



# EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018

### 1. Present:

Ade Bond, Malcolm Stone, Keith Mann, Steve Banks, Graeme Martin, Gordon Richards, Shaun Mann, Graham Blackburn, Ian Keenan, Ashley Horn.

### 2. Apologies.

Apologies received from: - Dennis Bean, Ray Lloyd.

### 3. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

- Welcome to those present. Announced the sad news of James Uren who passed away at the age of 53 and will do a minute's silence before tonight's meeting. The branch has donated to his family. The website is in its test state and any feedback to Ade and if anyone has any photos of referees in action please send and we can put on the site. Finally, we hope to continue to have good attendance at meetings and any input or suggestions on what you require from meetings will be looked at.

### 4. Minutes of Previous meeting.

- Minutes of the committee meeting in April 2018 had been circulated.

### 5. Matters Arising/ Correspondence.

- Website – as previously mentioned it is in a test status and any feedback and suggestions to Ade.
- Fitness tests – these have been held and those that have passed will be “priority” for premier games. Discussion around whether test was “adequate” but at least it is a start. RDO to be written to about who should be invited to tests as it was felt it was too restrictive and we feel that an opportunity was missed in not allowing other levels (6/7) to attend if they wanted.
- Secretary to raise “mentors” at County meeting.
- Keith stated he has had interest from a member in taking on the secretary role and he will be working with Ian Keenan to show him the ropes and train him to take over – all in agreement.

### 6. Treasurers Report.

- Membership stands at 42 (inc 1 life members).
- Current Account £162.74      Reserve Account £2251.41      Total £2414.15
- Reminder for membership to be paid and sent to ensure cover from end of September.

### 7. Delegates Reports.

- **Saturday D & Exeter League** – Ade attended. Adverse report received on a referee which was discussed by the D&E committee – pointed out that any adverse reports should go to DCFA and not the league and the RDO deals with these. A referee reported for turning up 10 minutes before kickoff. Condolences expressed to James Uren's family.
- **Sunday League** – Graham Blackburn reported that he is a committee member but had not been invited to the meeting. Apparently, they have 7 teams in the league and will play every two weeks. Match fees are £30.
- **DCRA** – Next meeting is October.

**8. Training Officer / Mentoring.**

- Steve Banks updated on observations / mentoring. 17 candidates and 7 observations so far. Mentors have been appointed where possible.
- Tonight's training session is on "observations" and Richard Mason will be presenting.

- **Any Other Business.**

- Discussed meeting dates and whether to have a December meeting. Agreed we will not have a meeting in December and that meeting dates should be the 3rd Thursday of the month –

18th October

15th November

17th January

21st February

21st March

18th April

6th June - AGM

**Date of next meeting – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (Keith on holiday!!)**