

MINUTES...OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING OF REFEREES HELD ON THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 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 fifth monthly meeting of Rugby Referees for the Year 2011
- A Special word of welcome was extended to: Honorary Life President and Guest Speaker for the evening Mr. Paul Dobson, immediate past Chairman of the Rugby Referee Society Mr. Douglas Holwill, Marius Franken, Hendrik Greyvenstein, and, visiting United Kingdom: English Referees and Zimbabwean Referees.
- This monthly Meeting of Rugby Referees is the penultimate Meeting of the current rugby season Year 2011.
- *Thursday 22 September 2011*...would be the... **final...Monthly...** Meeting of Rugby Referees for the current Rugby Season Year 2011
- The Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society ...**Annual General Meeting**... would take place on... *Thursday 17 November 2011*

2. PRESENT

- As per the Attendance Register

3. APOLOGIES

- The following persons have tabled their apologies: A Southgate, Q Immelman, Pierre Rogers, Petri Bosch, Liam Hammer-Nel
- As per the Attendance Register

4. NEW MEMBERS

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

5. ADMINISTRATION

- Mr Harry Abrahams who recently had an operation is back home and recovering this operation. The Society wishes him a speedy recovery.
- Rugby Payments for the first half of the Rugby Season Year 2011 were made to members on Wednesday 24 August 2011. Those members who had not received payments into their

bank accounts by Friday 26 August 2011 were to contact the administration office immediately. The only reason for this would be that the administration office has no record / details of those members personal banking accounts

- There have been fewer withdrawals over the last month but conversely there have been fewer matches.
- The UK Referees addressed members on their experiences on refereeing in Cape Town. They were extremely grateful to have received such an opportunity. They were complimentary in their assessment of the high standard in club rugby in the Western Province
- The APC Tournament in Kimberley from 4 September 2011 until 9 September 2011: Referees from Western Province will be officiating
- Currie Cup Appointments were announced for the coming week: Joey Salmons would be officiating in the Leopards versus the Bulls in Rustenberg and Jason Japhta would be officiating in the match Griquas versus Cheetahs in Kimberley.

6. GUEST SPEAKER: PAUL DOBSON

- The Chairman explained to members that Western Province Rugby Player: Tiaan Player was a late withdrawal from this invitation due to playing commitments.
- Paul Dobson, our Honorary Life President, of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society, would address members on his early days as a referee, as an administrator and today as a rugby correspondent / journalist.
- Mr Dobson gave members an insight into being a referee many years ago...remuneration...fitness levels required...and...how referees were evaluated.
- In addition his experience in refereeing a Provincial Match at Newlands and, paying his own entry at the entrance gate, in order to referee that provincial match, overwhelmed members versus the procedure that currently occurs today.
- Matters such as disciplinary, the unity achievement in Western Province year 1991...were also highlighted in his address.
- Mr Dobson appealed to referees that: each match they refereed was a learning experience and, at the same time, encouraged them, to visit the SA Rugby Web Site...www.sarugby.co.za...in order that they could view match clippings of previous week's matches of refereeing decisions. In addition, there was a duty referee, who each week, answered questions from the general public.

7. MATCH REVIEWING

- Up to and including Thursday 25 August 2011: 336 Assessment of Referees have been completed...versus...452...as at the same time last year 2010
- First League Referees...are encouraged to submit Coaching Reports... on the their fellow members
- Grading has been completed by the Match Review Sub-Committee...as at 10 August 2011...which in turn...has been approved by the Executive Committee. Members who have been upgraded...promoted...was read out to members present. Certificates ...confirming...these up-gradings / promotions...would be handed out to applicable members at the monthly meeting of referees on: Thursday 22 September 2011
- Referee Daniel Fortuin: has been moved to the Contender Panel of Referees
- The section classified as: Super League ...has been scrapped...and...now forms part of Division 1
- The top x5 referees have been merit rated in Division 1: Jerome Fortuin / Nathan Swartz / Marc van Zyl / Marc Taylor / Wimpie Annandale...the remaining referees in Division 1...would follow alphabetically
- The New Grading List will be placed on the Web Site within the next week

8. 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 20H27

The Next Monthly Meeting... of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society...will be convened on ...Thursday 22 September 2011 at 19H00...7PM...Boardroom...Newlands Grand Stand...Boundary Road...Newlands.

DAN DE VILLIERS

CHAIRMAN

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