

## Minutes of November Meeting

Minutes of the November meeting of the Guildford Referees Society held at Godalming Town FC on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Chairman Geoff Comley opened the meeting at 7.50pm with 31 members present. Geoff welcomed our guest speaker for the evening Stephen Green from Reading.

The first part of the meeting was handed over to Stephen who wanted members to play an active part in his presentation. After showing clips on careless and reckless challenges and offside decisions, Stephen opened a debate on each one. Members offered their views and this led to the big question of **'CONSISTENCY OF REFEREE'S DECISIONS'**.

Steve Ferris proposed a vote of thanks which was endorsed by the members present.

After the interval, the business section of the meeting started with Geoff welcoming two new members in Ryan Millis and Brendan McCarthy and two old members in Craig Melin and Ian Morgan who were returning to the Society after a break from officiating.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Stobbart, Hutchinson, C.West, Fenning, Smith, M. Carey, Ireland and Hobbs.

The minutes of the October meeting were printed in the magazine and it was proposed - Adrian Freeman, seconded - Martin Feast that they be accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising.

### Secretary's report

Brian reminded members of the following diary dates - FAMOA evening 12<sup>th</sup> November, committee meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November, SCFA disciplinary road show 26 November and the 5-a-sides on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### Treasurer's report

Monies and numbers were as printed in the magazine.

### Christmas Draw

Members were reminded that the December meeting was the Christmas draw and buffet.

### Match incidents.

Barney Leavers had recently been assaulted in a match in which he had sent off a player who then rushed at him and pushed him in the chest. Questions were asked as to if the referee should continue with the match. Advice given was - if the referee feels comfortable and concentrated - continue.

- If the referee can't concentrate or feels threatened – abandon the match.

### ADDED ADVICE

Advise the League Referees' Secretary, the County RA Secretary, your Society Secretary and your mentor if you have one. Get your reports written out and sent to the County quickly marking them **"ASSAULT – URGENT."**

Bob Dick had the winning ticket but the wrong key. Meeting closed at 10pm.