

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GUILDFORD REFEREES SOCIETY held on  
MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2008 at GODALMING TOWN F.C.**

**Chairman Geoffrey Comley** opened the meeting at 7.49pm with 18 members present. He welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly new member Jamie Rolland and our Guest Speaker, Steve Morgan, a Personal Trainer from the Fitness First Group.

Steve had asked if he could present first and he gave us an excellent talk on fitness relevant to Referees. He made the session extremely inter-active by responding to numerous questions from the floor. One of the key messages he left us with was the need for us to be motivated to keeping fit and one of the best ways to assist this was to work in small groups and making it fun.

A summary of the key points from Steve's presentation is included after these minutes. He also very kindly left us with some complimentary rucksacks from the Fitness First Group. Mike Stobbart proposed a vote of thanks which was fully endorsed by those present.

#### **HALF TIME**

There were seven **apologies for absence** – John Thornton, Steve Smith, Tony Ireland, David Hutchinson, Bill Matthews, Barnabus Leavers and Steve Nanson. The minutes of the October meeting were printed in the Magazine. It was proposed Steve Ferris and seconded Vic Rolland that they be accepted as a true record. There were **no matters arising**.

**Hon. Secretary's report** – There were now 55 candidates to take the January 2009 course. There were now 1171 Referees registered with County of which 971 were active.

Given that we were approaching the time when adverse weather conditions could affect our games, Brian reminded everyone particularly on County Cup appointments to be extra diligent if games are postponed until the following week. Please advise Rod Wood immediately if you can't keep the revised appointment and also make sure your League's Referees' Secretary is informed.

The County 5-a-side tournament in January had now moved to 4<sup>th</sup> from 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Hon. Treasurer's report** – numbers were as per Magazine. It is likely that we will need to transfer £200 from one of the pass books to the current account to assist short term with running costs.

**Magazine Editor** – articles were requested for inclusion in the January Magazine. He also made reference to an item in the forthcoming (December) County Newsletter reminding Referees about the accuracy of completion of Disciplinary Report Forms. This prompted a lively debate.

**Training Report** – In Tony’s absence, Ray Cotton advised that there were currently 16 candidates on a course that he was involved with at Sutton College.

**Supplies Officer** – Cyril had a complete collection of supplies with him for those needing anything.

**Match Incidents/Problem Corner –**

- Both Ray Cotton and John Taafe had seen instances where Law was being advised incorrectly at Coaching Academies. The incorrect taking of throw-ins was cited as an example.
- Bob Dick was an Assistant on a game where a player had taken a throw – in quickly from about 16 feet away from the touch line. The Referee asked him to take it again from nearer the line. Consensus around the room was that it should have been retaken, but by the other side because it was a foul throw and we should quote the wording of Law 15 to anyone challenging this.
- Roger Farmer made reference to a player who when taking a corner kick, rolled the ball slightly with his studs before passing it to a colleague. Members agreed with the action taken that the ball had been played twice so an indirect free kick should be awarded to the other team.
- Brian Slyfield asked for our views on a practice he had seen in Youth games. A player was jumping in front of the goalkeeper as he was trying to release it from his hands. The player was happy to concede a free kick as it was likely that the free kick would not travel as far as the kick from the hands. View around the room was unanimous that a caution for unsporting behaviour should be issued.

**A.O.B.** - the next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

John Taafe had the winning ticket but selected the wrong key in the Draw. **The meeting closed at 10.04pm.**

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