

Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 19th November 2009

Mr. Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present: P Baulcombe, C Berry, K Berry, L Berry, L Clarkson,, N D'Arcy, R Drake, K Evans, A Geeves, G Halliwell, A Handley, D Harrop, G Knowles, N Lea, D Renshaw, A Ross, D Ross, D Sims , D Tighe, J Waterfall, and D Wilson

Guests: D Handley. S Mullen, L Woodcock, S Boydell and N Burke

Apologies accepted from: A Bennett, P Barton, P Haworth, G Hindle N Parker, J Parker & O Parker, M Reynolds ,M Smith (BL2), M Smith, I Stobbs, and T Nicolaides,

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 17th October 2009 were circulated to members and had been posted on the society website. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by A Geeves and seconded by D Harrop

Matters arising: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. LANCASHIRE FA DISCIPLINE LISTS
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3. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ADAM JONES
4. OFFICIAL SPORTS CATELOGUE
5. LANCASHIRE FA COURSE FLIER
6. LANCASHIRE FA LEVEL NINE MENTORING LISTS
7. LANCASHIRE FA THE WAY FORWARD
8. REFEREES ASSOCIATION INVOICE AND RECEIPTS TO MEMBERSHIP AT 57
9. REFEREES ASSOCIATION VOTING PAPER EDDIE McGRATH ELECTED FOR NORTH WEST

NOTED THAT THE A& H BROCHURE CONTAINED AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR A KIT NOT TO BE UTILISED AT LOCAL LEVEL OF FOOTBALL

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:

There had been no meeting since the part failure at the association's AGM, the next official meeting had being due on Monday 28th September 2009, with a report to follow at this society meeting. However due to unforeseen circumstances and without apparent reason or notification the meeting had been cancelled at 4 00pm on the day of the meeting. Mr. Mort and Mr. Tighe would attend the next meeting when announced. The situation remained unchanged and no further communications had been received from any member of their management committee which was disappointing!!

North West Youth Alliance:

Paul Haworth was not present at the meeting, no report was available but members who were officiating on the league said the games were of a high quality.

Leigh Sports Village: Next meeting 4th December, tickets for Blackburn v Manchester City reserves may be available

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 £400.45 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 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 unavailable for the meeting therefore no report was given, however some members had met at the sports village and had held a training session prior to this 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. Waterfall said the site was up and running and hoped to continue working with Paul to update the site, obviously in conjunction with the society magazine.

Points of play

A discussion took place regarding the recent events at the professional level of the game and other vibrant issues.

Guest speaker

Tonight's speaker was Darren Handley National List assistant referee Darren gave a very interesting presentation on how he progressed through the ranks from his early days starting at 14 in the local area through to the football league and now a level two referee. His main presentation was entitled what would you do as the referee, utilizing video clips and inviting members to participate in discussion groups. On conclusion the President thanked Darren for attending our meeting and for the efforts he had made in making the evening interesting, concluding with a presentation to Darren

Any other business

The Christmas function was discussed it was agreed however, it was agreed the society would attend the local ten pin bowling venue on Tuesday 29th December 2009, with a cost of £10.00 per head. Members were given the option to sell a name card to self sponsor the event

Society Magazine: due to other commitments James Waterfall had taken over the running of the society magazine from Alan Bennett. James said he was open to suggestions as to content of the magazine and any input would be welcomed, copies of this month's magazine were available. It was also noted that appropriate photographs and pen profiles would be made available to James and for use on the website

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 17TH DECEMBER 2009

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 51pm