

BIRMINGHAM & WARWICKSHIRE REFEREES' ASSOCIATIONS JOINT COUNTY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT HOLLYFIELDS CONFERENCE CENTRE 19th MARCH 2008

Chairman Opens meeting 19.34

APOLOGIES Mike Parr, Karl Jefferies, John Morris

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Accepted

MATTERS ARISING

Candidates who have passed their referees course and have to do six eleven a side games to get their referees number need to be monitored on at least two of the games.

Delegates from Solihull and Warley again brought up the question of Mal Davies and his expenses. They had received letters from Mal which went back to November 2006. Letters involved Alan Poulain and Ray Mallory. The Chairman did not want to go over old ground again, but on the insistence from other delegates, this must be done if the issue has been raised. Martin read out his letter he had sent to Ray Mallory in the absence of Colin and the letter he had received back saying that the Birmingham & Warwick's were quite in order with their voting procedures and Mal had no case to be considered. These letters had already been read out to delegates on at least one occasion.

The delegates were quite insistent that the issue should be spoken about and again a discussion took place over the matter of Mal's expenses. Opinions were given and the final conclusion was that after going over it for the past two years the decision taken at the AGM and reinforced at the EGM, was correct and no further expenses would be paid to Mal Davies.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Colin said there wasn't much to report on, but Solihull RA Committee, although not happy with the voting procedures, have now drawn a line under the Mal Davies affair and will not be bringing it up again at Committee.

TREASURERS REPORT

Andrew gave his report and told us that all RA's had paid their capitation fees to the Birmingham & Warwick's except Redditch RA. It was decided that a letter would be sent to Redditch asking them for an explanation and pointing out that none payment to their parent County RA could result in their members not being insured

BIRMINGHAM COUNTY DELEGATES REPORT

Please find enclosed a full report from the BCFA delegate.

Questions on report

A delegate asked where should a new referee send his form back after completing his six games. He was told that all completed forms should be returned to Dave Nixon at the BCFA.

Paul Salisbury from Rugby RA raised a problem they were having in organising referee courses because they did not have any IT equipment. He had already asked the BCFA, but was refused after initially being told he could borrow equipment. At the moment he has to send all interested candidates to Coventry RA. He asked if we could raise this as a problem with the BCFA and report back.

CP AND CRB update

It was reported by Nigel that there is still conflicting news about when and should referees go through the CRB check again. The money that referees have paid in their registration fees to the BCFA should have been ring fenced to pay for any further CRB check.

The FA is looking in to whether players and officials of clubs should have a CP workshop and CRB check.

MIDLAND REFEREE

March issue has been sent out. Still having good reports back from people outside the area, but would like more information from local RA's with news of their members. Issues are still only being emailed and no hard copies are available.

QUIZ REPORT

Quiz is still taking place on 20th May. Could all interested RA's please contact Nigel Genner. It will take place at Holly Fields where we hold the meetings.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Colin asked delegates if their RA's would like to donate a prize to the tombola which is being run on the Saturday evening at the conference weekend. Please bring it along to the main meeting or contact Colin at home.

In the Minutes that the delegates will receive in May there will be a new constitution for the County RA to look at and decide at the AGM whether to adopt. Any amendments to the document please email the Secretary before the AGM.

Nigel Genner spoke about Conference and told members that there would be a lot of top referee's and regional managers in attendance on the Saturday, so try and get along and ask your questions.

DELEGATES REPORTS

COVENTRY	New course being run with 11 candidates,
WARLEY	February open meeting. New course running with 12 candidates. March meeting AGM. April meeting guest speaker Mark Bolton from Sky Sports. Presentation night 16 th of May in Blackheath.
SOLIHULL	February meeting Andre Marriner gave talk to members. March meeting AGM. 14 candidates passed referee's course.
NUNEATON	No report
WEST BROM	Andre Marriner gave talk. January open meeting.

TAMWORTH Held sports forum with Tom Ross. January meeting Keren Barrett. February meeting talk from Jerry Scott on lining. 20 currently on course.

BURTON 17 candidates just passed course, three have joined the RA. Guest speaker in April Ray Olivier.

LEAMINGTON April open meeting and have invited local clubs to attend and speak to the members. Guest speakers Arthur Smith and Pete Walton. Arnold Ruse is retiring at the end of the season as President.

RUGBY Younger members who have applied for promotion have asked John Morris if they could do games at the Coventry Academy. At the moment John only puts referees from Coventry RA on such games. Duncan from Leamington thought that games at Academy's should be open for all RA's.

STRATFORD February meeting AGM. Raised the question of mentors being paid only £20 for doing three games. Asked if we could raise the issue through Nigel to the BCFA.

Meeting Finished 21.03