



EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 21st November 2019

1. Present:

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

2. Apologies.

Apologies received from: Ian Keenan

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

Welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed it was nice to see so many new faces at the previous month's meeting and hoped we would continue to see a good attendance. Chairman thanked Ray Lloyd for October's session on handballs. Thanks to Shaun Mann for his role as acting secretary at the start of this season and apologised for assuming that a possible candidate (Shane Barker) to take on the secretary role was not a registered member. Shane had been willing to take on the role but could not confirm attendance at meetings due to work commitments and travel at short notice. During a discussion with the committee the chairman agreed to contact two possible candidates to see if they would be interested in taking on the role of secretary from January 2020.

4. Minutes of Previous meeting.

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

5. Matters Arising/ Correspondence.

- D&E handbook amendments made since start of the season which are now available on the website – referees are encouraged to check this and update their handbooks where necessary.
- RA discounts as a member benefit for Black Friday – around 800 products available from Whirlpool, Indesit and Hotpoint. To view offers visit www.privilegepurchaseclub.co.uk and email contact@the-ra.org for any further info. (voucher code **EARLY25** or **BF27**)

6. Treasurers Report.

- Membership stands at 34 (including 1 life member)
- Current Account £319.26 Reserve Account £1,494.98 Total £1,714.24
- Graeme has chased members from last year who have not yet registered (12) and 3 of these have now registered
- Ian Keenan has a full membership list to promote the RA while coaching/mentoring/observing

7. Delegates Reports.

- **Saturday Devon & Exeter League** – a reminder has been sent to all clubs to provide refreshments to officials at half time of all matches. Another reminder has been sent to ensure that the Respect Handshake is being carried out before matches and clubs should report to the league if this is not completed. It was announced that sadly, a former referee Mike Turner had recently passed away – our condolences to the family. The next D&E League meeting will be Monday 25th November.
- **Sunday League** – No meeting
- **DCRA**
 - AGM with no changes to note. Keith Mann asked the committee if anyone would be willing to represent County RA on the County FA as he will happily step back from this
 - It was raised that level 6 referees should be encouraged to take part in the fitness test but the RDO disagreed and further confirmation is awaited on what will happen with this going forward
 - It was mentioned that any referee who is involved in youth football will have to complete a safeguarding course which from next season will cost £32
 - The suggestion from the FA and national RA is that each branch of the RA should have a welfare officer (although this is not compulsory) and anyone is willing to volunteer and must attend a training course
 - There was a discussion as to how the RA can appeal to youth members to increase membership figures. It was discussed that younger members prefer the use of online training rather than attending meetings which is an issue nationally.
 - Next meeting is 20th January 2020

8. Training Officer / Mentoring.

Training – Ray was pleased with the turnout for October's meeting and felt that there was some good interaction. Ray asked the committee if they had any ideas for sessions in the New Year and it was suggested that Steve Banks could contact Keith Hackett to enquire about him doing a session.

Mentoring – Steve advised that there are 14 observations to do by the end of the season and that the coaching group is back up and running with 8 coaches in the area.

9. Any Other Business.

- Referees are reminded to read competition rules as a cup game recently went to extra time when it should have gone to penalties and referees should also note that match fees are lower for County Cup games than league matches
- It seems that new referees are not shown how to use the Whole Game System during their training course, which is causing issues when they are appointed games. Will look to seek clarification from RDO as to when this should be covered. We are hoping invite him along to a meeting in the new year
- Jason Hawkins is now the RDO and the branch would like to invite him to a meeting to hear his plans and objectives going forward. (Shaun Mann to contact to see if RDO can attend January meeting)

Meeting Closed – 19:50hrs

Date of next meeting – Thursday 16th January 2020