



Eastern Counties Rugby Union Referees' Federation

Minutes of Annual General Meeting **Held on July 9th 2009 at ECRU offices** **Stowmarket.**

Present: G Feest; S Tatum; R Marfleet; D Chapman; D Locke; G Cross; H Cross; J Adler; C Edmund; R Shand; K Harris; B Peaker; D Neal; D Watson; G Walker; J Jupp

Apologies: M Stott; A Smith; K Harris; D Broadwell; Paddy Lockwood; S Stone; Paul Clayton; R Pierson; P Storey; A Watson; J Tatum; D Locke; R West; A Gold; D Speck; D Cooke; D McGinty

The President, Mr. John Adler, chaired the meeting. John opened the meeting by welcoming all present at 7.33pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence, shown above.
2. Minutes for the 2007 /2008 AGM , attached separately.
3. Matters arising
 - a. Graham Cross asked that the record reflect the fact that in the 2008/2009 it states he accepted a vote from the floor for the position of secretary . in fact John Adler chaired the meeting and accepted the vote for secretary.
4. Chairman's report
See Attached
5. Treasurer's report. Accounts accepted.
6. Appointment of Auditor
Dick Shand was appointed the auditor for the 2009/ 2010
7. Election of the Management Committee.
Before the formal proceedings John Adler was presented with gift, by Keith Harris, on behalf of the federation for his work in various roles over the years. John thanked the members and said how much he had enjoyed the experience.

D Chapman suggested that the new committee look at the position of training office should be looked at by the committee as to whether it was still relevant as it was covered by the sub counties now. With this in mind the rest of the members present agreed on a block vote for the other committee positions, shown in the Agenda , as there were no other candidates.

The following officers were therefore elected

President **Keith Harris**
Chairman **Graham Cross**
Chairman of advising and grading. **Paddy Lockwood**

Chairman of training and development **vacant**
Chairman of appointments and exchanges **Mike Stott**
General Secretary **Darryl Chapman**
Representative to the South East Group **Paul Storey**

8. To update the constitution to confirm the management committee policy that email is an acceptable form of written notice in all matters relating to society business and that such communications are binding. **Details of proposed amendment are in attached Agenda.**
9. To update the constitution to change the update the wording "B Grade" to the new nomenclature used to describe referee grading, Level 6-9. **Details of proposed amendment are in attached agenda.**
After various discussions around these 2 items, which where agreed by the members, the committee agreed to revisit the constitution in its entirety to ensure it was up to date and reflected the current times. Furthermore the members asked for a copy to be place upon the federation website.
10. There was no other business which had been received and the meeting closed at 8.38