

Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 15th October 2009

Mr. Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present: P Baulcombe, C Berry, K Berry, L Berry, R Birchall, M Blackhall, L Clarkson,, G Dennis, A Eastwood, S Eastwood, K Evans, A Geeves, G Halliwell, A Handley, D Harrop, G Knowles, N Lea, T Nicolaides, D Renshaw, A Ross, D Ross, D Sims , M Smith, D Tighe, & J Waterfall,

Guests: Ms Natalie Walker, D Blackhall, Mrs. C Booth, K Swindell and Jonathan Hunter

Apologies accepted from: A Bennett, P Barton, N D'Arcy, R Drake, P Haworth, G Hindle N Parker, J Parker & O Parker, M Smith (BL2), I Stobbs, and D Wilson

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

Matters arising: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. REFEREE SUPPLIES.COM INFORMATION
2. LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION MEETING INFORMATION
3. ADDITIONAL MEMBER REGISTRATIONS
4. WIGAN MBC COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION
5. A&H INTERNATION KIT BROCHURE
6. LANCASHIRE FA HANDBOOK INFORMATION

Matters arising: none

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 the association's AGM, the next official meeting being due on Monday 28th September 2009, with a report to follow at this society meeting. However due to unforeseen circumstances and without apparent

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: 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 £525.06 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 57, 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: A new course had be run conjunction with Lancashire FA at the county ground on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th September 2009, with both potential candidates being directed here. However a society course would not be run until July/August 2010

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 had had clearance for all photographs (child Protection). Nothing major at the moment but any acceptable input to the site was welcome

Points of play

A discussion took place regarding the recent events at the professional level of the game and other vibrant issues. The main point of review was the issue of restarting play after a player being injured, where upon an unsporting issue of a goal resulting directly from that particular restart.

Guest speaker

Tonight's speaker was Ms Natalie Walker F.I.F.A assistant referee Natalie gave a very interesting presentation on how she progressed through the ranks from her early days starting at 14 in the Blackpool area through to F.I.F.A full competitions in the likes of Portugal and Chile

Any other business

The Christmas function was discussed it was agreed however, it was agreed the society would look at the options to go Wigan go-karting .

Society Magazine: due to other commitments James Waterfall had taken over the running of the society magazine from Alan Bennett. James stated that all members would be asked to complete a profile questionnaire. He had already had copies of other society magazines and hoped to introduce some new ideas as soon as possible

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 44pm