

**MINUTES of the MEETING of GUILDFORD REFEREES SOCIETY held on
MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2009 at GODALMING TOWN F.C.**

Chairman Geoffrey Comley opened the meeting at 7.55pm with 20 members present. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year.

There were five **apologies for absence** – John Thornton, Steve Smith, David Hutchinson, Clive Tidey and Richard Garland.

The minutes of the December meeting were printed in the Magazine. It was proposed Steve Ferris and seconded Bill Matthews that they be accepted as a true record. The only **matter arising** was that Brian said he had overlooked a thank you to Ros and Geoff Comley for organising the December buffet.

Hon. Secretary's report – apologised for our lack of Guest Speakers this season, he had simply not had much luck. At the moment though, March and April speakers were committed.

Brian advised that Mick O'Donnell of Farnham Society had died recently aged 55.

Rod Wood, Phil Sherlock and Denis Hayes all now have new email addresses.

Numbers committed to the 'Disciplinary' session at Woking on 2 February were very poor, only 28 takers at the moment across County. Can we please revisit our diaries and see if we can attend.

The Eve of Final Rally would be held on Friday 29 May at The Hotel Russell and full details will appear in the February Magazine.

There is an option for one of the Respect meeting seminars held recently at County to be repeated locally in Guildford for those who missed it. Brian will follow this up.

Hon. Treasurer's report –

Interest on our two savings books had been paid for 2008 at £78. £300 had been transferred from the passbooks to the cheque account (short term hopefully). The two passbooks had now been merged into one called 'Treasurers' Trust Account.'

Magazine Editor – appealed for articles for the March copy.

Training Report – A course was now running at Woking with the exam on 9 February. The next exam will be held on 3 March and both the courses that these relate to are fully subscribed. Ray Cotton is doing courses at Howard of Effingham and Epsom schools.

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

Inter County 5s Tournament – Team Manager Bill Matthews said that a very good afternoon with some very good football was witnessed on 4 January in the Tournament won by Brighton but with Guildford as runners-up. The trophy was on display at the meeting. Look out for a full, Roger ‘The Cat’ Hall, report in the February Magazine.

HALF TIME

The second half was devoted to seeing two videos, one about the role of the Referee and the other a summary of the very successful Centenary Conference held in July 2008.

Colin Henderson had the winning ticket but selected the wrong key in the Draw. **The meeting closed at 10.00pm.**
