

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

CHAIRMAN GEOFF COMLEY opened the meeting at 7.53pm with 24 members present. Geoff welcomed our Guest Speaker for the evening, Gary Willard, who had travelled from Sussex. He also welcomed two new members, Will Midmore and Gary Hodgkinson, who both addressed the meeting briefly. Additionally he welcomed Roy Butler and Dave Cooper from Woking Society.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Ireland, Hobbs, Smith, M.Cary, J.Slyfield, J.Rolland and V.Rolland.

The minutes of the September meeting were printed in the Magazine. They were proposed Martin Feast and seconded Brian Slyfield that they be accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Hon. Secretary's report – Brian asked members to check Adult County Cup Acceptance Postcards to make sure they had the correct address on them to go to Mike Jermey.

He asked us to be patient if we've ordered Supplies from Coventry HQ as there is a bit of a backlog which is being cleared.

He asked everyone to think carefully about placing comments about fellow Referees on the Social Network Sites which are available. Think carefully or better still, don't get involved.

At the end of September there were 9,114 Referees registered with the RA.

Brian advised the following diary dates – **12 November** FAMOA evening at Sutton United F.C. with David Elleray as Guest Speaker. **26 November** Disciplinary Roadshow here at GTFC. **10 January 2010** Inter County 5s at Haywards Heath. **1 April 2010** RAE reverts to RA. **14 May 2010** Eve of Final Rally with George Courtney as Guest Speaker.

Brian then asked Gary Willard to present Respect Course attendance certificates to Martin Tribe and Paul Piens. (Geoff confirmed that he had caught up with Roger Farmer and passed on the salver).

Hon. Treasurer's report – monies and numbers as printed in the Magazine.

Magazine Editor – asked members to consider articles for the December Magazine.

Supplies Officer – Cyril advised that he had his usual comprehensive list of Supplies available on the night.

Training Report – In Tony's absence Brian advised that SCFA had trained 180 new Referees so far this season. There was a bias towards Youth here and those actively

Refereeing had been allocated a Mentor. There are currently 60 Assessors and 83 Mentors across County. Three new recruits will attend the Instructors Course. Ray Cotton then advised that on the latest course he was involved with there were 23 candidates of which only one was involved with Adult football, the others all doing Youth.

Delegates Report – was printed in the Magazine. No questions were raised but Geoff did re-emphasise the need for us to be extra vigilant with all safety checks.

MATCH INCIDENTS - Steve Ferris advised that in one of his recent games he had been well placed to award a penalty. However, total reaction (body and verbal) from both sides and the Club Linesman suggested that the defender had clearly and fairly played the ball first. As play had not restarted, Steve reversed his decision. The meeting felt that it would be very difficult to prescribe what to do in all instances such as this, but in the context of this 90 minute period Steve made the correct decision.

Bob Dick then told us, indeed showed us, an incident where the goalkeeper had come out along the ground to secure the ball. He had one hand very firmly on the top of the ball pushing into the ground. A forward kicked it out of his hand and put the ball into the net. The goal was disallowed as it was deemed the goalkeeper was in full control of the ball. The key here being that his hand was on the ball against the firm surface, therefore total control was achieved.

AOB – Woking Chairman Roy Butler invited us to an 11-a-side Football Tournament they were holding on 23 May 2010 at Westfield F.C. where they were acting as hosts to a team of Belgian Referees. **HALF TIME**

The second half was handed over to Guest Speaker Gary Willard. Gary made it clear that despite his high profile CV that had appeared in the Magazine, he wanted to talk solely about Junior and Intermediate football refereeing and he wanted us to set the agenda. He did this by asking us to consider our last assessments and within them what we might want to expand upon. Three items were agreed and Gary then talked and responded to questions on the three areas. His views and advice on each were very comprehensive, and for the purpose of these minutes we've tried to identify a key one liner about each.

- 1. POSITIONING in OPEN PLAY.**
Proximity adds to credibility. Sacrifice a bit of distance for a bit of angle.
- 2. ADVANTAGE**
Don't confuse simple possession with Advantage.
- 3. RECOGNITION of PERSISTENT MISCONDUCT**
Identify the offender as soon as possible and act to keep control.

Mike Stobbart proposed a vote of thanks to Gary which was fully endorsed by the members present.

Martin Tribe had the winning ticket in the draw but selected the wrong key. **The meeting closed at 10.00pm.**
