

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Guildford Referees' Society held on Monday 11  
May 2009 at Godalming Town Football Club.**

**Chairman Geoffrey Comley** opened the meeting at 8.10pm with 22 members present. He especially welcomed Harry Good attending his first meeting. He asked members interested in F.A. Cup Final tickets to inform Brian as we had 4 to sell via the draw procedure.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Messrs. V.Rolland, J.Rolland, Nanson, Hobbs, P.Piens, S.Piens and Ireland.

**The minutes of the 2008 AGM** were printed in the Magazine. It was proposed Martin Feast and seconded Steve Ferris that they be accepted. There were no matters arising.

**Hon. Secretary's report** – was printed in the Magazine. It was proposed Steve Smith and seconded Roger Farmer that this be accepted.

**Hon. Treasurer's report** – revolved around the balance sheet. This was made available to members in the room and an agreed copy would appear in the August Magazine. The Treasurer explained that the Verifier confirmed that the books were all receipted correctly and in order, but he too could not find the £67 discrepancy. The Treasurer felt that this was a function of a notional deduction in 2008 and asked members to accept this as an 'arithmetical adjustment' to balance the books. This would not be necessary again as we were now balanced. The proposal to adopt the sheet was made by Steve Ferris and seconded by Ray Cotton.

**Training Officer's report** – in Tony's business absence, Brian advised that Tony had worked with Vince Penfold at Woking Society throughout the year on courses. Tony apologised for missing some of our meetings due to business commitments. He asked members to look out for Training dates which would be advised through the County RDO.

**Supplies Officer** – had his usual of supplies available but there was no report to make.

**Magazine Editor** – thanked those who had contributed throughout the season. He still had about two seasons worth of covers. He asked for articles for the September Magazine.

**Amendment to Rule** – the Committee had asked Brian Fish, Mike Stobbart and Cyril West to review the Society Rules. There were a number of 'cosmetic' changes which they felt needed to be made. MS took the meeting through these changes and they were then accepted en bloc by those present following a proposal by Adrian Freeman, seconded by Colin Henderson. . This latest updated copy will be printed in the August 09 Magazine as a reference for all members.

**Election of Officers** – see summary on page 2. All 08-09 Officers and Committee members were accepted back for 09-10 season.

**F.A.Cup Final tickets** – the four successful members were Michael Argile, Andrew Conlon, Steve Smith and Craig Etherington.

## **ELECTION of OFFICERS for 2009-2010 season –**

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NOMINATION</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>	<b><u>SECONDED</u></b>
<b>President</b>	Ray Cotton	Cyril West	Bill Matthews
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	en bloc	Brian Fish	Geoff Comley
<b>Chairman</b>	Geoff Comley	Cyril West	Steve Ferris
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Steve Ferris	John Thornton	Cyril West
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Brian Fish	Bill Matthews	Martin Feast
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Mike Stobbart	Brian Fish	Bill Matthews
<b>Training Officer</b>	Tony Ireland	Craig Etherington	Roger Farmer
<b>Retention Officer</b>	Geoff Comley	Craig Etherington	Bill Matthews
<b>Supplies Officer</b>	Cyril West	John Thornton	Martin Feast
<b>Magazine Editor</b>	Mike Stobbart	John Thornton	Cyril West
<b>Committee</b>	Richard Garland	Martin Feast	Chris North
<b>Committee</b>	Colin Henderson	Richard Garland	Michael Argile
<b>Committee</b>	Bill Matthews	Steve Ferris	Adrian Freeman
<b>Committee</b>	Vic Rolland	Brian Fish	Adrian Freeman
<b>Committee</b>	John Thornton	Craig Etherington	Roger Farmer

### **A.O.B.**

- Cyril West addressed the meeting to remark on how everyone had worked hard to ensure 'good housekeeping' across the Society as a whole. In all aspects he felt that we were a well organised Society and much of this is due to the total support given by all members. He said we should all be proud of this. His comments were endorsed by those present.
- Secretary Brian Fish then updated members as follows:
  1. Brian Pearce had been in touch from his home in Devon sending his best wishes to everyone.
  2. There was one principal rule change for the RA Conference in July and this related to the switch from having both the RAE and the RA. It was 16 pages long and BCF didn't propose to issue this but anyone wanting to sight this should ask BCF.
  3. President Ray Cotton then presented attendance certificates to Clive Tidy and Steve Smith who had attended the Respect workshop in February.
  4. The National RA ended 08-09 with 12,295 members, 262 down on the previous year. (SCRA was down 42 on the same period)
  5. SCFA had 650 Referees registered by the beginning of May. The deadline to subscribe is 15 May so BCF urged anyone not registered to do so.

6. BCF advised that he already had Guest Speakers lined up for September, October, November, January and February. With August being Law Amendments and December being the Xmas Social, a full programme was already beginning to emerge.

7. In 2008-09 season, 30 County Referees were promoted from Level 7 to 6 and 10 from Level 6 to 5. For 2009-10 season County already had the following applications for promotion – 35 from 7 to 6 and 32 from 6 to 5.

8. There were 32 new Assistant Referees appointed to the National List this year – subject to passing the fitness test which, for the first time ever, they only have ‘one bite’ at this test.

9. Darren Sheldrake of East Molesey had been successful in his interview to get on The Football League List. (Well done Darren). He was one of only 8 new Referees this season.

10. There were 73 new Level 3s Nationally of which three were in Surrey – Craig Hicks, Ben Wright and Matt Eva. There were 278 Level 4s of which there were 14 in Surrey including our own Andrew Connor, Chris North and John Taaffe.

#### **HALF TIME**

- In the second half members were reminded of the Society Charity game versus Woking on July 19. It will not be at Woking F.C. as written in the Magazine. When the venue is finally agreed we will alert everyone.
  - Steve Smith had the winning ticket but selected the wrong key in the draw. The meeting closed at 9.31pm.
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