



EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 17th October 2019

1. Present:

Adrian Bond, Shaun Mann, Ian Keenan, Malcolm Stone, Keith Mann, Ashley Horn, Ray Lloyd, Steve Banks

2. Apologies.

Apologies received from: Gordon Richards, Dennis Bean, Graeme Martin, Graham Blackburn

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

Ade welcomed all to the meeting and advised that numbers were down on last season for our first meeting of the new season in September, but was hoping for a better attendance for October's meeting. He also reminded the committee that Shaun will be stepping down as acting secretary after November's meeting due to work and study commitments, meaning the committee will need to find a replacement for January's/February's meeting. Ade also confirmed he has been in communication with Jason Hawkins regarding closed dates on Pitchside and requested that referees are contacted by phone when given a game at short notice. There had been some confusion regarding the process for coming off a game once appointed which has hopefully now been cleared up with communication going both ways between officials and Jason.

4. Minutes of Previous meeting.

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

5. Matters Arising/ Correspondence.

- Further correspondence from Jason Hawkins regarding closed dates on Pitchside and officials coming off games at late notice without contacting him via phone. He will start reporting these to county with possibility of suspensions. Ade Bond has emailed Jason to advise this must be a 2 way street and requested as courtesy Jason calls officials should they be appointed to a fixture at short notice.
- Email from Jason Haywood regarding a team having a goalkeeper sin-binned during half time for dissent so has sent over information on the correct process for cautions outside of the 90mins to all officials.
- Wet weather protocol for SWPL. If you have a game postponed then please let Paul Murphy know if you are able to take another appointment. This will help him to fill games where assistants have not yet been appointed.

6. Treasurers Report.

- Membership stands at 28 (including 1 life member)
- Current Account £281.26 Reserve Account £1,494.98 Total £1,776.24

7. Delegates Reports.

- **Saturday Devon & Exeter League** – Terry Atkins has been complimented for how he reacts to losing referees at short notice to the Devon Football League. He is always willing to let referees be released for games at higher levels and is often still able to ensure the majority of games on D&E are covered.
- **Sunday League** – No meeting/report
- **DCRA** – Next meeting on 28th October 2019 (AGM)

8. Training Officer / Mentoring.

- Observations are going well. We have 16 promotion candidates including 3 hoping to go to level 4 in the area.
- Ray offered his thanks to Keith for stepping in to cover Septembers meeting and confirmed he will be covering handball in October's meeting.

9. Any Other Business.

- It was suggested that the secretary role be advertised on the Devon & Exeter Football League website and for Colin Goodwin to be contacted to send out some communications to all officials to see if there is any interest in the role.
- Jason Haywood will be leaving his RDO role to move into an IT/social media role so county will be looking for a replacement.
- Ian Keenan thanked Stephen Brealy for helping an inexperienced referee from Romania with his paperwork and to submit cautions on the Whole Game system.
- It was mentioned that some D&E clubs are not providing officials with refreshments at half-time. This will be mentioned at the next D&E meeting.
- It was mentioned that the fitness test completed in Cornwall may have different criteria in terms of distance and activities involved that those completed in Devon. This will be raised at the DCRA meeting on 28/10/2019.
- Ray is looking to have business cards made with his contact details on to take to games to hand out to referees and asked if the EDRA logo could be used. Committee agreed that this is fine and suggested that the EDRA secretary email also be added to the cards as a point of contact. Ray will have some drafted up to bring to the next meeting.

Meeting Closed – 19:45

Date of next meeting – November 21st 2019