

Newsletter

Chairman's Report 2010

As my 10th year as Chairman comes to a close, I once again find myself reflecting on a year of turbulence for football all round but specifically for our own Society.

As always, our greatest strength has been our own sense of cohesion, the members themselves and the apparent will of committee & individuals alike to push our own agenda forward, regardless of outside distractions or influences, and to do what is best for OUR future and for Basildon refereeing as a whole.

Recent events have demonstrated once again that we are willing to truly embrace democracy and that the choices we make are both informed & thought through which should ensure that the ultimate outcome is both credible and workable as we look to move into Season 2010/11 refreshed and invigorated with a new sense of specific identity & purpose. As I'm sure most of you know, I am not one for 'smoke screens' or 'double speak' which is all the more reason why some of the attempts to undermine our internal processes - littered with vague references, economies of the truth and outright mis-reporting of the facts - disappointed me greatly but, ultimately may have made the decision making process easier for some to contemplate. We have made our decision and the Constitution will be amended, with your agreement, at The AGM in order to confirm our fresh approach and to ensure maximum benefit for you as an individual member & our organisation as a whole. We have seen great success this year; 10 County Cup Final appointments is a new record for our Association (9 being our previous best) and I am delighted that nearly every member has been supported by Basildon friends & colleagues wherever possible and that they have performed as they would have wished, further enhancing their personal & our group reputation. I am pleased to announce that for the first time we will be presenting our Cup Final Officials with a memento of our own in addition to those given by the Essex FA & Essex RA. Individual achievements - Promotion & League Cup Finals - are equally important and I hope that those of you who have enjoyed this success. It is particularly pleasing to see our members representing us at Roots Hall for the Southend Youth League Finals and I know that it is a fantastic day which is thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. Finally, as always, a word for my Committee colleagues; our President, Jim Hawkins has been conspicuous by his absence due mainly to a series of visits to and from hospital. Defiant as ever, Jim is still working away in the background offering support & advice as and when as well as trying his best to defy the odds and resume his rugby league career. John our Secretary, Peter our Treasurer, Mike the Vice Chairman Martin the Asst Secretary, Paul Clarke, Norman Allan, Sean Burnett and latterly Johnny Carr have all made significant contributions to our Association and it is the collective responsibility, sense of balance and ultimate wisdom that allows us the confidence to guide the Society through some turbulent times and out the other side - stronger, closer, focused & fighting fit! 2010/2011 is the next day of the rest of our football lives!

Mr President, Committee & colleagues I submit this report for your adoption.

Secretary's Report 2010

Hi all, a year ago I found myself in the position of secretary of our wonderful society. I had originally offered myself as assistant secretary but with the resignation of Martin I was persuaded to step up to the full role. As Martin did last year I tried to balance this role with the many other drains on my time. Unfortunately this has not proved possible and I have also resigned my position after just 1 year. I would like to thank Martin for all his help and support. As you will see from the nominations below I still intend to be actively involved on committee and if elected hope that I do as good a job as Peter has done. I hope that during the last year you have enjoyed the newsletters I have issued and as always I urge you to try and contribute to their content.

Colleagues, I submit this report for your adoption

Treasurer's Report 2010

After what has been a difficult year for the Society in terms of membership which declined to 57, the lowest figure during my time in office, it is pleasing to report that we were have nevertheless had a successful season on the playing field with Ten County cup appointments, and - to my mind - an equally successful one off it in continuing to strengthen our financial position.

The Kit Account, again ably run by Sean has had over £470 worth of business, and has continued to make all refereeing supplies easily available to our members. The slightly higher closing balance is due to a large purchase of kit in April prior to all the forthcoming Finals to which many of our active members have been/are involved in, part of which has already been recouped through sales, and which gives us some stock for the start of the next season. Our relation with all kit suppliers remains strong due to Sean's hard work behind the scenes, and Official Sports recent relocation to Wickford can only help us build on this.

The Benevolent Account has again had no callers on its funds, and due to the exceptionally low interest rates has only increased by £0.41. It remains for the benefit of the members in time of need.

The Current Account, which started at £411.36 has grown to a much healthier £1143.53. Some of this is due to an outstanding cheque from the Police Tournament being carried over into this year's accounts, but the 100 Club has again proved a fruitful source of income, generating over £250, as was the Curry Night in March which made us £111. We hope for the next season to be able to invest in some merchandise such as Polo shirts to further boost funds.

I would also like to place on file our thanks to Basildon United for their hospitality this season, when they took over at very short notice following events at Bowers, and for the food they have provided throughout the season. They have not charged us directly for the facilities this year, and as such we will be making a donation of £200 to the charity of their choice - St. Luke's Hospice - after the AGM. I would also like to again thank the two

auditors - Nick Kinseley and Tony Capon - for their help in preparing the accounts, and last, but not least, the rest of their committee for their support during the year.

Finally on a personal note I have decided after over ten years in the role not to stand as Treasurer next year, and wish my successor well with the role, and am willing to give them as much support as is needed. I have however decided to stand as Secretary as, following a change in my work circumstances, I feel I can devote the time the position both demands and deserves. If elected by the membership I look forward to continuing to serve Basildon Referees.

Mr.Chairman, I submit my report,

Webmaster's Report 2010

During the past year the main aim has been to keep members up to date with meetings and other information that may be useful to them. Where we have struggled is the lack of articles, snippets of news or anything else that would make the site more interesting. The aim has been and will continue to be so, is for something more than just the basic information about the Society. The site is not intended to be my own personal vehicle or that of the committee members but something for everyone to use, contribute towards and hopefully, something that most will benefit from.

For the site to be a success in terms of content, it needs the members input and contribution on a regular basis. The ball as they say is in your court.

My own business and personal commitments have changed that I do not have sufficient time to develop the site and take it forward. As a result I am not standing as Webmaster next season and hope that someone will come forward who is able to develop the site into one that is interesting and updated on a regular basis. However, as mentioned above, for this to happen, input is required from everyone.

I submit this report for acceptance.

Nominations

Written nominations for election to the committee are as follows;

Name	Position	Proposed	Seconded
Norman Allen	Vice - President	Martin Berry	Steve Thornton
Paul Clarke	Vice - President	Peter Cubley	Martin Berry
Chris Lee	Chairman	Carol Henwood	Jim Saville
Mike McGregor	Vice - Chairman	John Farrant	Paul Clarke
Peter Cubley	Secretary	Steve Finn	Steve Thornton
Martin Berry	Assistant Secretary	Carol Henwood	Jim Saville
John Farrant	Treasurer	Steve Thornton	Steve Finn
Sean Burnett	Supplies Officer	Steve Finn	Steve Everitt
