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# CREWE & DISTRICT REFEREES' SOCIETY

## MINUTES of MEETING THURSDAY 2nd November 2023

### VENUE: WILLASTON SOCIAL CLUB, WILLASTON CW5 6PU

Present 10: D.Welch, M. Davies, P.Maddocks, J.Tee, J.Owen, **E.Patrick**, Max Lewis, Mat Lewis, T.Smith, L.Smith

Apologies: K.CURZON, R.Bedson, A.Burn, **D.Evans**, M.Stapleton, L.Edwards, **J.Wilkes**, **M.Jasinsky**, R.Bradfield, E.Earl

**Members 2023/2024 25:** Ron Bedson. Rick Bradfield, Anthony Burn, Stuart Cameron, Wilfred Cole, Kevin Crump, Keith Curzon, Mick Davies, Lizzie Earl, Luke Edwards, Ian Hurdle, Mat Lewis, Max Lewis, Pete Maddocks, Ben McCormick, James Owen, Tomas Patterson, Neil Ridgway, Alex Schauer, Elizabeth Smith, Terry Smith, Kriss Spencer, Matt Stapleton, Max Stapleton, James Tee, Dave Welch,

**Members 2022/2023 33:** Bradley Battersby, Dan Beattie, Ron Bedson. William Beech, Rick Bradfield, Max Buckley-Benbow, Jake Byatt, Stuart Cameron, Keith Curzon, William Davies, Lucas Durose, Luke Edwards, Tom Edwards, Alfie Hill, Ian Hurdle, Alan Husher, Michal Jasinski, Ewan Lahey, Matt Lewis, Peter Maddocks, Adam Matthews, Ben McCormick, Oliver Messenger, Alex Philipson, Neil Ridgway, Jay Rowland, Terry Smith, Kriss Spencer, Max Stapleton, Edison Stringer, Archie Stubbs, James Tee, Dave Welch, Tom Williams,

**Non Members in Red type.**

**Attended meeting but have not joined:** Jordan Brooks, Joe Buckle, Isaac Dharewal, Ryan Ellis, Des Evans, Michal Jasinski, Ewan Patrick, Oliver Proudlove, David Steele, Archie Stubbs,

### **1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Welcomed all to the Meeting and thanked all for making the effort in the atrocious weather. He explained Rick's wife had just come out of hospital and that was the reason for his non attendance. The best wishes of the Members to be passed on for a speedy recovery. It was noted there was a Discipline training night for Leagues and Referees held by the CCFA and a number of Members were attending there tonight.

### **2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held 5th October 2023 as distributed were approved.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Registration of J.Powell now sorted.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 County R.A. and meeting 19th October 2023 received

#### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Account £1292.44.

Membership renewal J.Owen paid. According to National R.A. membership 28. Reminder that those who have not paid subscription are no longer members and not covered by Insurance.

#### **6. COUNTY R.A.**

6.1 The AGM was held on 19th October at the CCFA office followed by a normal meeting. Chairman's report was read out and the Secretary's report noting this was his 28th AGM report. No financial activity for 3 years, Accounts were verified, noting no change. Agreed to update the Rules. It was proposed and agreed with Vice President nominations of R.Bradfield (Crewe), B.Hurren (Stockport) and I.Davies (Chester).

Election of Officers - President D.Welch (Crewe), Chairman R.Matthews (Wirral), Secretary/Treasurer I.Davies (Chester), Vice Presidents R.Cooper (Altrincham), L.Ensor (Wirral), K.Grundy (Altrincham), R.Bradfiels (Crewe), B.Hurren (Stockport), I.Davies (Chester). No change to Rules submitted. CCFA Representative I.Davies. Election of Verifiers R.Bradfield, D.Welch.

6.2 Normal meeting following AGM - Minutes of meeting held 18th April 2023 were approved. Nomination for a R.A. Representative to CCFA Council was approved to go to CCFA Council for approval. Noted Stockport R.A. had recently celebrated their 75th anniversary. County R.A. had supported a CCFA Referee in a recent assault case.

#### **7. CREWE & DISTRICT F.A. Mick Davies**

7.1 Appointments confirmed for next round of Crewe DFA Cups, nominations to CCFA for next round of County Competitions.

7.2 Reminder that any game called off due to bad weather or pitch conditions will normally be played the following week.

7.3 There was some concern about County appointments with changing venues and kick off times.

7.4 Any referee not having received confirmation of a game should report it to the County/DFA.

#### **8. EDUCATION SECTION Dave Welch**

Questions on, at a Penalty Kick where must the players be?

Answers - Defending goalkeeper must be on his goal-line facing the kicker, players at least 9.15 metres from the penalty mark, behind the penalty mark, inside the field of play, outside the penalty area.

#### **9. PRESENTATION/SPEAKER - James Tee**

J.Tee involved the meeting in a discussion on postponing/abandoning games in bad weather, what to do before and during and post match, what to check, who to involve. James was thanked for his presentation with the Chairman Saying this presentation was very relevant with the recent bad weather.

#### **10. PROBLEM CORNER**

How far must players be at a dropped ball-4 metres from the ball. Ball hits referee and possession is retained by the kicker play on and not a dropped ball to the team in possession.

#### **11. SOCIETY DRAW.**

Not held.

#### **12. AOB**

12.1 No meeting planned for December, but it was hoped to have a game to watch with feedback at the January meeting. Note Members will be notified if a suitable game is found. Reminder the next planned meeting is January 2024 and although very early the Chairman wished all Members a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

12.2 Stockport RA are inviting all RA Members to an evening with Howard Webb and his wife on 14th March 2024 with tickets available shortly.

12.3 In the County RA meeting it was agreed that, as no Society had paid room hire for at least 3 years, all Societies donate that fee to the R.A. Benevolent Fund. So each Society will donate £50 and the County R.A. £100. Crewe Referee Society agreed.

### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

13.1 Next meeting which will be **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024** at Willaston Social Club 7.45pm.

13.2 Meetings proposed to be held every first **Thursday** except April/June/July, 7.45pm at the Willaston Social Club.

13.3 Meeting dates for 2023/2024: 030823, 070923, 051023, 021123, 071223 (Social?), 040124, 010224, 070324, no meeting April, 020524 (AGM), no meeting June and July.

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**