

Minutes of the Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 18th March 2010

Mr. Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present:, C Berry, L Berry, R Birchall, S Boydell, L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, R Drake, K Evans, A Geeves, G Halliwell, D Harrop, G Hindle, N Lea, A Jones, M Reynolds D Renshaw, M Smith D Tighe, J Waterfall, D Wilson, and R Woodcock, T Nicolaides, P Haworth, A Ross, D Ross,

Guests: L S Mason (FA Premier League Referee), M Ramsden (Chairman Chorley RA)

Apologies accepted from: P Barton, P Baulcombe, A Bennett, M Smith (BL2) and I Stobbs, D Sims G Knowles, A Handley K Berry, S.Eastwood, N.Smith

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 21st January 2010 and 18th February 2010 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 L Clarkson

Members attending the quiz:

A Bennett, S Boydell, L Clarkson, F Mort, D Harrop, A Jones,
N Lea, M Reynolds, D Sims, D Tighe, J Waterfall and L Woodcock.

We were runners up (see magazine for further information)

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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:

No Meeting next meeting last Monday in March. The vast majority of members had been circulated with draw tickets.

North West Youth Alliance: Paul Haworth was not 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. In addition there would be no charity cup this season due to the backlog of games. Also it was noted that all games were covered with three officials.

Atherton Charity Cup : may be played as a preseason friendly competition

Leigh Sports Village: tickets for Blackburn home games available, further information on the recently announced 10 k run. Meeting next Friday March 19th 2010

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 £347.77 being as stated The Halifax had remained in a healthy level of £3741.07; 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 follow polo shirts at a cost of £10.00, 'T' shirts at a cost of £8.00, both available in blue. 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 60, 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 2011 /2012 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 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: 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.

Guest speaker: Lee Mason Lee joined us for the evening giving a review of his career from the local Bolton Boys Federation right through to games in the champion's league in Barcelona. His presentation showed one of commitment and hard work, and was enjoyed by all present. A vote of thanks and a presentation was made by the society secretary.

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 45pm

There are two major functions in the near future firstly our annual general meeting and award ceremony will be on Thursday 20th May 2010. On this occasion a guest speaker will be present.

In addition don't forget the golf day Saturday 26th June 2010*
*** Deposit of £15.00 to the Treasurer or Secretary required by April meeting**