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**A.G.M of the EDRA held on Thursday 06 June 2019
Topsham Town Football Club**

1. Present:

Ray Lloyd Shaun Mann Ashley Horn Keith Mann Ian Keenan Gordon Richards Malcolm Stone Billy Budd Graeme Martin Mike Mullarkey Maurice Beckenham Adrian Bond Graham Blackburn Lionel Hawkins Tim Docherty

2. Apologies.

Dennis Bean Mike Mullarkey jnr Steve Banks John Kingdon

3. President's Opening Remarks.

Gordon Richards welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the AGM. Gordon thanked the new Secretary Ian Keenan for his work over the past season and gave Keith Mann a huge thank you for helping keep the Association going over the past seasons when other branches have had to fold.

4. Chairman's Report

Adie welcomed all to the meeting and thanked President Gordon Richards for his continued support. He also thanked all the officers and committee members for their continued support which has seen the branch maintain a healthy attendance month on month

Since last year's AGM one of the significant changes was that of the Secretary. Thanks needed to be recorded for all the year's Keith Mann held the position and to Ian Keenan for taking the role on during the season and settling in very proactively.

Adie stated that involving the members suggesting training topics had kept attendances up. This is encouraging especially as we have lost other local branches namely North East and North Devon, Adie believed that West Devon has also dropped in numbers. So it is pleasing to see the East Devon branch numbers increase year on year.

The new website is running smoothly and after a few teething problems it is now fully functional and a useful tool for both members who attend training evenings and those who aren't able.

The National RA website is very useful for training power points and law changes for 2019/20 season.

Membership for 2018/19 currently stands at 48 which is an increase from this time last year.

Average attendance per meeting is just over the 50% mark.

Finally, a thank you to Chris Skinner and his team at Topsham Town for their hospitality and accommodating our A.G.M and all our members for their support this season and wished all active referee's the very best for 2019/20 season.

5. Treasurers Report

The issue of updating signatories was hopefully now completed and a complaint had been put to the bank on their handling of this matter.

6. Secretary's Report

Ian Keenan thanked the officers, committee and members for their support in his first season as Secretary. Ian went on to echo all the thanks given from The President and Chairman and added an extra thank you to Training Officer Ray Lloyd for his presentations over the past season and particularly on the session on Racism tackling a difficult subject so well.

7 Matters Arising/Correspondence

Due to cup finals held in May the need for a meeting/Training evening was raised. The outcome for the May meeting will be decided towards the end of the new season. Voting at the RA E.G.M regarding the proposals to amend 3 rules was raised and all were in favor of leaving this matter to the officers of the branch.

A discussion took place regarding the venue for future EDRA meetings and it was proposed by Keith Mann and Seconded by Graham Blackburn that Topsham Town F C should now be the venue for future meeting commencing in September all were in favor.

8. Minutes of Previous meeting.

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

9 Election of Officers

All Officers were voted in En bloc with no new applications for any of the roles.

10.A.O.B

It was reported that there probably no Sunday League for the 19/20 season due to the lack of teams in the league.

Meeting closed at 7-45 pm