



EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 18th November 2018

1. Present:

Adie Bond, Malcolm Stone. Steve Banks. Ian Keenan. Ashley Horn. Ray Lloyd. Dennis Bean .Graham Martin. Gordon Richards. Keith Mann. Graham Blackburn.

2. Apologies.

Mike Mullarkey Snr. Shaun Mann

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

Adie welcomed all those present to the meeting and gave an update on the new website. The website is now up and running and the matter of updating the minutes of the monthly meeting was discussed at length with Gordon Richards questioning if the minutes should be displayed on the new website. It was in favour that personal details of any referees involved would not appear in minutes.

The new site has an email address which is directed to Ian Keenan's email rather than Ian's own personal address being visible.

The website admin rights were also discussed and agreed the Secretary and Chairman would be the administrators.

Adie opened up the discussion of the idea of not having a member of the month to possibly a member of the year; this will be decided in due course.

4. Minutes of Previous meeting.

Minutes of the committee meeting in October has been circulated.

5. Matters Arising/ Correspondence.

- **RDO Report at Devon County RA Meeting – October 2018**
- 562 Registered referees with Devon as of today. We have 47 referees who are going through their training currently which includes 18 who have completed the Course held at Cranbrook. The RDO has courses coming up in Plympton and Tavistock in the next couple of weeks.
- The FA are looking at making the Fa Referee Course a 1-day affair with some online content, it will be interesting to see how that works.
- Referees – CRCs. This is going really well but referees need to be aware that Abigail Heal may contact them about their CRC. Abi is the Safeguarding Assistant at Devon FA and will be chasing up coaches and referees to Re-new their CRC.

- Referee Registrations -Continuous registrations? This is an area the FA are looking at to improve the registration process. You will automatically be registered each season unless you tell the FA otherwise.
- Level 5 Fitness Assessment -Has gone well with final sweep up sessions planned for the 1st and 6th November, both 17:30 – 18:30 at Exeter Arena. Details will be sent out to all shortly.
- Referee Reporting - Referees are still being charged for not submitting reports, very worrying. We have also today charged a Devon & Exeter League referee for not sin binning a player for dissent.
- IST - Summer sessions were held everywhere except North Devon (venue issue), well supported and a separate event was held for Observers.

Questions to Jason –

- Gordon asked about the L5 fitness tests and if they could be offered up to L6 / L7 who wanted to attend to give us more options and potentially more resource to cover games. Examples discussed but Jason said at this stage he was not prepared to offer to anyone other than L5, promotion candidates (5 to 4, 6 – 4). This will be discussed at next DCFA Referees Committee along with the standard of the tests and feedback taken. We now have something in place as a start and this can be reviewed and worked on for the future.
- Neil asked about the County Appointments officer and the sending of a blanket email listing all vacant games and asking anyone to pick what they wanted. This is not a good way to get officials as different games and competitions need certain levels and standards. Jason agreed and said Peter was new to the role and learning and hopefully these issues will be investigated and improvements made.

Other Points asked -

- “Super” mentors – Jason said that 4 have been approached and will be appointed and notifications sent. The four are P. Sercombe, J. Hawkins, S. Rhodes, B. Johnson. Their role will be to support newly qualified referees and young referees and meet face to face with them and support – looking at 40 visits per year so should be a good additional resource along with the online support from other referees. RDO will be able to control and manage this and arrange the visits.
- Fitness Tests and standards – this will be discussed at the next DCFA Referees committee so will update for next meeting.
- John Hocking asked how many L5 referees we had registered and of those how many took the test. Jason said that around 220 are L5 and 75 – 80 took test (3 failed). This again perhaps indicates we should open up to others who want to take the test as we are obviously using some senior L5 on premier games who have not taken a test who perhaps are not up to the levels required and some L6 / L7 could be.

If any member would like to put themselves forward for a place on the RA Board there is a form available from the Secretary.

6. Treasurers Report.

Membership stands at 40 including one Life Member Gordon Richards

Current Account	£164.90
Reserve Account	<u>£2251.99</u>
Total	£ 2416.89

The website cost of £560.00 has transferred from the reserve account to the current account for payment.



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7. Delegates Reports.

Devon & Exeter Football League

Steve Banks attended; the hospitality to referees was discussed at the meeting and needs to be improved. Team sheets must be given to the referee 15 minutes before K.O. 5 clubs have been reported for failing to do this.

Sunday League –

No reports

8. Training Officer / Mentoring.

Steve Banks reported that 7 referees had got mid season promotion, 3 at level 5 and 4 at level 6 unfortunately 2 had failed and will be invited to retake. There are 3 advisories to be looked at and it was confirmed we would no longer be mentoring as this is now the sole charge of the Super Mentor.

Ray Lloyd confirmed he had received two further emails from referees regarding including game situations they had experienced and would be used in future meetings as agreed at the September meeting.

Any Other Business.

Sin Bins were discussed and will be used next season at youth level; there was a concern that the roll on/off subs could cause problems. The Full time FA web site contains all league rules and is available to view. Pre match handshake procedures are not being carried out at some games which referees should adhere to.

Date of next meeting –

THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING

Next meeting, Thursday 15th January 2018