to Mike Riley and Chris Foy (Premier League referees)

The Society Executive Committee meeting was moved to 8th November 2006

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 32pm