

# Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007

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

A Bennett, L Clarkson, L Critchlow, N R Drake, K Evans, G Halliwell, D Harrop, P Haworth, J Holmes, G Knowles, D Melia, D Sims, M Smith, R Thorpe, D Tighe, J Waterfall, C White & M White

Guests: J Bennett,

**Apologies accepted from:**

R Birchall, J Bolton, F Brown, N D'Arcy, G Finch, D Hibbert, D Renshaw, M Smith (Bolton)

**Minutes of the meeting** held Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2007 were circulated to members and had been posted on the society website. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by Daniel Sims and seconded by Gary Knowles.

**Matters Arising:** None

**Correspondence** For September 2007 Meeting:

- 1) I.D. PHOTO CARD COMPANY
- 2) COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPDATE REQUEST
- 3) INVOICE KLH LIMITED KIT ITEMS
- 4) UK VILLAGES FUNDING INFORMATION
- 5) REFEREES ASSOCIATION GRAND DRAW COMPENATION AT £266.00
- 6) INVOICE STITCH RITE £76.00 EMBROIDERY POLO SHIRTS
- 7) REFEREES ASSOCIATION ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER
- 8) REFEREES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MIUTES
- 9) REFEREES ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION
- 10) GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE FUNDING DONATION OF £500.00
- 11) CAMERAS2U.COM INVOICE FOR DVD CAMERA BEING £510.37
- 12) FAMOA INCENTIVE SCHEME INFORMATION
- 13) BOLTON MBC SPORT INCLUSION SOCIETY DETAILS REQUEST
- 14) AWARDS FOR ALL END OF GRANT INFORMATION REQUEST
- 15) IVAN LEWIS MP INFORMATION ON FUNDING
- 16) LANCAHSIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
- 17) ECCLES RA MONTHLY MAGAZINE
- 18) REFEREES ASSOCIATION INVOICE FOR MEMBERSHIPS
- 19) FA LEARNING INVOICE FOR LAWS OF THE GAME
- 20) OFFICIAL SPORTS CATALOGUE

**Matters arising :**

Item 10) the notification of the grant payment had been received, however as of yet the actual cheque payment had not been received.

Item 12) all members were advised to become members of the FAMOA scheme

## Football Partners

**Leigh RMI :** no report

**Leigh Youth League :** Season started last Saturday no major problems so far. Noted that all playing areas had to be roped off. The Secretary asked that any field of play which was not cordoned off, be reported to the league directly.

**Bolton Boys & Girls Federation:** The league had commenced on September 9<sup>th</sup>, with no major problems as of yet. Again the majority of teams had purchased the posts and ropes , with this in mind once again referees were asked to confirm that pitch cordoning was being employed. League handbook were made available to members active on the league's referee list.

**Referees Association :** no meeting

### Treasurer's report:

Mr Harrop reviewed the society accounts stating that the society finances were in a really healthy state. The current balance in the TSB was £1078.97 being made up of £769.69 society generated funds and £309.28 remaining from the grant acquired last season. However he recently been informed that the society had procured a secondary grant of £7000.00 (cheque received) and this would also improve the status of referees within the society.

A new secondary TSB account had been opened in the name Leigh Referees Society Mentoring and Training account. However due to mal-administration at the Lloyds TSB, the first application and information pack had been mislaid by the bank. Since then, a secondary application had been made, and hopefully, this would produce the desired result.

The Halifax remained at a healthy level of £2514.71, an amount if £266.00 from the Referees Association being the 50% payment for the sale of draw tickets, this amount had been added to the Halifax account.

Due to the difficulties with the TSB the grant cheque had been placed in the deposit account until the new current account was active. Already a payment of £549.87 had been made for the purchase of a video camera and other instructional items. Membership was very healthy at 45, and for this Mr Harrop thanked all members who had paid promptly. Usually at this time of the year we only had ten or so members, and this had saved both Secretary and himself a great deal of work.

### Junior Referees Academy:

In the absence of Mr D'Arcy, the Secretary reviewed the hopeful happenings of the newly instigated academy.

It was hoped the academy would begin in early October, each junior member would be invited to attend. It was hoped the venture would self manage with review of matches, improve skill and enhance profiles. Each member of the academy would be equipped with various items ranging from kit to outerwear.

### Training classes:

Currently one class under way with approximately ten candidates attending, the course, which would be completed this weekend. The course had been run over two weekends and had proved very popular.

### Points of play :

A lively and interesting discussion took place with an interactive workshop also being showcased, the theme being verbal abuse of junior match officials.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 12pm whereupon the Chairman invited members present to partake in the refreshments provided.