



EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 17th January 2019

1. Present:

Ray Lloyd Shaun Mann Steve Banks Ashley Horn Keith Mann Ian Keenan Gordon Richards
Malcolm Stone

2. Apologies.

Graeme Martin Graham Blackburn Dennis Bean Adie Bond

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks. (Ray Lloyd acted as Vice Chairman for this meeting.)

Welcome to first meeting of 2019 and a happy new year to you all. Please accept my apologies for not being able to chair tonight's meeting due to work commitments but I leave you in the capable hands of Ray and Ian. The website has had some new photos added please keep sending them to Ian or myself who will arrange for the upload to the website. After a long discussion with the webmaster I have decided to leave the Admin with the webmaster. The IT Files and training required to keep the website updated is more complex than I first thought and would have cost the branch £60 for the training of Ian and myself to be administrators with the added issue should anything go wrong once we (AB/IK) have admin rights it would cost the branch more money for the webmaster to correct as all IT Files in our possession for the site would have to be transferred back to the webmaster. The webmaster is happy to continue uploading minutes/photos etc for the season and charge an admin fee per year of around £50 max. This I feel is a far better option for the branch and will guarantee the pictures, possible web links and minutes will be loaded correctly.

4. Minutes of Previous meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were available on the site and there were no amendments to be addressed.

5. Matters Arising/ Correspondence.

AB: link to FA Rules & Governance site to be added to East Devon RA Site?

AB: Committee meeting to be completed by 1945hrs to allow training officer or Guest speaker to prepare

AB: Total attendance figures to be added to meeting minutes

AB: Any suggestion made to the training officer or secretary for a training event please inform chairman as well

Following the Chairman's report on the Website a following open discussion took place.

Whilst everyone agreed that the website was an excellent and a professional looking addition to the Association, there was sincere disappointment that the site didn't appear to be giving the service that was expected.

Although it was appreciated that there were I.T, problems with the Webmaster it still took 3 weeks to have photo's uploaded. Moreover, the failure for any information whatsoever regarding the visit of Mike Mullarkey to appear on the site was unsatisfactory.

It was soundly questioned why this is happening and how to proceed over the rest of the season.

Ray Lloyd suggested the Association give the site a year and see where we are at that time and how things progress.

The conclusion of the discussion was that the Association has paid for a site that needs to be updated with relevant information *when it is required*. There needs to be **a direct link** between the agreed person and the Webmaster allowing this to happen. Secretary Ian Keenan volunteered to be this link unless anyone else would like to do so. The Chairman would be copied in on anything to be uploaded on the site.

It was agreed that the LOTG sent to the Secretary by Ray Lloyd and link to FA Rules & Governance site to be added to East Devon RA Site.

Ray Lloyd will be away for the February meeting and The Secretary volunteered to cover for Ray unless anyone would like to help out. Steve Banks said he would enquire if Brett Huxtable would be available.

Attendance for January Meeting 20

6. Treasurers Report.

45 members

Current account: £201.90 Reserve account: £1693.00 (£1.01 interest) This is the difference from last month due to the £560.00 for the website.

7. Delegates Reports.

Saturday D & Exeter League – No report

Sunday League – No report

DCRA – No report meeting was cancelled and will now be March 18th

Training Officer / Mentoring.

Ray Lloyd was pleased with the attendance at November's meeting where there was an increased number of referees.

Steve Banks gave his Observers report

Promotions finished,



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Level 4- 1 recommended to FA ,1 failed

Level 5- 4 passed 1 failed

Level 6-9 passed 1 failed

We have done 4 advisories, 3 outstanding to be done.

Promotion invites going out shortly, applications in by 31st January 2019, marking season starts 1st March 2019 and runs until 30th April 2020 as FA changing marking seasons.

Mentoring- Super mentors started mid November and seeing new refs from September 2018 courses.

3 new refs courses in our area- Elmore, Axminster, Cranbrook and Sidmouth in hope to recruit more

Any Other Business.

The Veterans League were having problems with referees not turning up and ask if any branch member referees can't make the game can they please make a courtesy call.

A letter for promotions was sent out from Jason Heywood by email, if any member hasn't received this please contact Ian Keenan.

Date of next meeting –

Thursday 21st February 2019