



EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 16th January 2020

1. Present:

Shaun Mann, Ray Lloyd, Graeme Martin, Gordon Richards, Steve Banks, Malcom Stone, Keith Mann, Graham Blackburn, Ashley Horn, Dennis Bean

2. Apologies.

Apologies received from: Adrian Bond, Ian Keenan

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

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Welcome all to the first meeting of 2020 i hope we all enjoyed a good Christmas and happy new year. Apologies for not attending tonight man Flu has taken over. Steve Banks has made contact with Keith Hackett who was unable to attend tonight's meeting but has been penciled in for February Meeting. Since last meeting as requested I have contacted both Peter Day & Richard Weare regarding secretary position. Both replied promptly and thanked us for considering them for the position however both explained due to prior commitments they wouldn't be able to accept the position. One big plus and huge thank you to Shaun who has informed me he doesn't wish to see the East Devon branch suffer so will continue to serve as secretary until the end of this current season or a replacement is found sooner. Can I strongly point out please to the committee a replacement Secretary needs to be found and in place in order for the branch to continue for season 2020/2021. As a working committee please make every effort to help find a replacement as I feel it would be a great shame to lose our branch when you consider our attendance numbers and all the good work gone into maintaining the branch operation.

I am sure Ray's presentation will be informative as ever and look forward to hearing feedback from Shaun's quiz.

4. Minutes of Previous meeting.

- Minutes of November's meeting have been added to the website. No amendments to be made.

5. Matters Arising/ Correspondence.

- Richard Mason has now taken over as the RDO from Jason Hawkins. Rich will be the RDO and area appointments officer for County RA (level 4's and SWPL assistants)
- Cameron Mann is the current Observers Officer

6. Treasurers Report.

- Membership stands at 38 (including 1 life member)
- Current Account £383.26 Reserve Account £1,496.25 Total £1,879.51
- Email received from National RA advising that only 3 fields (Name, DOB & email) are needed to register a new member on the RAMMS system. Preferably all fields are to be completed if possible.

7. Delegates Reports.

- **Saturday Devon & Exeter League** – nothing of note from the last meeting. Ray to raise the behavior of the Sidmouth Town (4ths) manager towards both the referee and his own players during a recent match he was watching. It was mentioned that due to the language used and possibility that players may have been under the age of 18 this could be deemed a safeguarding issue. Managers and club officials to be made aware that these incidents can be reported to the county if witnessed.
- Steve Banks advised that he recently reported the Whipton & Pinhoe manager to the league for his behavior towards a referee.

- **Sunday League** – No meeting

- **DCRA**
- Next meeting is Monday 18th January 2020
- KM will raise that level 6 referees should be invited to participate in fitness tests
- Further discussions will take place around the new format of the fitness test for next season to seek clarification on what this will involve

8. Training Officer / Mentoring.

Training – Ray is pleased with how the season has gone until now and the attendance levels which still appear healthy. Keith Hackett will be attending next months meeting. We will advise other branches to invite their members along.

Mentoring – 46 observations have been completed with 6 left to do by the end of April 2020. Steve Banks will speak to RDO regarding advisory observations. Core coaching group will continue next seasons which has been a success so far.

9. Any Other Business.

- Graeme Martin suggested we attend a live match for our meeting in March or April. This proved to be a successful evening when carried out a few years ago. Suggestions were Exwick Villa and Sidmouth as possible venues or looking further afield such as Axminster to include our members who are not in Exeter.
- Keith Mann reminded all referees to complete their post-match paperwork correctly as a level 4 has recently been fined £51 and handed a 14 day suspension. 6 officials have been suspended across Devon this season for various offenses including comments on social media – all referees are reminded that they should be careful with comments on all social media sites and should avoid posting or commenting about their games.

Meeting Closed – 19:45

Date of next meeting – Thursday 20th February 2020