

Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees Society

Meeting held Thursday 20th August 2008

Mr Mort in the chair with the following Officers and members present:, C Berry, K Berry, R Birchall, L Clarkson, N D'Arcy, R Drake, A Eastwood, S Eastwood, K Evans, G Finch D Harrop, P Haworth, G Hindle, N Lea, M Reynolds, A Ross, D Ross, D Sims, N Smith, D Tighe, & D Wilson.

Guests: Mrs. Berry, Mr. Reynolds

Apologies accepted from: A Bennett, P Barton, L Berry G Halliwell N Parker, J parker & O Parker, D Renshaw M Smith (BL2), M Smith (M46) and J Waterfall,

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 16th April 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 Paul Haworth

Matters arising: None

CORRESPONDENCE: May (part), June, July and August (part)

1. REFEREE SUPPLIES.COM INFORMATION
2. ADDITIONAL MEMBER REGISTRATIONS
3. WIGAN MBC COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION
4. A&H INTERNATION KIT BROCHURE
5. LANCASHIRE FA AGM INFORMATION
6. REFEREES ASSOCIATION AGM INFORMATION
7. LANCASHIRE REFEREES ASSOCIATION AGM 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 was due to commence on Sunday 23rd August 2009; fees remained unchanged, with outlying clubs paying £25.00 rather than the normal £22.00. The league was not producing a handbook but the league rules would be published on the league website.

Referees Association/ Lancashire Referees Association: There had been no meeting since the part failure the association's AGM, the next official meeting would take place on Monday 28th September 2009, with a report to follow at this society's October meeting.

North West Youth Alliance: League to be added to society agenda

Leigh Sports Village Trust: Due to other commitments neither delegate could attend the meeting. Mr Tighe explained for new members and as a reminder to existing the purpose of the group, where all local groups from ornithology through to various participants sport, worked together for the common good.. The group work for the benefit of all and was hoped to assist with all issues including funding.

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 £391.76 there being no buffet at tonight's meeting, that amount would remain until the next meeting. Being as stated The Halifax remained at a healthy level of £3579.70, in addition an amount of £15.17 was being held from grants and the F Brown memorial account.

Membership was very healthy at 51, 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. It was noted that the society had not sold as many RA draw tickets as the previous season being £727.00 worth of tickets sold season 2007 / 2008 against £384.00 2008 / 2009. However on a positive note the society had sold the second prizewinning ticket being Martin Smith M46, winning £1000.00, congratulations to Martin.

In closing he thanked the society auditor for his work on the society's finances (Mr. Wilson was unable to attend the AGM)

Training classes: A new course had be run at the beginning of July under the auspices of Leigh RMI FC in addition course would be undertaken conjunction with Lancashire FA at the county ground on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th September 2009, with all 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, my Tighe also offered the introduction of a mentor/mentee assistance form. The form and idea was reviewed and felt would be great tool in the development of colleague.

Society website: Mr. Haworth said the site was up and running and was awaiting clearance for all photographs (child Protection). Also in his capacity as referee's appointments officer for the Atherton Charity Cup he presented a cheque for £250.00 in recognition of the society's assistance in running the competition.

Any other business

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

The secretary noted that new society merchandise was now 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

Guest speaker

Nigel D'Arcy gave a video presentation on Management using examples taken from the Instructors website. This was followed by group work, which resulted in some interesting discussion points

Any other business

The Christmas function had been ten-pin bowling at Horwich on Tuesday 30th December 2008, The Chairman asked members to proffer suggestions for this year.

The chairman closed the meeting by wishing members present a good season

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9 37pm