

ASSOCIATION OF SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCH OFFICIALS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING

COLNEY HEATH FC MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2009

- Chairman's Welcome Mike Taylor welcomed members of The SSMFL Management committee, our guest speaker Darren Deadman and 64 members.
- Apologies for Absence These were recorded
- Minutes of Previous Mtg Mike Taylor apologised for mislaying his notes
- Correspondence Mike Taylor and Mick Ewen have been in regular contact.
Letter received from Chris Checketts (RDO Bedfordshire FA). Re: clash of dates between County and our Association.
- Reports from Association Officers A date from the AGM is still to be confirmed.

Details of Committee meetings were disclosed.
- Mike Taylor**
Thanked Peter Hazel for his efforts in fund raising for Carl Couzens. Peter raised £395.00. Percy Brown won twice. Great effort.
- The three year membership finishes at the end of the current season. The Committee are actively looking for an article of clothing that can be embroidered for members. Suggestions from members welcomed.
- Touched on the RESPECT program. Feedback from members would be welcome.
- A plea to members was made re hospitality at clubs. Referees' are leaving grounds without apologising or notifying the host club. Referees' are asked as a matter of courtesy to notify the host club upon arrival if you have to make a quick exit after the game.
- Jake Hillier**
Asked members for articles for the web site. Any feed back would be welcomed.
- Accounts Bill was happy to confirm that our numbers had risen to a staggering 204. It was noted that the League is attracting a lot of New Young Referees. Members are made up from 11 County RA's. We have £2533.12 in the bank. With this in mind Bill would be happy to leave the standard one year membership at £6.00.
- Assessments Tony Weight has 35 level 4 Referees to have assessed. 212 assessments have been carried out so far. Weather permitting the target is 235 by the end of February 2009. It is hoped that all level Four Referees will have a minimum of six assessments and some seven.
380 Assessments have been carried out on Assistant Referees.

The league Average for Assessments is

Referees 74

Assistants 76

There are two training Matches for Assessors. Feb 7th at Colney Heath and Feb 17th at Leverstock Green.

League Officers

Pat Burns

Notified members that Berkhamstead FC were in danger of going into Liquidation. They are holding an AGM this evening.

Mick Ewen

Reminded members the procedures to carry out pitch inspections, who can carry them out and who they make contact with.

Results Sheets: An improvement but still not perfect.

Travel Arrangements: If you're starred together, you travel together. If a problem then you are to contact Mick.

Hospitality: Members are reminded to let a Host club official know ASAP if you are unable to stay after the game.

Discipline: From the 9th August – 31st Dec 2008 there were 286 matches. A total of 286 cautions and 78 dismissals have been recorded.

Benches: An improvement. Members were reminded to report individuals to there County FA's. This way persistent offenders are identified.

The half year meeting with clubs is later this week.

Members were asked to keep dates open if the have not been given a game. There are plenty of re-arrangements.

Kevin Doherty (3500m) and Adrian Waters (3000) were awarded the Gold award for there achievements at this season's fitness test.

Guest Speaker

Darren Deadman showed the latest training DVD from the FA showing tackles from recent Premier and Championship games.

This interactive evening demonstrated how we all see challenges in the game in different ways.

Peter Sagers gave a vote of thanks.

Mike Taylor gave Darren a token of our appreciation for giving up his evening.

Darren very kindly drew the first ticket in the Raffle.