

Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 15th April 2010

Mr. Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present: P Baulcombe R Birchall, K Evans, D Harrop, P Haworth, N Lea, A Jones, G Knowles, M Reynolds, D Renshaw, D Sims, M Smith D Tighe, J Waterfall and R Woodcock,

Apologies accepted from: P Barton, A Bennett, C Berry, K Berry, L Berry, S Boydell, L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, G Halliwell, A Handley, A Ross, D Ross, M Smith (BL2) and I Stobbs, D Wilson.

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 18th March 2010 and were circulated to members and had been posted on the society website. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by Martin Smith (M46) seconded by James Waterfall

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. LANCASHIRE FA DISCIPLINE LISTS
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3. LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION MINUTES AND INFORMATION
4. LANCASHIRE FA MAGAZINE
5. LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION YEARLY PAYMENTS
6. AGM NOTICES

NOTED THAT THE A& H BROCHURE CONTAINED AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR A KIT WHICH CAN BE UTILISED AT LOCAL LEVEL OF FOOTBALL FROM JULY 2010

Football Partners

Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: The league had stated its league cup competition it would take place mainly on Friday evenings. Also it was noted that playing time for the under 17 and 18 age group was eighty minutes not ninety minutes as may have been previously thought.

Referees Association/ Lancashire Referees Association:

Due to the unavailability of members or Officers no one was able to attend the meeting, as of yet no information on the meeting had been made available.

North West Youth Alliance:

Paul Haworth was present at the meeting; a report was given stating that all postponed games had now been rescheduled. The standard of football was here and an enjoyable league to officiate in. In addition discipline was good as the league operate a points system. He need an assistant for a fixture on Sunday Norman Lea offered his services. Note of cup final dates were detailed with venues being Salford City and Garswood United on 11th, 15th and 18th May 2010

Leigh Sports Village: 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 £581.00 being as stated The Halifax had remained in a healthy level of £3441.07; in addition an amount of £20.17 was still being held from grants and the F Brown memorial account. In addition the society had a supply of the laws of the game, flags, notebooks, red/yellow cards and some items of kit. Members are asked to donate unwanted kit for the benefit new and novice members. The secretary noted that new society merchandise was still available these being as follow polo shirts at a cost of £10.00, 'T' shirts at a

cost of £10.00, both available in blue. Rain and padded jackets at £12.00 and £22.00 respectfully. It was also noted that some members had not as of yet paid for their goods. In addition a flag set was available comprising flag staffs, two sets of flags, red and yellow card and pouch and a heavy canvas bag costing £10.00, for the complete set but were available separately as follows Flags complete (one set of flags) £5.50, Bag £3.50, spare flags £2.00 and red and yellow cards and pouch £1.50. Socks were available at £1.00 and once again the proverbial whistles were also available

Membership was already at 21, which at this stage of the season was excellent, and early payments had made this possible. On this point Mr. Harrop stated that the secretary wanted to pay en bloc all members Referees Association fees. Mr. Tighe explained that he had been misunderstood it was the Lancashire RA capita fees at 60 with an amount of £12.50f or fifty members enrolled in the benevolent fund. It was also noted that the amount of £137.50 would be required to fund second year members so far this season. Mr. Harrop stated that a total was difficult to give, because payments were coming in daily for polo shirts, RA draw tickets and subscriptions, a better figure would be available at the AGM

Junior academy: Alan Bennett was unavailable for the meeting.

Training classes: No new course were planned within the near future, we as a society were still planning a day in Leigh town centre where recruitment and information would take place.

Referee mentor / Coach Scheme: A full scheme would be organized for the forth coming weeks with several senior members being invited. It was noted better a referee as a mentor than a team representative.

Society website: Mr. Haworth said the site was up and running and hoped to continue working with James to update the site, obviously in conjunction with the society magazine. We are also now on facebook as a group, all members were encouraged to join, one quarter of members were already signed up. It was also noted that there were offers of advertisers on other sites, agreed to look for advertisers for the site. It was agreed that the current trophy supplier should be added to the site.

Points of Play: An animated and interesting discussion took place regarding first and second phase of play incidents and offside. Further it was noticed that some incidents had appeared in the press regarding player assaults and sadly a referee's assault on a youth player (Daily Star Thursday 15th April 2010)

Any other business

Season 2010 / 2011 society membership applications were distributed, and polo shirts were sold to members. On a more interesting note congratulations were offered to Alan Bennett on his appointment to The LFA Co Op cup final as assistant, and to Nigel D'Arcy who had been appoint as match referee at the LFA under 18 final

With no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9 21pm