

NOTES / MINUTES...OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING OF REFEREES HELD ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2011 AT 19H00 IN THE BOARDROOM NEWLANDS GRANDSTAND BOUNDARY ROAD NEWLANDS

1. WELCOME

- The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all members attending this the first monthly meeting of Rugby Referees for the Year 2011
- A Special word of welcome was extended to immediate past Chairmen of the Rugby Referee Society Messers :Douglas Holwill and Dennis Immelman
- In addition a warm welcome was extended to Mr Marius Franken from Kimberley and a past Currie Cup Rugby Referee
- New Members were asked to stand and introduce themselves to the other members present

2. PRESENT

- As per the Attendance Register

3. APOLOGIES

- The following persons have tabled their apologies: JC van Heerden, J Fretter, D van Blommestein, M van der Westhuizen, C Johnston, F Pretorius, N Swartz, A Slater, J Lourens, D Fortuin, E Bernado, A Pieterse, R Barry
- As per the Attendance Register

4. IN MEMORIAM

- Due to the sudden passing of Executive Committee Member Mr James Apollis on 13 December 2010, members were asked to stand for a minute silence as a mark of respect.
- The Chairman paid tribute to Mr Apollis for the sterling work and effort he contributed towards the functioning of the Executive Committee and, his Portfolio of: Appointments. In addition, his membership and, input to the Match Reviewing Sub-Committee, will be sorely missed.

5. ELECTION: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

- With the sudden passing of Mr James Apollis 13 December 2010, an Executive Committee Member, an election took place in order to fill this vacant position on the Executive.
- Three candidates stood for this position, namely: Ashley Mackay / Charles Wyngaard / Eddie Douglas.
- A quorum, being present: 57 eligible members were entitled to vote.
- The Results were declared valid and fair by the Electoral Officer: Mr Herman Abrahams
- The three members polled the following number of votes:

Ashley Mackay: 29

Charles Wyngaard: 22

Eddie Douglas: 6

- Mr Mackay was declared the winner having received 50% + 1 of the vote
- The Chairman thanked the other candidates having availed themselves to stand for this vacant position on the Executive Committee

6. EXAMINATION REVIEW / PREPERATION

- Mr Eugene Daniels led members through the DVD Clips, of possible questions, that could arise, in the Referees Examination, currently scheduled to be written, on Thursday 24 March 2011
- On some video clips heated debate took place with members not agreeing with the verified answer attached to that particular clip
- Mr Daniel's warned members, that many of the clips he was showing and, discussing with members, were actual Examination Questions

7. SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES OPERATING MANUAL

- Alan Becker has project has commenced
- DVD 'S and Cameras has been completed
- Grading and Selection has been completed
- Currently 70% of Appointments Procedures is complete
- It is an arduous time consuming exercise, where all the finer points and details pertaining to that particular Portfolio must be put down in writing
- The Project is on going

8. ADMINISTRATION

- The Rugby Referees Examination is currently scheduled to be written on Thursday 24 March 2011 at SACS
- Referees Clothing: Can only be purchased on a Monday or Friday morning. An appointment must be made beforehand and confirmed in order to come to the Administration Office to collect this Clothing.
- Designated Regional Coaches and certain Executive Committee Members, will be completing the New Coaching Forms, introduced for the Year 2011
- The Chairman read out to members Referees participating in various tournaments around the country in March 2011 and April 2011
- The names of various Referees and Coaches and Match reviewers occupying positions within the South Africa Rugby Referees Association (SARRA) were read out to members.

9. SPONSORSHIP: DURALINE

- The Chairman disclosed to members that: pertaining to the current Sponsorship Agreement with Duraline, R220 000 will be received during the calendar year 2011.

10. CLUB RUGBY: WESTERN PROVINCE: YEAR: 2011....DEPUTY CEO WESTERN PROVINCE: MR HERMAN ABRAHAMS

- Mr Abrahams addressed members on what is expected from referees at the start of the rugby season year 2011 and during the rugby season year 2011
- The Union Executive depends on the referees for everything to run according to laid down laws.
- No threatening of referees or intimidation of referees will be tolerated
- Should this happen referees are to call Mr Abrahams immediately.
- Referees are to stamp their authority on the field of play from the commencement of the match
- The Executive of the Western Province Rugby Football Union will take full responsibility for the Club Rugby played during the Year 2011
- ALL REFEREES...must be Boksmart accredited
- If there is NO FIRST AID...at the field...No Match...is to take place
- There must be a technical area on the field
- All rules pertaining to Club Rugby in the Western Province...must be enforced
- All Players Cards...must be checked
- Boot Inspection...MUST BE DONE...PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MATCH
- The Western Province Rugby Football Union cannot afford "micky mouse" clubs any longer
- No Third Teams will be tolerated

- Players running from the Third Team to the Second Team to make up the numbers will not be tolerated
- First Team Matches commence...Start...at 16H00
- Second Team Matches commence...Start...14H45
- Third Team Matches commence...Start...13H35
- Referees are to ensure that whatever team they are refereeing...that...they end their match...x5 minutes...BEFORE...the MANDATORY COMMENCEMENT TIME...of the next match...regardless...what the score is...at that time.
- You only become good...if...you...are in good company
- Foul language...amongst players...on the field of play...is not to be tolerated by the referee
- Western Province wants to BE THE BEST...and...is striving...to be the BEST
- The Referee is to enforce discipline amongst the players at all times
- Referees are to enjoy the matches that they referee on a Saturday afternoon
- All Referees for Friendly Rugby Matches...before...the commencement of the rugby season...will be appointed by the Western Province Rugby Football Union
- Clubs are prohibited from appointing referees to friendly matches
- Referees will be paid for the friendly matches in which they are appointed / officiate by the Western Province Rugby Football Union
- Each club is to submit a minimum of x1 (one) name to be trained as a referee. The Union will pay all the cost associated with this recruitment drive of referees, from clubs. The Union is expecting approximately x100 names to be submitted from the 90 clubs that are currently registered with the Union

11. GENERAL

- NIL

The Committee acknowledges the superb quality of the rendered minutes / notes and, thanks Alan Becker for continuing to volunteer his time and expertise in this regard.

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21H05

The Next Monthly Meeting... of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society...will be convened on ...Thursday 12 May 2011 at 19H00...Newlands Grand Stand Boundary Road Newlands.

DAN DE VILLIERS

CHAIRMAN

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