



SUTTON COLDFIELD AND DISTRICT REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING ON 8th September 2008.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dave Hanson, Alan Nicholas, Marc Perry, Phil Edwards.

NEW MEMBERS

Zoltan Horvath

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted

MATTERS ARISING

None

SECRETARY

The secretary reported to the group about the forthcoming guest speakers.

It was also announced that a new referees training course is being arranged and requested the use of our facility.

The use was granted for Monday nights.

TREASURER

The Treasurer informed the group of the amounts in the general and benevolent accounts.

LOCAL LEAGUES

Sutton Sunday League – Nil

Birmingham AFA – Nil.

Midland Football Combination – Nil.

Lichfield & District – Bill Dinsdale has now resigned. The league is currently suffering a shortage of referees.

PROBLEM CORNER

None

PHIL PROSSER

Phil Prosser – our guest speaker, gave us a talk on his own history and gave us some extremely useful tips for our future. Phil, former RAF, lived in Pontefract, Yorkshire when he started refereeing, went on to be a Football League referee for 7 years, ran Premiership lines for 2 years and ran the line in the Champions League. He is a Level 3 Coach and Assessor.

He informed us of the importance of self-assessment, as we are quite often our own worst critics. Also when we referee a game, and prior to that game, “control the controlables” always arrive on time etc etc etc.

When assessing, he suggested, never to say that a player is fit (we are not doctors), but to merely state that they had the “Physical Capability for the needs of the game”. First impressions, Phil stated, are of the ultimate importance. Be confident when introducing yourself to the teams / coaches. Make your that you are the first person to be seen in the changing room when the door is opened. Boss the first throw in.

He also told us never to be a hero and to never give surprises.

A tip I have used.... Get the players to use you first name, and you use theirs.... It actually works!!!!

And off course, less whistle and more chat.

Phil spoke for one hour & seven minutes.... I am quite sure that had we not needed to draw a close on the meeting he would still be talking.... And we would still be listening.