

Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

Meeting date 8th September 2005

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present: Neil Smith, Karl Evans, Nigel D'Arcy, Dave Renshaw, David Harrop, Gary Halliwell, Paul Haworth, Gary Finch and Gary Knowles

Apologies accepted from: Roy Birchall, Ronnie Drake, and Duncan Tighe

The Chairman welcomed all members.

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 12th August 2005 were circulated to members present; the minutes were then proposed as a true record by Gary Knowles and seconded by Karl Evans. - **Matters arising**: Apologies for absence were added from Paul Haworth.

Correspondence

None to report (Secretary not present due to holiday)

Matters arising - None

Delegate reports

- A. Referees Association - No attendance at meetings and thus no report.
- B. Lancashire Referees Association - No attendance at meetings and thus no report.
- C. Leigh Amateur League, Dave Renshaw (referee's appointments secretary) said that despite there being only six teams in the league, appointing referees was proving difficult. The league had agreed to introduce several new rules in order to encourage referees and generally improve the league.
- D. Leigh Youth League, only under 13s division this season, with 10 teams. A new website is operating. www.ydyl.org
- E. Bolton Boys & Girls Federation, the league is flourishing with enough teams in all age groups, some with 2 divisions. Fixtures and referees appointments available via the website at www.bbgf.org

Treasurer's report

Mr Harrop gave a review of the League's finances, being as follows, TSB £305.86 and the reserve account stood at £1980.16. Further amounts paid out were £137 and £88 for referees formal and polo shirts. Membership stands at 35.

3 formal shirts were available on the night, and copies of "The Laws of Association Football" were available at £2 each. **Questions to the Treasurer**: none

Secretary's report:

Due to his holiday, no Secretary's Report was available.

Training classes

An enquiry was received from the Leigh Amateur League for the details and the price of training per candidate. Mr Mort's opinion was that the classes would be over 2 weekends, and would cost £40, much of which would be refunded after officiating at a number of matches. These details would be confirmed by the next meeting.

Any other business:

Mr Mort reminded the referees present of the instructions provided by the LFA for their Cup Competitions this year. This led to an animated discussion, particularly regarding the checking of equipment. This information was well received.

Points of Play:

- 1 Use of arms during play, with reference to Mr Rooney during N.Ireland vs England.
- 2 Referees appointments – several instances of “double booking”, sometimes by the same league. Discussion relating to priority and choice by referees.
- 3 Action to be taken on “second hand” information relating to misconduct by players and officials. The discussion led to full agreement that no action could be taken unless misconduct was witnessed by a referee, assistant or 4th official.
- 4 Assistant’s signals and use of flags. A discussion and demonstration (by Gary Halliwell) was provided for the particular benefit of new members. This too was very well received.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 30 pm