

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Guildford Referees' Society held on Monday 13 August 2007 at Godalming Town F.C.**

Vice Chairman Colin Henderson opened the meeting at 7.56pm with 30 members present. He welcomed everyone into the new season and gave a special welcome to members attending their first meeting - Jon Jones, Keith Grove and Steve Smith. He then outlined the agenda for the evening.

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Feast, Daniel Stobbart, Geoff Comley and Peter Adams.

The minutes of the April meeting had been printed in the Magazine and it was proposed Ray Cotton and seconded Roger Farmer that they be accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Hon. Secretary's report - there will be a recruitment stand at the University on 20 or 21 September and Brian would welcome volunteers to help man this.

- We had submitted £240 worth of RA Draw tickets so we can expect our 50% return soon
- RA registrations are down at the moment so do please encourage any colleagues yet to register to do so asap
- RAE Board meeting minutes and the latest RA Digest are both available through Brian for anyone who wants to sight them
- The new RA Insurance form is now available
- Guest Speakers for the first half of the season are as printed in the Magazine. We are now committed to a Mock Disciplinary Commission session for the January meeting. We have written to Phil Sharp inviting him to our April meeting.

Hon. Treasurer's report - monies as printed in the Magazine and at the moment we have 52 members (v 62 last year)

RA Delegate's report - as printed in the Magazine

Supplies Officer - had a comprehensive selection of items with him, but he reminded everyone that he can supply boots and you should contact him first so that he can bring a selection if required

Magazine Editor - usual appeal for articles

Match Incidents

- Sam Hourigan queried the use of roll on/roll off substitutes in some non competitive games, Sometimes it's allowed sometimes it isn't? Feeling around the room was that as long as the Referee is in control of this and both teams act sensibly, then allow them.
- The David Kitson tackle in the Man U v. Reading (12/08/07) game resulting in his red card created discussion largely due to Andy Gray's remark about it not being a red card offence! Concern was expressed that poorly informed co-commentators in the media are not helping our cause.
- Comment was made that cup hooks to secure nets were now outlawed and this prompted Clive Tidey to remind us that some of the tapes/ties being used to secure nets these days should also be checked for correct application given the substances they are made from.

## AOB

- Bill Matthews was looking for Referees for the Haslemere Hospitals Cup on 25 August
- John Thornton needed a Referee for 26 August
- The Guildford League celebrates it's centenary this year and Ray Cotton would welcome any history points that anyone has to complete the records
- Vic Rolland advised that County Registrations at the moment were at 930 compared with 1624 at the same time last year and this seemed to be consistent with registration levels in other Counties. He did ask our Local Leagues represented in the room how they were managing with numbers at the moment.

## HALF TIME

The second half of the meeting was led by Training Officer Tony Ireland who took us through the Law Changes for the new season.

We then moved on to a session led by two Club Representatives. Eddie Robinson, Chairman of Horsley F.C and Andy Robbin, Chairman of Shalford F.C. who gave us an insight into their Clubs and some of the issues they encountered from Players, Spectators and Referees over the course of a season. Mike Stobbart proposed a vote of thanks which was endorsed by those present.

Steve Smith had the winning ticket in the Key Draw but selected the wrong key so took the consolation prize of a bottle of wine.

The meeting closed at 10.14pm.