

# NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



## South Wales Regional Branch

*Hello and welcome to the November 2017 Edition of the South Wales Referees Association Chairman's / Secretary Newsletter.*

*I Hope this Newsletter finds you all in good health, enjoying a successful season of refereeing.*

*My apologies that this Edition of the Newsletter is the first of the season. As you are aware the SWRA has been in some doubt regarding its future.*

*With this year's Annual General Meeting being cancelled due to the number of Societies that would have been present. There had been a requirement to issue a letter to hold an Emergency Meeting of the Membership to decide the way forward of the Association and for those Societies wishing to remain.*

*For those Societies that may not have read the previous issues. Your Society secretary has been sent a copy, My thanks to the Secretary of the SWFA in allowing previous issues to be published on the South Wales Football Association Website, this would have allowed a larger audience of Referees.*

*Since the last issue of the newsletter and the cancellation of the AGM, The Emergency*

*Meeting of the South Wales Referee Association was held.*

### SOUTH WALES REFEREE ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

### ITEMS RECORDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER

*An Emergency Meeting was held at Penybont FC on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 hosted by the Bridgend Referee Society.*

*The following people attended the Meeting.*

*President – Idwal Jones*

*Vice President – Joe Waterman*

*Chairman/Sec- Martin New*

*SWRA Rep on SWFA – Glyn Wallen*

*Port Talbot Society - Paul Fisher*

*Bridgend Society – Andrew Wallen*

### Apologies

*Vice Chairman – Steve Crossman*

*Carl Daughters – Referee Manager SWFA*

*Edwin Cox – Chairman RAW*

*Terry Allday – SWRA Council Member*

*Harry Hendricks – Secretary Cardiff Referee Society*

*Kevin Jones – Merthyr Tydfil Referee Society.*

### CORRESPONDENCE

*During the time of the inactivity of the SWRA A meeting of the RAW was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and Minutes of that RAW meeting have been distributed to Referee Societies.*

*Although meetings were not held within the SWRA correspondence was still sent and received:*

*Correspondence sent:*

*By e-mail from SWRA Secretary to all Societies and officers and other interested persons.*

*Notification of AGM.*

*Cancellation of AGM.*

*Request for venue to hold the Emergency Meeting.*

*Emergency Meeting Details*

*Correspondence received:*

*By e-mail, from the Secretary of the RAW containing the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017.*

*BY e-mail, from the Secretary of Rhymney Valley Referee Society - following asking members would not be attending meeting - would like to be kept informed.*

*By e-mail from the Secretary of the Vale of Glamorgan Referee Society, confirming his attendance at the recent RAW*

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**Meeting as SWRA Council Member. However, apologies for the 26<sup>th</sup> October meeting.**

**By e-mail from the Secretary of Bridgend Society confirming meeting venue.**

**By e-mail from the Chairman of the Merthyr Referee Society, confirming that they wish the SWRA to continue.**

**By e-mail from the Chairman of the Merthyr Referee Society apologise for non-attendance at meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

**By e-mail from Glyn Wallen confirming attendance at meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

**By e-mail from Idwal Jones confirming date of meeting and intention of attending.**

**By e-mail from Edwin Cox Chairman of the RAW confirming unavailable for meeting.**

**By e-mail from Edwin Cox containing information regarding RAW and how it would affect the SWRA dependant on decisions taken at the meeting.**

**By e-mail from Carl Daughters apologises for not being able to attend the meeting – on Holiday.**

**By e-mail from Steve Crossman apologises for non -attendance at meeting.**

**By e-mail from Secretary of Cardiff Referee Society would not be attending meeting at this time.**

**By e-mail from Secretary of Pontypridd Referee Society confirming non-attendance at the meeting.**

### **EMERGENCY MEETING DISCUSSIONS.**

**The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those who had attended also, Bridgend Society for arranging the venue. He began the discussions by giving a short update on the reasons behind the calling of the Emergency Meeting. He also spoke of the reply's he had received to the correspondence that had been sent, regarding the meeting and the number of Societies that held a positive attitude to the SWRA continuing and those that held a negative attitude. The Chairman of the RAW had e-mailed some points to note should the meeting decide to DISCONTINUE the SWRA and the outcome it would have for the SWRA.**

**For example:**

**Societies would still be allowed to be members of the RAW as a**

**Direct Member. They would have to contact the RAW direct.**

**The SWRA if it discontinued would lose its Council Member on the RAW Council.**

**The SWRA if one or two societies wish to continue they would retain the Council Member.**

**Following further discussions, the overall thoughts of those present were that the SWRA should continue to function in whatever form becomes the easiest. There had been no further ideas submitted from other societies the meeting also discussed the relevance and frequency of holding meetings. The difficulties in arranging meetings at a different venue for each meeting, and the possibility of holding meetings in one location was also discussed. It was thought that different venues should still be an option, but if this proved difficult, then the possibility of holding meetings at the current location (this meeting) was also to be considered.**

**With meetings possibly held every three months.**

**The chairman / secretary informed the meeting he was happy to continue to produce**

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the Newsletter which would enable information to reach all referees.

It was thought that the SWRA should be asking Societies - "WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO FOR YOU "

The idea of friendship between societies was also mentioned for example.: possible quiz or five a side tournament.

The current financial statement of the SWRA was also given to the meeting in the form of copies of the current Bank Statements. As there is currently no Treasurer for the SWRA the Secretary presented it in this format as the only transactions which had taken place were the paying in of outstanding cheques and a small cash holding.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT- SWRA

BUSINESS RESERVE ACCOUNT	£424. 57
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£362. 25

There will be NO Membership fee for season 2017-18.

### RAW REPORT

The secretary of the RAW had sent minutes of the recent RAW meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to all Societies.

### SWRA REPORT

The SWRA Council Member reported to the RAW Meeting, the situation regarding the SWRA., during his attendance at the recent RAW Meeting He has also submitted a report for societies please see attached to this newsletter.

### SWFA REPORT

A report from the SWFA was also presented to the meeting the report has detailed the following information.

#### Discipline:

Disciplinary figures as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

■ Cautions- 2768 up from 2268 last year

■ RED Cards – 328 up from 297 last year

White Paper Reports- 126 up from 124 last year.

Number of players receiving 5 Cautions 10 the same as last year.

Assaults – 3 last season. 11 proven or

assumed this season.

Referees to note all reports should be received by Tuesday night following Saturday matches.

92.5% of reports are now received by e-mail. Which indicates that disciplinary action is being applied more quickly.

The number of registered Referees is 277 up from the figure of 261 last year. Referees to ensure that the correct name of the club is put on the disciplinary form – especially with Junior sides.

### SWFA REFEREE COURSES

All Societies are reminded that the SWFA Run Courses for those wishing to become Referee. Candidates' Information can be found on the SWFA web site and from the SWFA Referees Officer Mr Carl Daughters, whose contact details are available in the SWFA Handbook or on the SWFA web site. Various courses have been held or due to commence as follows:

Cardiff 11 candidates  
Pontypridd 8 to sit exam.  
Treforest 12 to sit exam.

Bridgend 8 candidates  
Cardiff and Vale - 18 to take exam

Aberdare 10 to start a course.

### ON LINE COURSE

It is intended that the course will be going on line from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 with a practical element to follow.

#### Assessments:

The number of assessments currently undertaken are. At South Wales Alliance league level = 28

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*At local league level = 10  
With 7 coaching reports  
undertaken.*

*A new scheme to assist 1<sup>st</sup> and  
2<sup>nd</sup> year Referees has been  
undertaken, consisting of 3-4  
coaching sessions these have  
been completed in Bridgend  
and Cardiff.*

### ANY FURTHER BUSINESS

*Prior to closure of the  
Emergency Meeting the  
Chairman / Secretary stated he  
would prepare a newsletter  
containing information from  
the SWRA Council Member and  
the SWFA representative. It  
was hoped that a SWRA  
meeting could be held during  
January 2018*

*The FAW Representative on the  
RAW Council is Mr Ken Hughes  
(replacement for Mr John  
Phillips)*

### ORDER OF MEETINGS

*I have included the  
information below as per Rule  
7 of the current SWRA  
Constitution please see a  
detailed Order of meetings for  
the SWRA Referee Societies.  
That have stated a willingness  
to continued membership of  
the SWRA The Table below  
shows the venue, month and  
year of the respective societies  
meeting. Meetings to be held  
on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of*

*the month Society Secretaries  
are to inform the SWRA  
Secretary what date is  
available to them at least 2  
months prior to the meeting.*

<u>SOCIETY</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
PORT TALBOT	JANUARY	2018
RHONDDA	MARCH	2018
V of GLAM	MAY	2018
MERTHYR	SEPTEMBER	2018
ABERDARE	NOVEMBER	2018
BRIDGEND	JANUARY	2019
	MARCH	2019
	MAY	2019

### FEEDBACK

*I should like once again to  
request your feedback,  
negative or positive regarding,  
any Business discussed during  
your Society meeting that you  
may wish a response from the  
RAW. The new SWRA Council  
Member to the RAW is also  
available to take your  
question. Any response from  
them can then be published in  
the Newsletter, for inclusion in  
your agenda item with the  
answers to whatever has been  
asked of the RAW if provided of  
course.*

### TO CONCLUDE

*I hope you have found this  
Newsletter informative. Please  
discuss the contents with your  
societies Please also note that  
the RAW Secretary is in post,  
his details can be found on the  
SWFA website. I look forward*

*to your comments as I continue  
the endeavour to keep the  
SWRA "afloat"*

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