

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

held Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Mr Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present:

A Bennett, R Birchall, J Boulton, L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, R Drake, K Evans, G Halliwell, D Harrop, J Holmes, G Knowles, N Lea, G Ogden, D Renshaw, N Smith, K Swindell, R Thorpe, D Tighe, J Waterfall, C Whyte, M Whyte,

**Guests:** R Hunter & S Hunter

**Apologies** accepted from: F Brown, D Hibbert, M Smith & D Wilson

**Minutes of the meeting** held Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were circulated to members and had been posted on the society website. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by L Clarkson and seconded by David Harrop

**Matters arising:** none

## Correspondence

### Received:

- Eccles RA magazine
- Lancashire FA regulation and control of referees
- Tooled up invoice for mentors footwear
- Invoice PG Sports polo shirts
- Andy Burnham MP photo call invite
- Promoprint photo identity badges
- Greater Manchester Police community grant £500.00
- Lancashire Referees Association meeting minutes
- Community foundation grant meeting dates
- Cameras2U invoices for two DVD cameras, tripods and cases
- Football Association safeguarding children
- Atherton Charity Cup donation of £100.00
- Refereeing magazine
- PG Publication invoice (Mentors)
- North Walkden referee course payment
- Tooled up Limited invoice (mentors footwear)

### Despatched:

- Greater Manchester Police grant request
- Lancashire FA training course information
- Leigh Journal advert for course
- Leigh Reporter advert for course
- Promoprint request for identity badges

## Football Partners

**Leigh RMI:** agreed to add Leigh East RLFC, this being as to where the society may move to in the near future, in addition it was hoped the academy would be located there also. Also an impromptu meeting had taken place at the new sports ground with society representatives meeting Keith Latham from Leigh East

**Leigh Youth League:** The secretary asked all officials present that if they witness a breach of league rule please report it to the league management committee.

**Bolton Boys & Girls League:** It was noted that some teams were not abiding by the league rule of the cordoning off, of the playing area. Again it was asked to report the actions. A discussion then took place regarding the allocation of match officials and how certain leagues worked. It was noted that the local junior league's referee appointments officer lived abroad!

**Referees Association:** no meeting

## Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop gave a full review of the society's accounts now being even more complicated by the allocation of the recent grants.

- Membership now stood at 48, which was excellent.
- The TSB currently stood at £1283.06, which includes £290.72 from the original grant from Awards for All.
- The problems via the Lloyds TSB who had lost the original application form, this had now been resolved, and that chequing account now held £1125.28. Since this he and the secretary had agreed to leave the grant in the Halifax and move a proportion at intervals when required.
- Of the second grant, we had spent £1910.46 so far, namely on footwear, and the two agreed video cameras, this left £5089.54.
- The Halifax now contained the £500.00 from the Greater Manchester Police with the Atherton Charity cup £100 donation being added which meant the society had £3114.71 of its own funds in the savings account.
- The combined amounts now held in the Halifax account currently stood at £7078.97 this being made up of society own funds of £3114.71 and funding (remaining grants) held at £3964.26.

Complicated still, you are absolutely right!

In addition it was noted that there were four members still to be registered with the national association, this would be dealt with over the weekend.

**Questions to the Treasurer:** None

## Junior Academy (Notes by Nigel D'Arcy)

### Venue:

Duncan & I visited the Leigh Sports village on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Facilities (floodlit pitch, dressing rooms, meeting room etc. available at a reasonable cost (to be negotiated with Sports Village 'person in charge' sometime very soon).

Start date: TBC.

### Academy programme:

Invites will be sent out to all young referees, HOWEVER, the Academy will be open to everyone. A one-hour fitness training to begin with a Local Fitness Instructor to be 'employed' this would show a professional outlook

If we were to perhaps change the venue of the monthly meeting, the academy meeting to be 6-7pm, i.e., BEFORE general meeting?

Pros & cons? Should it be a separate night? Is asking young referees to be out from possibly 5.30pm – 10pm too much?

### Clothing

- Delayed due to postal strike
- Awaiting 'stuff' back from embroidery shop.
- Mentor boots already handed out
- Jackets etc. for mentor on display at the meeting
- Jackets & boots etc. on display for young referees

### Young referees

Currently in touch with Bolton & Bury District Junior League, Warrington Youth and Wigan Junior League. Nigel to help find games close to home for young refs.

**Training classes:** Noted that the last session had seen ten candidates qualify it was a successful class with a great group of candidates. Another course was to take place again on Saturday and the following Saturday. Mr Tighe thanked fellow Officers who had assisted on the course.

**Society website:** Paul Haworth said all was going well and all current minutes were now on the site. More information was needed any photographs, points of interest anything suitable. It was noted that the Eccles RA magazine would not be on the front page.

**Points of play:** an interesting and varied discussion took place regarding various matters, players wearing caps, incidents of mass brawls, players not retreating the required distance and referee intimidation. This was followed by group work, on attributes of a referee utilising the "diamond nine" teaching system.

A presentation of certificates was made to James Hunter (James not present accepted by his Father) and Richard Hunter, Richard becoming the 50<sup>th</sup> (**FIFTIETH**) member this season

The meeting was closed at 9 36 when the buffet was served