

MINUTES of the MEETING of GUILDFORD REFEREES' SOCIETY held on MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2008 at GODALMING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Chairman Geoffrey Comley opened the meeting at 8.00pm with 22 members present. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year, but particularly Colin Henderson who was looking in good shape following his recent stroke.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Trevor Morgan, Dan Stobbart, Hourigan, Jones, Sands, Dick, Argile, Smith and Spena.

The minutes of the December meeting were recorded in the Magazine. It was proposed Bill Matthews and seconded Tony Ireland that they be accepted as a true record.

Matters arising - Clarification was sought by Clive Tidey and Barny Leavers respectively on the following two items and this was given by Vic Rolland. 1. How long will CRB checks be suspended? - Indefinitely. 2. What's the difference between the CD and the Course re Safeguarding Children? Ideally everyone should do the Course, but if you did the Course the last time, then the CD will suffice this time.

Martin Feast asked if there had been an update re the incident where he had had personal belongings stolen. Brian was still pursuing this.

Barny said that he had only one actively interested student from the Freshers list, but he was 'chasing' others.

The Long Service Awards to Rod Chatfield and Barry Rowlands had been awarded; they had not yet been presented.

Hon. Secretary's report - Brian now had the minutes from the last RA Board meeting. He also said that the 6s tournament at Haywards Heath on 6 January had gone very well.

Hon. Treasurer's report - The interest gained across the two Building Society passbooks for 2007 was paid on 1/1/8 and amounted to c£107.

The merger cheque for £201-11 had been made out to Tim Whelan and not GRS so this needs to be changed before we can pay it in.

The RA subscription for 2008-09 season will be increased from £13 to £15.

We were also considering GRS to sponsor something for the RA Centenary.

Magazine Editor - appealed for articles for the final four editions of the season.

Training Officer - Tony reminded everyone that if you know of anyone interested in taking up Refereeing, then please direct them to the County RDO

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Roger Hall had been approached by a Woking member asking us to put together an 11 a side team for a challenge match to commemorate the RA Centenary later in the year. Brian felt we needed more information at this point about this potential initiative.

HALF TIME

The second half of the meeting was led by Secretary Brian Fish who took us through a session on Report Writing. County wide we are still very poor with this aspect of our administration.

Brian urged everyone to get a copy of the FA Report Writing booklet (from County Office) and use this as your guide when completing your reports either paper copies or electronically. He took us through various aspects of the forms which he had enlarged on a flip chart stand. One key message he left us with was to **CHECK** and **DOUBLE CHECK** everything before you submit the forms. Brian fielded several questions before Chairman Geoff thanked him for his presentation.

Martin Feast had the winning ticket in the **Key Draw** but selected the wrong key. He claimed the consolation bottle of wine.

Cyril West then reminded the meeting that our Senior man, Ray Cotton, celebrates his 80th birthday this month. Congratulations Ray!

The meeting closed at 10.14pm.
