

# Minutes of The Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

Meeting Held Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Mr Mort in the chair with the following members present: D Tighe, R Livesey, D Wilson, D Harrop, K Parker, G Knowles, P Haworth, N Smith, D Renshaw, R Drake N D'Arcy, A Bennett, N Lea, K Evans and P Luksas.

**Apologies for absence:** G Finch, F Brown, G Ogden, G Halliwell and I Williams

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006 were circulated then proposed as a true record by N Lea and seconded by N Smith.

**Matters arising:** Mr Lea asked why the point regarding an issue with substitutions had not been added to the minutes of the last meeting. The Chairman noted that items discussed in points of play need not be itemised individually, in addition it was thought the matter had been concluded at the last discussion. Information was requested about the proposed cricket match against Leigh Rugby League referees Society. In addition were we still getting together as a group during the World Cup (Society function). Mr Mort said he was still in consultation with the rugby referees and would contact members if and when. The World cup issue was reviewed by Mr D'Arcy he said venues were being looked at but a lot of places were already planning similar ideas.

## Correspondence

- Referees Association information on proposed changes to constitution
- Eccles RA monthly magazine
- Manchester County FA information on match official suspension
- Referees Association annual draw information
- Lancashire FA newsletter
- Invite to members for Annual General Meeting

**Matters arising:** None

## Football Partners

- Leigh Amateur League: The league had now officially been closed and would disband at the end of the current season. Mr Renshaw stated a hundred and one years had disappeared and it was very sad. The League presentation would be on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at Atherton Sports Club.
- Leigh & District Youth League: Going ok with a continued number within the league one cup final at Atherton LR, the league would close on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006
- Bolton Boys & Girls Federation: The league was also due to be completed in early May and one fixture had been arranged at the Reebok and would be the under 15 cup final the other four would be double headers at Atherton LR. Concern was being raised at the number of teams for the forthcoming season, with the league only commencing at under 14.
- Leigh RMI: Awaiting developments at new sports village.
- Referees Association: Developments now moving at a pace and a link with Lancashire FA and the national body would be agreed at the respective AGM meetings

## Treasurer's report:

Mr Harrop detailed the society's finances as follows TSB £166.28 and the reserve account £2006.69, membership remained unchanged at 31. He asked which members wished to subscribe to the RA magazine and details were taken.

**Questions to the Treasurer:** A point was raised that the amount of interest being earned by the society's reserve account was poor compared to some rates being offered. It was agreed that the account shouldn't be put in an individual name as this was not good practice. After protracted and long discussion it was agreed to leave the account as it stands.

## Training classes:

Mr Tighe said the new course costs may prove negative but hoped to start a course in August and adverts would go in the local papers.

## Society website:

Mr Haworth said he had been updating the site gradually since the new site and name had been acquired. The laws of the game and a gallery had now been included and members were invited to add items of interest.

## Child Protection CRB:

Members were reminded that the courses were available and there was a need to complete the child protection course sooner rather than later.

## Points of play:

a lively and interesting discussion took place.

- Any other business: the Secretary reminded members present of the date of the Annual General Meeting. In addition invitations to the AGM were passed to members present, together with application forms for the forth coming season.
- Alan Bennett donated £10.00 to society funds, this being after he had spoken to a Christian Fellowship group about his involvement in football as a referee.
- Mr Evans stated that Premier League referee Howard Webb had been provisionally booked to speak at the society on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 10 02pm