

ASSOCIATION OF SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCH OFFICIALS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2008

HELD AT COLNEY HEATH FOOTBALL CLUB

Chairman's Welcome Mike Taylor opened the meeting by welcoming all Members, League officials and Guests. Our hosts at Colney Heath Martin Marlborough and Dan Burr were thanked for allowing us to host our meetings at their club this season.

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

Minutes of previous AGM Apologies were given by Carl Couzens. These have been lost on his computer.

Election of Officers	President	Barry Firmin	Prop. Ian Campbell	2 nd John Nettleton
	Chairman	Mike Taylor	Prop. Dave Carman	2 nd Carl Couzens
	Secretary	Carl Couzens	Prop. Bill Henderson	2 nd Barry Firmin
	Treasurer	Bill Hamilton	Prop. Bill Henderson	2 nd Barry Firmin
	Minutes Sec.	Dave Carman	Prop. Bill Henderson	2 nd Barry Firmin
	Web Site	Jake Hillier	Prop. Bill Henderson	2 nd Barry Firmin
	Members	Bill Hamilton	Prop. Bill Henderson	2 nd Barry Firmin
	Assessor Rep.	Tony Weight	Prop. Bill Henderson	2 nd Barry Firmin
	League Rep.	Eric Harrison	Prop. Mike Taylor	2 nd Geoff Lewis
	Committee	Matt McLaughlin	Prop. Mike Taylor	2 nd Geoff Lewis
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Jake Hillier has taken over the web site from Perry. A vote of thanks was given both to Perry for his work in setting up the website and also to Jake for taking on the responsibility mid season.

Due to work commitments Carl has passed over the minutes taking responsibilities to Dave Carman.

Correspondence There were three major incidents concerning behaviour on benches this season.

The Non League Paper had an article about SSMFL Referees'.

A letter of thanks was sent to Perry Gascoine thanking him for his work on the web site wishing him well for the future.

Mike wrote to the five members on achieving promotion to level three and Matty McLaughlin to level two.

Congratulations to all those who received cup final appointments.

Reports from Officers Carl: Thanks to Mick Ewen for sending out email to members reminding them to vote for our annual awards.

Jake: Reminder to send articles for the web site.

Bill: Gave a detailed report on the accounts, copies of accounts were available to members. Bill advised that subscriptions for one year members should remain at £6.00.

Bill advised that the cost of League Badges is more expensive than we charge members for them. He suggested a figure of £ 7.50
Also the cost of League ties should rise to £ 9.50

Bill asked for these figures to be approved by the members.

A counter proposal was voiced by Bill Henderson. Increase the one year membership to £8.00 and leave badge and tie prices as they are.

Proposal 1. One year membership £6.00 and increase price on badges and Ties

Proposed Mick Ewen
Seconded Ben Furneaux

Proposal 2. One year membership £8.00 and keep badge and tie prices as they are.

Proposed Bill Henderson
Seconded Percy Brown

Proposal one was carried.

It was noted that it was good to hear two Scotsmen discuss money.
Dave publicly thanked Mick Ewen for his support regarding the Harefield Utd incident in January 2008.

Assessing

Tony Weight's report on Assessing can be found on the web site.

League Officers

Mick Ewen and Bill Hamilton continued from the 2007 AGM by doing a stand up routine. This led to Mick giving members grief over paperwork and correspondence. Members were duly picked out and harangued.

Mick went over the new Referees Match day report form for the new season. He thanked everybody for their continued support and efforts in their administration.

He advised that there are four and ONLY four fitness tests scheduled for this summer, dates are posted on the web site.

Bill Jones Award

Mike Taylor presented the trophy to Mick Ewen.

Special Award

A special award was made to Darren Flanagan for his promotion to Level Three and determination to succeed. Darren had suffered a horrific attack whilst officiating on a Sunday morning game a few years ago.

Speaker

After a buffet break, The Voice of Football, BBC TV Commentator, John Motson, was introduced as Guest Speaker. He described some of the amusing early moments of his career and opened a discussion on some of the more controversial aspects of the game including the use of new technology, the crowding of referees and interpretation of the offside law. Afterwards, the Chairman presented Motty with a crystal football in recognition of 36 years at the top of his profession.

Raffle

Many exciting prizes were awarded to the winners of a raffle which raised £82 for Association funds.