

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GUILDFORD REFEREES' SOCIETY
held on MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2009 at GODALMING TOWN F.C.**

VICE CHAIRMAN STEVE FERRIS opened the meeting at 7.46pm with 27 members present. (Chairman Geoff Comley was on holiday). Steve specifically welcomed **DAVID CARY** a new member, and this was endorsed by those present. David passed the recent course and then gave a few words on his background.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Henderson, Hutchinson, Comley and Feast.

The minutes of the April meeting were printed in the Magazine. They were proposed Steve Smith and seconded Paul Piens that they be accepted as a true record.

Matters arising – The SPL now has a new Referees Secretary, Phil Lee. The question about where do disciplinary forms go for any misconduct at the Fulham and Chelsea Academies is as follows: Under 18 matches, forms to the Football Association please. Under 16 matches, please advise the Club Secretary of any action you have taken. It will be handled internally by the Club.

Hon Secretary's report – Brian advised that the Conference report in The August Magazine covered the key points that he (and Vic) would register. Next year's Conference will be a month earlier i.e. Friday/Saturday 4/5 June 2010.

- He reminded the meeting that the FAMOA evening at Sutton United F.C. will be from 7.30pm on Thursday 12 November. Since Brian commented, the speaker has now changed – Martin Atkinson is now not available so we will have **DAVID ELLERAY**. (Eds.note – you can't get vexed at that).
- The Disciplinary Road Show will be held at Godalming Town F.C on Thursday 26 November. (I've seen and heard about the agenda - get it in the diary please, it's a good one).
- **Brian asked ALL OFFICIALS to pay particular attention to the open and closed dates process, PLEASE.**
- The RA had 7,549 members as at beginning of August. This was compared with 12,309 at the end of the last full football season. The SCRA had 363 members compared to 503 at the end of the last football season, though one Society still had to declare any members.
- Referee recruitment leaflets would be distributed to Libraries in the County from October. Societies would also receive an allocation as we pursue new members.

Hon Treasurer's report – monies were as printed in the August Magazine. 28 County registered Referees but not Society members had been written to, but to

date only 3 have replied, and none of these three Referees want to join. At last the merger cheque had been sorted, thanks to the Treasurer's predecessor's help.

Magazine Editor – asked members to consider articles for the October magazine as September was already taking good shape.

Training Officer – Tony talked about the changes for next season which were minimal. **HOWEVER**, there was clarification on an offside issue which Tony explained, but anyone not present is asked to read and make sure you are content with your understanding. If not, then please contact Tony for advice.

Tony also advised that the LOAF is now the LOG – Laws of the Game. **Half time**

Delegates Report – from the meeting held on 1 June 2009, Brian Fish made the following comments:

- The RA have available a new compliant black and white kit
- The LOG can be acquired at £4 on the FA Learning website
- The Inter County 6s will be held on Sunday 10 January 2010 at Haywards Heath
- Howard Webb will be the guest speaker at West Middlesex's meeting at BP Sunbury on Monday 7 September 2009.
- The following Officers were voted in for 2009/10 season – Chairman Gerry Kehoe, Secretary Brian Fish and Committee Member Brian Smith.

Supplies Officer – Cyril queried the issue of Referee Catalogues which made available non compliant kits? He will follow up the availability of the LOG and advise accordingly.

Match Incidents/Problem Corner – Vic Rolland was concerned about Referees getting involved in unsanctioned matches and tournaments. He asked all Officials to look out for the next County Referees Newsletter due before the end of August and included a definitive article from Country Secretary Ray Ward on the subject.

AOB – Paul Piens asked about the recent 'Respect' courses and asked for an update on the issue of certificates for those that were still outstanding. At this point Steve Ferris issued the 'Respect' armbands to those who had attended the recent courses.

Secretary Brian Fish remarked that the list of speakers advised in the Magazine was still looking good, but we should be mindful that some of these people are very busy within the Refereeing structure and we might (stress might) have the odd change?

Michael Cary had the winning ticket (which his Dad pulled out of the hat!) but selected the wrong key in the Draw. **The meeting closed at 9.35pm.**