

# Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

## Meeting held Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Mr. Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present:, A Bennett, R Birchall  
L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, R Drake, K Evans, A Geeves, P Haworth D Harrop, A Jones, G  
Knowles, N Lea, M Reynolds D Renshaw, , M Smith D Tighe, and D Wilson

Guests: S Boydell S Mullen, L Woodcock

Apologies accepted from:, P Barton, P Baulcombe, C Berry, K Berry, L Berry, G Halliwell, A  
Handley, T Nicolaides M Smith (BL2), A Ross, D Ross, D Sims I Stobbs, and, J Waterfall,

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were circulated to members and had been  
posted on the society website. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by D Wilson and  
seconded by K Evans

Matters arising: None

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. LANCASHIRE FA DISCIPLINE LISTS
2. MANCHESTER FA DISCIPLINE LIST
3. LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION MINUTES AND INFORMATION

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 published an abridged version of their handbook  
copies were available to members present. 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:

Mr. Mort and Mr. Tighe had attended the latest meeting which had finally taken place. It was noted that  
little had changed least of all the association itself. We had a verbal nomination for the Stott cup but he  
been unsuccessful, Accrington winning the vote, (a request for the season 2009 2010 membership fees  
for Accrington was then requested by the LRA Treasurer). Raffle tickets would be available at the next  
meeting. The chairman said only a couple of the LRA officers were really 'approachable'.

### North West Youth Alliance:

Paul Haworth was present at the meeting; a report was given stating that 50% of games had now been  
played. 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.

Leigh Sports Village: tickets for Blackburn v Sunderland available, further information on the recently  
announced 10 k run.

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 £335.66 being as stated The Halifax had  
remained in a healthy level of £3737.78; in addition an amount of £15.17 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 follows polo shirts at a cost of £10.00, 'T' shirts at a cost of £8.00, both  
available in either blue or black. Rain and padded jackets at £12.00 and £22.00 respectfully, again in  
either colour. As a special discount the first polo or 'T' shirt would be £6.00. 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 very healthy still at 58, which at this stage of the season was excellent, and early payments had made this possible. On this point Mr. Harrop detailed a proposed scheme for early payments of season 2010 /2011 payments. Any member who paid their society fee prior to the March 2010 meeting would receive a fox 40 whistle. Payments could be made in part i.e. say £5.00 at each meeting attended, this would assist the administration of the society greatly.

Junior academy: Alan Bennett was available for the meeting he encouraged all new referees to attend the training session, it was a good ice breaker... It was also agreed to set up an appeal tribunal as a development evening. Noted that Trevor Massey could be invited as guest speaker. Some junior members were expressing concern at the lack of games and communication in the Bolton & Bury Junior League. An alternative option of the Warrington league was offered, The secretary would inform contact at the league.

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: Thanks to all concerned for their continued efforts, it was noted that the Lancashire FA had convened a meeting next Thursday for Mentor coordinators at the LFA headquarters. Both the Chairman and the Secretary would attend the meeting.

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 face book 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.

The Nigel D'Arcy alternative Christmas quiz.won by the A team

**Christmas function 18 places booked for 29<sup>th</sup> December 2009 all meet at 730 for 8 00 start. PLEASE NOTE WE ARE UTILISING THE BOWLING ALLEY IN LEIGH NOT AT MIDDLEBROOK**

With no other business the Chairman wished all present a merry Christmas and a happy new year he meeting was then closed at 9 46m

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2010**