

MINUTES...OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING OF REFEREES HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JULY 2011 AT 19H00 IN THE BOARDROOM NEWLANDS GRANDSTAND BOUNDARY ROAD NEWLANDS

1. WELCOME

- The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all members on this cold winters evening, attending this the fourth 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 Mr. Douglas Holwill, Eugene Daniels, and, special guest: International Test Referee: Jonathan Kaplan

2. PRESENT

- As per the Attendance Register

3. APOLOGIES

- The following persons have tabled their apologies: A Southgate, D Immelman, J Pieterse, Petri Bosch, J C Fortuin, A C Bronkhorst
- As per the Attendance Register

4. NEW MEMBERS

- Five (5) New Members were asked to stand and introduce themselves to other members of the Society.

5. APPOINTMENT: LINDSAY BOOYSEN

- Lindsay Booysen, who has been appointed to work with Ben Theron in the administration office, was introduced to all members of the Rugby Referee Society

6. EXAMINATION RESULTS

- The SARRA Rugby Referees Examination Results written earlier this Year 2011, will be made available within the various Regions.
- If members are un-able to obtain their individual examination results within their Regions they will be available in the administration office.

7. ADMINISTRATION

- Appointments: are to be made in advance with Ben Theron before arrival at the Administration Office, for example: clothing
- Some Referees referee with the Lotto Logo on their jerseys. They form part of a Special Schools Union Project. They wear Green Jerseys. These persons are capable of being Touch judges at Senior Club 3rd Teams and 2nd Teams Matches.
- Payments: will shortly be disbursed to all members for the First Round of the Rugby Season
- Boksmart: Members have Two (2) Months to re-do Boksmart after their license expires. Members can make enquiries in this regard at the Administration Office
- Technical Areas: This affects the "A" Grounds at all Schools. All Schools have been informed. In excess of 400 letters has been forwarded to all respective Schools, concerning this matter.
- Level 2 Update: Was explained to the effected members who had recently completed this Level 2 Course at Goudini. Certain level assessment tests must be completed in order for them to obtain their Level 2 certificate.
- Club Politics: Referees are not to become involved within this area of Rugby
- Disciplinary Committee: Referees are not to concern themselves with the outcome of the decisions arrived taken at the Unions Disciplinary Committee
- Referees are encouraged to...briefly... mix / socialize...at the club venue...after completion... of the days matches... where they are officially appointed.

8. **GUEST SPEAKER: JONATHAN KAPLAN**

- International Rugby Referee Jonathan Kaplan, addressed members, on various aspects covering his overall Rugby Refereeing Career.
- His philosophy with regards to Rugby refereeing covers three areas: *Flair, Judgment, Nerve*
- FLAIR: to be able to add something to the game
- JUDGMENT: The Law Book...Black and White
- NERVE: to be able to keep refereeing the same way...with integrity...for example...when one makes x4 decisions within a short period of time against one team...making a last minute decision...where this decision will ultimately decide the winner and loser of the match
- Running Lines: these are determined and developed as one obtains a feel for the game. "*Where is this game heading*"...inclement / foul / bad weather...all play their part. The Running Lines on the Day...will be determined by the type of fixture being refereed
- Positional Play: There is No best position to take up in a match when one is Refereeing
- Set Scrum: Do not always take up the position on the feeding side of the set scrum. The Non-feeding team at that set scrum...loose head... wants to attack... the tight head... of the team who is feeding
- Maul: the Maul is an effective ...Offensive...weapon. It is used to keep defenses attached to the Maul. The IRB wants a fair contest. Players are encouraged to join from the back...but...not take out the opposition players

- Penalty Count in a Match: Awareness is a fantastic motto in life. As you are continually learning...you grow. The game is evolving all the time. *ONE MUST BE AWARE OF THE AMOUNT OF PENALTIES / FREE KICKS... YOU... ARE AWARDING IN A GAME.* Look at the teams how they are playing. What does each team want to achieve?
- Fitness: In a game is a foundation...pillar...but...only represents 10% in the game. Each person must listen to his own body. Create an awareness. Gain knowledge. Fitness exercises in which Jonathan participates: Some road running, cross training, a moderate amount of weights and, the treadmill.
- Tackle and Ruck: The tackler is always the main focus. The tackler must be out of the equation as quickly as possible. Always ensure that a fair contest develops.
- Enjoyment: Be firm. Do not let the players get the better of you. It is possible to enjoy the match. It does depend on each individual's personality. Refereeing is more task orientated than people. With rugby refereeing comes responsibility as well. Do not crack a joke. Do not allow an environment for too much talk
- Set Scrum: There is a lot of un-certainty. This section in rugby is a *"Work in Progress."* There is much in-accuracy. Communicate with the Assistant Referee / Touch Judge... to give input ...at scrum time. You need only free kick once... and... the players will be aware someone is watching. Always line the players up on the mark
- The Breakdown: It is this area of the game that has the most penalties
- Preparation for a Match: Thinks intensely about both teams. Has *"live"* preparation. Has physical preparation. *"Lives"....preparation...up to x4 times per week .* Tries to be happy. On match day...be relaxed...as he possibly can.
- Mistake on the Field: DO NOT ADMIT A MISTAKE ON THE FIELD. MOVE ON REGARDLESS.
- Charles Wyngaard: made a closing address to Jonathan for addressing the Referee Society and was in turn presented with Western Province Clothing by Ben Theron

9. SURVEY : QUESTIONNAIRE

- The Executive Committee has discussed the findings that were revealed by the completion of this questionnaire
- A small sub-committee has been established to look into these findings...which...in turn...will make its recommendations to the Executive Committee
- Once this is completed feedback will be provided to members

10. POLICY AND PROCEDURES...SYSTEMS OPERATING MANUAL

- The Executive Committee is to convene on Saturday 30 July 2011 at Newlands...in order to discuss the completed sections to date, namely: Match Reviewing, Appointments, DVD'S, Training Programme.

11. MONIES AND SPONSORSHIP

- An amount of R45 000 has been received from SARRA in connection with the recent Level 2 Coaching Course recently undertaken and completed at Goudini
- The monies that the Referee Society receives from its main sponsor: Duraline will be used in constructive ways that will ultimately be of benefit to members in the future.
- Members will be informed as to how these monies will be appropriated.

12. LECTURE: REFEREE: MARK LAWRENCE

- Referee Mark Lawrence presented a lecture on the "Big 6" at HTS Technical High School Bellville on Wednesday 20 July 2011. All Provincial, National, Contender, Division 1, Division 2 and, Division 3 Referees were invited to attend this lecture.
- There was a poor attendance: Only 18 referees attended

13. RUGBY REFEREES

- Congratulations are extended to all referees that represented Western Province at recent week tournaments completed during the June 2011 and July 2011 School Holidays
- Letters are continually received from clubs and referees on various matters within rugby and are duly attended to
- Referees must continually strive to be the best they can be within the division they currently reside.
- Congratulations are extended to Quinton Immelman on being appointed to his first Currie Cup Match: Boland versus Border Bulldogs
- Referees appointed to various provincial matches around the country were communicated to the members

14. MATCH REVIEWING

- When a Referee is DVD in a match...2 DVD'S ...are produced...1XDVD...goes to the Regional Coach of that particular Referee that was DVD...the other copy...goes to the Match Review Sub-Committee.
- For Referees to be considered for promotion...upgrading...they must already be running the required bleep mark... in the next higher grading division... compared to where they are currently placed / positioned
- With reference to the Level 2 Course recently completed at Goudini: Referees up to and including Division 4: must present a Game plan to the Match Reviewer at the ground...prior to...the commencement of their match.

- Should No Game Plan be presented to the Match Reviewer at the Ground...prior to the commencement of the Match...this fact... will be appended to... the Match Review Document.
- Up to and including Thursday 21 July 2011: 271 Assessment of Referees have been completed
- Grading has been completed by the Match Review Sub-Committee...which in turn...has been approved by the Executive Committee. Members who have been upgraded...promoted...was read out to members present
- The New Grading List will be placed on the Web Site within the next week

15. GENERAL

- Commiserations were extended to Referee Shaun Batt who recently broke his back. He has had an operation which has been successful. All appears to be going well with him at this time.
- On Monday 1st August 2011 is the commencement of: Ramadaan. The Society wishes its Muslim members well over this period of time.

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 20H52

The Next Monthly Meeting... of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society...will be convened on ...Thursday 25 August 2011 at 19H00...7PM...Boardroom...Newlands Grand Stand...Boundary Road...Newlands.

DAN DE VILLIERS

CHAIRMAN

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