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"NOTES" OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES SOCIETY HELD ON THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 2010 AT 19H00, IN THE BOARDROOM, NEWLANDS GRANDSTAND BOUNDARY ROAD NEWLANDS

1. WELCOME

- The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all members present.
- In addition a warm welcome was extended to immediate past Chairmen of the Western Province Rugby Football Referee Society: Mr Douglas Holwill and, Mr Dennis Immelman.
- A special welcome was extended to the three visiting English Rugby Referees, here on an exchange programme: Max Marsden, Simon Bradford and, Ben Chapelat.

2. PRESENT

- Per the Attendance Register

3. APOLOGIES

- Per the Attendance Register

4. GUEST SPEAKER: NICK KOSTER: WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY CURRIE CUP PLAYER

Nick Koster, addressed members present on what Rugby Players, in general, expected from a Rugby Referee:

PRE MATCH

- The referee approaches the coach / player informing them what he will be strict on during the match
- The key areas you envisage during the game
- Remind the different players in particular areas of the game, for example: props at scrums; fly half...offside position at lineouts
- Referees should relate to players: laugh and smile

DURING THE MATCH

- Consistency during the game
- It is not important to get every call right in every facet of the match
- Communication: with the captain; to inform him of the decision that you make

- Players do not know the laws all that well
- Explain the decision that you make...to the captain...during downtime
- Players lose respect for the referee when: no communication takes place with the captain
- Players can pick up very quickly whether a referee is enjoying the match or he is not enjoying the match

AFTER THE MATCH

- Approach the captain and / or coach
- Explain to them this is what you did right and this is what you did wrong
- Communicate that the Law states....this and this...etc
- The job is NOT DONE, when you blow the final whistle
- Players are learning all the time
- Communicate with the team: How they can improve their discipline
- Everyone is keen to learn
- Rugby is for the spectators
- If it was not for the players...there would be no game
- The spectators must enjoy it
- Spectators do not enjoy a rugby match where there are many penalties
- The game must flow
- Spectators enjoy the rugby currently played by the Sharks, Cheetahs and New Zealand
- Spectators want to see an attractive game with tries being scored
- Therefore; The game must be seen to flow
- Referees should not blow their whistle, if the infringement, has no bearing on the match, at that point.
- It is NOT about how well you know the Rugby Laws
- Referees need to be an adjudicator, NOT, an enforcer

5. ENGLISH RUGBY REFEREES EXCHANGE

- Three (3) English Rugby Referees from the United Kingdom, are in CapeTown, as part of an exchange programme
- The names of the Referees are: Max Marsden, Simon Bradford and Ben Chapelard.

6. APPOINTMENT SA RUGBY: JURIE ROUX

- The Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Jurie Roux, on his appointment at SA Rugby.
- A formal letter has been forwarded to Mr Roux in this regard.

7. ILLNESS---MEMBERS

- Mr Flip van Tonder: who runs the Referees Club House on match days, is recovering after an operation.
- Referee Phillip van Sittert: is recovering after having had a gaul bladder operation.
- The Society wishes both members a speedy recovery
- A special message of condolence was sent to the people who lost their lives in the taxi accident in Blackheath.

8. MEETING: DIVISIONS :2 DIVISION: 3 DIVISION: 4 DIVISION: 5

- A meeting was convened in the Referees Club House.
- Comments suggestions and feedback was well received
- A meeting will be convened shortly with Divisions 6 Division 7 and Beginners

9. CORRESPONDANCE FROM REFEREES

- Letters received from referees are most welcome
- It is good to receive communication from members
- A response will be communicated to you on the letter that you write
- However; if you do not like the response, phone and make an appointment to see the necessary person concerned on that particular subject.

10. PANEL REFEREES / ADMINISTRATORS: WESTERN PROVINCE

- Twelve Panel Referees are being reviewed on a weekly basis by our Performance Reviewers and S A Rugby Reviewers
- Thirteen additional Rugby Referees, were reviewed by a Performance Reviewer from another Province

11. S A RUGBY APPOINTMENTS

- The SA Rugby Appointments for Friday 27 August 2010 and Saturday 28 August 2010 were read to members

12. IRB LETTER: HAND OFF AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

- Alan Becker informed members as to what The Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society stand point is on these points.
- The letter detailing the response to the IRB via SA Rugby, was communicated with members.

13. REFEREE ACTIONS ON THE FIELD

- Referees are concentrating too much on communicating with players: when they offside at rucks and mauls by telling them to: Stay, Stay
- No player moves or listens to you as the referee
- The referee must communicate to the actual player too move: example at : rucks / mauls/ lineouts
- The Regions must come up with answers to these various facets of rugby refereeing

ACTION: REGIONS

14. BOLAND RUGBY REFEREE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

- An exchange programme has been entered into in principle to foster ties between the two Rugby Football Referee Societies
- Cross Border Rugby Refereeing will not be allowed in the future without prior sanction from BOTH, Rugby Football Referee Society's.
- This includes schools rugby matches

15. APPOINTMENTS: JAMES APOLLIS

- The Appointments committee meet weekly to discuss the appointments for the coming week
- This has been taking place from the commencement of the second half of the rugby season
- The Computer Appointment Matrix table currently residing on the Referees Web Site has caused problems
- Referee withdrawals have caused many problems
- Appointments will continue until Saturday 25 September 2010
- There have been 405 referee withdrawals to date
- This translates to 15 to 25 referee withdrawals per week up to and including Saturday 21 August 2010

16. TRAINING: JOHAN PIETERSE

- A Lap Top is to be purchased for training needs.

- Introduction to Rugby Refereeing is to be presented on Saturday 28 August 2010 at the Bellville Technical High School
- This is the NEW IRB Level 1
- The NEW IRB Level 1 must be completed before referees can embark on the Level 2 Course
- Courses will be presented in October again
- Performance Reviewers / Match Reviewers, Assessors, will go through the course again

17. PERFORMANCE REVIEWING: RONNIE BOURBON-LEFTLEY

- Currently, 483 assessments have been completed to date.
- There are still 16 referees to be assessed
- There have been referees that have been promoted and demoted
- Due to illness, Owen Kiewietz has been moved to Non-Active
- Referees are to make contact with Ronnie Bourbon-Leftley if they are under the impression they are missing any assessment reports.
- Referees must remember: The Number of Referees in each Division is fixed. For a Referee to be up graded there has to be a simultaneous down grading...unless...there is space available within that applicable Division.

18. FINANCE: ARTHUR SOUTHGATE

- All applicable referees allowances have been paid to date with the exception of nine referees because, their banking details have changed.

19. COACHING: RODERICK BARRY

- Stand Over

20. CHAIRMAN: DAN DE VILLIERS: IN GENERAL---REFEREE SOCIETY ADMINISTRATION

- Members addressed questions to the Chairman with reference to the Referees Administration, in General.
- The Executive Committee has made a decision to appoint a person that will compile an operating manual covering systems and procedures across all: Portfolios , departments, sections and divisions within the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society
- This will be a Working Document; as to how things must be performed and undertaken in the administration office.
- Heads of Portfolios / Departments / Sections/ Divisions, will sit with this person to put the operating procedures in place, before, the commencement of season 2011.

- Should more personnel be required to be employed within the administration office, this will become clear from this operating manual/ working document.
- A Formal Letter will be sent to all the relevant persons at the Western Province Rugby Football Union and Western Province Rugby Football Referees Executive Committee informing them all of this project which is to be undertaken by: Alan Becker.
- Mr Douglas Holwill informed the meeting, that SA Rugby already re-imburses the Western province Rugby Football Union, an amount of R5 700 per month, for RDO Work undertaken by the Referees Manager, Mr Ben Theron for and on behalf of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society.
- This is the first time that such a project has been embarked upon; concerning Administration; within the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society.
- Members are urged to contribute to this project, by communicating any matter that concerns them to that relevant Portfolio Head.
- All relevant persons have “bought into” this Project.

21. GENERAL

- Boksmart Courses: Phone Tracy Dunbar on a Monday Morning: 021-659-4502, to ascertain the date, times and, venues of Boksmart Courses, to be presented within the “next week”.
- Referee Withdrawals are being monitored.

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21h10.

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

The next...*(and the last for the current rugby season year 2010)*... monthly meeting... of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society, will be convened on Thursday 16 September 2010 at 19H00, in the Boardroom, Newlands Grandstand, Boundary Road, Newlands.

DAN DE VILLIERS

CHAIRMAN

DATE: