



# EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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## Committee Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 21 March 2019

### 1. Present:

**Adie Bond Ian Keenan Graeme Martin Steve Banks Ashley Horn Gordon Richards Keith Mann**

### 2. Apologies.

**Dennis Bean Shaun Mann Graham Blackburn Malcolm Stone Ray Lloyd**

### 3. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The matter of the referee involved with the racism charge was raised and Keith Mann stated that he would like to apologise for not contacting the Secretary on this matter, as this would have saved Ian Keenan and Ray Lloyd investigating the case which was now deemed closed. Keith's apology was accepted, and a line has now been drawn under this matter.

The Chairman also raised the matter of the website details. The cost of running the site would now be £60 for the hosting and £75 for the Webmasters fees to update the site, these costs were per year.

It was agreed The Secretary would look at taking over this Website and therefore save the £75 fee. The Secretary would be looking at this possibility and would inform The Committee Members in due course.

### 4. Minutes of Previous meeting.

There were no amendments of the minutes of previous meeting

### 5. Matters Arising/ Correspondence.

The Secretary asked for an endorsement to pay the guest speakers travelling expenses The Committee agreed that if the guest speaker requested payment this was appropriate.

Topsham Town F C has confirmed that we will be able to hold our A.G.M at their social club on June 6<sup>th</sup> and this will tie in with the England game on the same evening. A time will be confirmed in due course.

An email had been received from Brett Huxtable thanking the EDRA for their hospitality at the February meeting and congratulating the members on their knowledge and thriving membership.

Correspondence from the RA included Non League Finals at Wembley and their new website. This information will be posted on the EDRA website.

Ray Lloyd apologized for his absence and asked Steve Banks and Ian Keenan to deputize by delivering training for the evening.

### **Attendance for March Meeting 15**

#### **6. Treasurers Report.**

**48 including 1 life member**

#### **ACCOUNTS**

**Current Account   £ 143.26**

**Reserve Account   £1693.29**

**TOTAL               £1836.55**

#### **7. Delegates Reports.**

### **DEVON COUNTY REFEREES' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Devon County Referees' Association held at DCFA, HQ Newton Abbot on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.15pm.

#### **Present:**

G. Richards (Chairman), K. Mann (Sec / Treas), G. Martin (East), R. Turl, (South), J. Hockin (South / President), A. Distin (South), J. Haywood (RDO), P. Sowden (West).

#### **1. Apologies.**

- N. Jones (West).

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

- These were accepted and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- Fitness Tests update – Increase distance by 400 metres. 20-29 age group – 2400, 30-39 age group – 2300, 40-50 age group 2100 and 50+ age group – 2000. Also same for all genders.
- County appointments Officer update – This has now been temporarily filled by Jason Hawkins and hopefully the issues raised by West previously have now been resolved.
- Apology from me for having to cancel January meeting and thanks for re-arranging.

#### **4. Secretary / Treasurer / Correspondence**

- Any correspondence from the RA is forwarded to each branch.
- Sin Bins for Dissent to be in for 2019 – 2020 season for all leagues at grass roots level.
- Please ensure that any member that is subject to an FA Charge for whatever reason is supported / made aware of the procedures and how they can appeal etc. Recent case where the individual did not ask for support until too late and did not follow correct procedures.
- New Step 6 and Step 7 football. The SWPL is currently a step 6 league and runs one division of 20 teams, Under the National League Review by the FA the season 2019 – 2020 will see 2 divisions of 20 (40 teams max). Current East / West step 7 will not be part of



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SWPL and CFA and DCFA will be running step 7 football. CFA are running one league of 16 and DCFA are looking to run 2 leagues of 16. (Paper attached for info)

- Rule Changes for National RA AGM received.

## 5. Treasurers Report

- The balance is £627.09

## 6. DCFA Report (Taken from Tom Sampson's reports to the Board)

- Temporary Dismissals – Step 5 & 6. “Sin Bins” for dissent to now come in for all football from Step 5 downwards for 2019 / 2020 season.
- L5/4 observations – new form, 20 competencies, guidance and restricted character count to ensure comments are concise and prioritized.
- FA Referee course changes – One Course, 2 stages (one online and one face to face). Law assessment completed online. Courses can be delivered to learners of particular age groups (14-16, 16+), Courses can be completed by people not intending to “qualify” as a referee, RDO to appropriately appoint, support and develop new referees. Stage 1 - Online course is 2-3 hours, Stage 2 – Face to Face 6 hours.
- FA Core – 300 referees. Assessment nights in May 2019 for Counties to nominate 7,6 and 5 to attend and participate and see if suitable for 2019 – 2020 programme.
- FA referee registration changes to IT package.
- IFAB – changes to Law. Subs will leave FOP at nearest point to where they are. Still enter at halfway line. Y/C & R/C used when disciplining official in Tech Area. At Toss of coin winning captain can now choose to kick off if he/she wishes. Injured player is to take a free kick / penalty he can be treated and remain on FOP to take kick. IDFK/Goal Kick in penalty area for defending team – ball does not have to leave penalty area. IDFK – referee once indicated can lower his arm, no longer has to touch a player. Attacking player can no longer stand in defensive wall at F/K and has to be 1 Metre from wall. If ball hits ref and changes direction of play he will stop play and restart with dropped ball. G/keeper will now only have to have one foot on goal line at penalty kick and cannot stand behind or in front of goal line at penalty kick. Handball – many video clips of new interpretation which seem common sense.
- Order of Precedence changes to reflect FA Women's Cup.
- SWPL – 2 Step 6 divisions for 2019 / 2020 as part of NLS. (East / West – Devon / Cornwall). Currently operate with 38 x level 4 (actually 36 active). Coverage is 90.43%. If all 5 – 4 get promoted anticipate 50 refs in region. To achieve 90% will require 70 refs. Possible merging Western Pool and SWPL for refs, DCFA and CFA to work with league to prioritize support to 5/4 promotion candidates to ensure sufficient refs in area for 2020 / 21. Supply league status made on annual basis and operating with continued shortfall may lead to removal of Supply League Status.

## 7. County RDO's Report

- 601 Registered Referees to Devon FA, slightly down on last year but encouraging is the number of referees who are contacting DCFA and returning to refereeing.
- 12 FA Referee Courses are booked for 2019 with one more to be confirmed. Sidmouth started on Saturday with 6 new referees.

- Referee Registration for 19/20 will open on the 1st June as we now move to seasonal registrations and the Referee Promotion Window has now changed to with promotions starting on 1st July and finishing on 30th April each season. 19/20 Promotion season has an extension to bring everything inline.
- Sin Bins are coming for Step 5 and below. Referee training will be delivered in June 19 and there are some significant law changes this season too.
- Referees continue to be charged/suspended for failure to submit red and yellow cards! Why, I have no idea as the processes are quite simple.
- 14 Referees were promoted from 7 to 6 recently and 5 from 6 to 5. 5 referees are to be recommended from 5 to 4.
- For the 19/20 promotion season we have 27 candidates from 7 to 6, 24 from 6 to 5 and 24 from 5 to 4.
- 5-4 Promotion changes. 20 games as a referee and 10 as an assistant referee still remain as part of the criteria but now games for u18s will count as referee and assistant. The 2600m fitness test stays this year but the observation form has changed. The standard mark for the 20 competencies is 60 with an average of 70 now needed for promotion. I have raised concerns to the FA over this high requirement.
- Safeguarding Children. Referees in Youth Football and Referee Coaches/Mentors/Observes below supply league level will now need an in-date FA Safeguarding Children qualification. Registration for season 20/21 will be prevented without this. There is a new Safeguarding Workshop out for Referees (this is remarkably similar to the other course!) and Devon FA will now decide whether or not to run referee specific workshops or organise more general workshops for all to attend. The course cost is £32 per person, but this is a one-off cost as future renewals are online and can be completed free of charge.

#### **8. National Report.**

- Nothing to report.

#### **9. Recruitment and Retention Officer's Report.**

- Peter still looking at ways to improve and what can be put on websites etc. Working with others to see what is available and how we can improve and the materials currently in use and if they are up to date etc. Will keep us posted.

#### **10. AOB**

- GM asked about FA CUP, FA Vase fees for AR's and if we could ask for them to be increased as the Prize money has increased. Advice was for GM to write or contact Tom Sampson as FA Rep and ask if he could raise the issue.

#### **11. Date of next meeting**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Newton Abbot, 7.15 pm.

**Saturday D & Exeter League – No report**

**Sunday League – No report**

**Training Officer / Mentoring.**

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**Steve Banks gave his report.**

**Observations started for new marking season on level 6 and 5's. Level 4's have fitness test in the summer.**

**We have completed 8 advisories and 3 refs have been given extra support, 2 have mentors and I have been and completed some coaching with a senior ref and he is showing signs of improvement.**

**.Any Other Business.**

**There was no further business to report**

**Date of next meeting –**

**Thursday 18 April 2019**