

MINUTES of the MEETING of GUILDFORD REFEREES' SOCIETY held on MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2007 at GODALMING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Chairman Geoffrey Comley opened the meeting at 8.00pm with 24 members present. He especially welcomed our Guest Speaker for the evening, Martin Bodenham, former Head of Refereeing in Sussex and currently a FIFA/UEFA Delegate.

He then made reference to four County Refereeing colleagues who had died in recent weeks. John Kensit, Wally Gilchrist, Harold Munday and our own Life Member, Bob Spicer. He asked members to stand for a few moments with respect for our colleagues.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Hourigan, Ireland, D. Stobbart, Thornton, Ian Morgan, Argile, Rolland, Freeman and Matthews.

The minutes of the previous meeting were recorded in the Magazine. It was proposed Kevin Josey and seconded Steve Ferris that they be accepted as a true record. **There were no matters arising.**

Hon. Secretary's report -

- We had now received our 50% of the RA Draw income ie £120
- The County 5s tournament will be held at Haywards Heath on Sunday 6 January 2008
- The Committee meeting on 22 November has now been moved to 29 November
- Brian Pearce had been in touch to send best wishes to everyone as the season progresses
- The FAMOA meeting will be held at Woking on Thursday 15 November
- Hampton Old Boys had played the First XI in a game in memory of Walter Bailey

Hon. Treasurer's report - numbers as printed in the Magazine. We had still not received any benefit from the recent Portman/Nationwide merge and this is in the process of being followed up by Brian as The Treasurer is not a named person on the books!

Magazine Editor - usual appeal for articles.

Training Officer - despite the two Surrey University sites listing 19 in Guildford and 41 in Kingston at the recent 'Freshers Fair' initiatives, we still had no candidates to take a course.

Hon Supplies Officer - the new Society tie was available from Cyril

Match Incidents -

- David Sands asked how long we should delay a kick off if necessary in a County Cup game. Recently he had waited 45 minutes to accommodate a match. Members suggested that it was 35 minutes according to the County Handbook.
- David also asked about information on the outcome of any Hearing a Referee might attend. Secretary Brian responded by suggesting a call to the County Disciplinary Team a few days afterwards and they will update you.

AOB

- Martin Feast had received a response from County following personal belongings he had stolen from a dressing room last month. He wasn't sure whether or not the reply was helpful as a warning to others? Brian agreed to take this up at the Delegates meeting on 26 November.
- Ray Cotton reminded all Referees on the GWA League to be timely when sending in their results sheets.

HALF TIME

GUEST SPEAKER - Martin Bodenham took the floor for the second half and talked about his role as an FA Coach for Level 3 Referees. He has responsibility for twelve Referees and the role he plays is about helping their development.

He took us through a self evaluation report which one of his Referees had submitted following a recent game. The report was a very honest one from the Referee (who obviously remains anonymous for this exercise) but gave us all something to think about under each heading.

Two messages Martin left us with - one, for the younger Referees in particular the opportunities to progress have never been better and two, recognition of offences in a game is absolutely key to helping your total performance.

David Hutchinson proposed **a vote of thanks** to Martin which was fully endorsed by those present.

David Sands had the winning ticket in the **Key Draw** but selected the wrong key. The meeting closed at 10.25pm.