

ASSOCIATION OF SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCH OFFICIALS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 21 MAY 2009

HELD AT COLNEY HEATH FOOTBALL CLUB

Chairman's Welcome Mike Taylor opened the meeting by welcoming 75 Members, League officials and our Guest Speaker Peter Walton. Our hosts at Colney Heath were thanked for allowing us to host our meetings at their club this season.

Mike ran through the agenda for the evening and advised members of the new awards that would be given at the end of the evening.

Apologies for Absence These were recorded by members on record sheets provided.

Minutes of previous AGM An amendment was made in the "Special Award" section. It was noted that Darren Flanagan's Incident was on a Saturday game not Sunday. They were signed off as a true record.

Prop Gary Wilson 2nd Mark Mellor

Correspondence Letters of Congratulations were sent to the four members that were promoted to Level Three.

Details on the Respect Campaign - more info due next season.

Letters were sent to Roger Bowden and Gary Wilson. Roger has been diagnosed with Cancer and Gary has undergone operations. We wish them both speedy recoveries.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Secretary Nothing

Webmaster Please send articles, photos in.

Treasurer Bill Hamilton thanked everybody for another marvellous turnout. He stated that 15 years ago we had 75 members. 6 years ago 91 members. Tonight we have 206 members (applause from the floor). Bill thanked Tony Forrester for auditing the accounts.

Copies of the accounts had already been circulated and Bill ran through them.

The Accounts were signed as a true record.

Prop Eric Harrison 2nd Len Wilcock

Membership fees were proposed to remain the same at £6.00 for single year and £30.00 for three years and to include a Zip Folio to carry Referees paperwork etc. These will have the League badge embossed on the front.

The fees were accepted by the members

Prop The Committee 2nd Barry Firmin

Bill announced more details on the new trophies.

Chairman Mike advised members that the committee had met twice since the last branch meeting. Various issues had been discussed. The last one mainly on the awards that are to be presented later in the evening.

It is proposed that our January 2010 meeting will be held at Crawley Green in Luton.

Mike advised that he was stepping down as Competition Secretary for the Floodlight Cup. An advert will be posted on the web site if anybody is interested in taking on the Position.

The Committee and Mick Ewen were thanked for their support last season and continuing support in the future.

Election of Officers After the untimely death of Carl, Dave Carman had stepped in as Secretary. Dave was happy to stand for election.

Prop. Mike Taylor 2nd Bill French

Other members of the committee were all happy to stand for re-election.

President	Barry Firmin	
Chairman	Mike Taylor	
Treasurer	Bill Hamilton	
Minutes Sec	Dave Carman	
Web Site	Jake Hillier	
Members	Bill Hamilton	
Assessor Rep	Tony Weight	
League Rep	Eric Harrison	
Committee	Matt McLaughlin	
Committee	Gary Wilson	All elected on block

Assessing Tony Weight reported that 238 assessments on Referees were carried out And 450 on Assistant Referees. Fifty Seven Referees were assessed 4 times and Thirty Eight had 5 assessments. The average for Refs was 74.5% and 76 for Assistants.

Tony thanked all the assessors for their continuing support.

Congratulations were given to the four Referees who gained promotion to Level 3 and all Officials appointed to the Various SSMFL Cup Finals.

Tony advised members that a new trophy will be awarded to the best Assistant Referee based on a Minimum Five Assessments.

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Mick Ewen Mick congratulated the Four Referees who were promoted to level Three. He advised them that the hard work now starts and to "knock" Sunday Morning football on the head.

He also congratulated all Refs that achieved promotion 7-6 and 6-5.

This year statistics showed that in 514 Premier games, there were 120 dismissals and 1471 cautions. Jake Hillier was singled out as he Refereed 22 games with 9 dismissals and 66 cautions. Mick remarked that it shows you that you can caution and send off and get promoted. An un-named ref who did not caution / send off anyone finished in Band E.

Travelling expenses next season are to be reduced to 28p per mile. Match Fees are to remain the same.

Mick then used expletives as he commented on Referees who failed to fill in the Result Sheets.

As from next season Referees are permitted to scan the result sheets and email to Mick.

Team sheets are to be kept for a minimum of four weeks by the Referees.

The FA meets on the 26th May to discuss the Constitution for next season.

Meetings for all level 5, 6 and 7 officials will be held during the summer and a meeting for level 7 and new officials to the League. Details will be posted on the web site and emailed by Mike.

Mick again asked Officials to close all dates as soon as they are known. He stated that he always carries a list with him on match days of officials who have no game. He noted that on the 25th April an official had to come off his game very late. One phone call had somebody at the game just after 2pm.

Application forms. These are to be with Mick by the 14th June. 273 officials were used last season.

Mick appointed to over 2000 games last season.

Mick then made two awards. Mark Tweed a tie. He never wears one. An Elastic band was awarded to Ian Corner to help keep his socks up.

Another episode of Bill and Mick followed.

Pat Burns

Pat said the only thing he could advise at the moment is that Biggleswade Town will be promoted. He is to attend meetings in the near future where all will become clear...

Eric Harrison

Eric is happy to arrange supply of the SSMFL Rain jacket at a cost of £21.00 each delivered direct to you. Payment to Official Sports. Eric needs to place an order for 12 to achieve this price. The price may rise if numbers are short. Please advise size required.

Guest Speaker

Mike Taylor introduced Peter Walton as our Guest speaker.

Peter gave a presentation on Reckless Challenges. He spoke of his check list he would go through. Showing clips from recent games and with audience participation, members could see the process that a Premiership Referee makes to get the right decision.

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

Vince Hannon gave a vote of thanks to Peter who was given a token of our appreciation.

AWARDS

Assistant Referee

Tony Weight awarded certificates to

3rd Place Peter Panayiotou

2nd Place Barrie Gale

The new Gold Cup and miniature (to keep) was awarded to Russ Endacott

- First year Official Made to the Referee that has made a good impression on his first full season on the SSMFL. Dave Carman presented the Silver Cup and miniature (to keep) award to:
DIMITRIOS ROUSIS
- Bill Jones Award Mike Taylor started to make the presentation when he was rudely interrupted by Bill Hamilton.
- Bill explained that during a comfort break at a recent committee meeting, other committee members agreed that Mike should be awarded the trophy.
- Tribute was paid to his six-year leadership of the Association and its development into one of the finest organisations in the country.
- Special Award A special award was made to Jake Hillier for his work on the Web site.
- Surprise Award Member Bill French thanked Mick Ewen for his help and advice through the season not just for himself but for other members as well. Bill presented Mick with a bottle.
- Raffle Many exciting prizes were awarded to the winners of a raffle which raised £91.00 for Association funds.

Mike Taylor thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting.