



EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 19th September 2019

1. Present:

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

2. Apologies.

Apologies received from: Steve Banks, Ian Keenan, Ray Lloyd

3. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

Ade welcomed all to the first meeting of the new season and offered his apologies to Chris Skinner of Topsham Town for not sending him a reminder of the meeting. He thanked Topsham Town for hosting us and allowing us to use their facilities. Went on to advise the committee that just a couple of weeks after the AGM in June, Ian Keenan advised the chairman that due to personal reasons and other commitments, he would not be able to continue as secretary of the branch as he wanted to be able to give his all to the role if in post. Ade thanked Ian for his efforts over the past season and also expressed his thanks to Shaun Mann for agreeing to take on the role of acting secretary until a permanent replacement is found. Ade then explained that there had not been too much correspondence during the summer from the National RA, but did advise the committee of the Membership Benefit offer of 20% off Hotpoint, Whirlpool and Indesit kitchen appliances.

4. Minutes of Previous meeting.

- Minutes of the May meeting are available on the website and no amendments required.

5. Matters Arising/ Correspondence.

- Email from Jason Haywood regarding sin-bins – reminder to all that these are to be used for dissent only, must still be logged on the Whole Game system and apply to all step 5 and below games including county cups.
- Email from Jason Hawkins regarding closed dates – these should be done a full month in advance and should an official need to come off a game due to injury, illness or work commitments then they must email or call Jason to let him know. Chairman will be contacting Jason Hawkins to request that he is contacting officials by phone in the event of a late appointment.
- Email from Jason Haywood regarding law changes for the new season and sin-bins overview – he will be hosting a Facebook live session this evening (19th September 2019) to answer any questions on these topics.

6. Treasurers Report.

- Membership stands at 49 (including 1 life member)
- Current Account £248.26 Reserve Account £1,494.98 Total £1,743.24

7. Delegates Reports.

- **Saturday D & Exeter League** – No report
- **Sunday League** – No report – it is believed that there are currently 8 teams who will be competing in the league this season.
- **DCRA** – Next meeting on 28th October 2019 (AGM)

8. Training Officer / Mentoring.

- Observation report from Steve Banks: 17 active promotion candidates (L4 = 3, L5 = 7, L6 = 7). Observations well under way. A reminder that another local referee suspended for comments made on social media so officials are advised to be cautious when posting on social media. Reported that several referees have already been picked up in observations for incorrect use of sin-bins and the procedure.
- **Any Other Business.**

Shaun advised that while he is happy to step into the role of acting secretary, he will only be willing to do so until November at the latest due to work commitments and undertaking a qualification from October which will consist of additional work in the evenings and weekends. He is happy to help out in future as assistant secretary but will not be committing to the role long term.

Meeting Closed – 19:35

Date of next meeting – October 17th 2019