

NOTES / MINUTES...OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING OF REFEREES HELD ON THURSDAY 9 JUNE 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 third monthly meeting of Rugby Referees for the Year 2011
- Due to the Chairman of the Rugby Referee Society, Mr Dan de Villiers, being away at this time, Vice-Chairman, Mr Arthur Southgate, would be taking the Chairman's position for this meeting.
- A Special word of welcome was extended to immediate past Chairmen of the Rugby Referee Society Mr. Douglas Holwill.

2. PRESENT

- As per the Attendance Register

3. APOLOGIES

- The following persons have tabled their apologies: D de Villiers, D Immelman, N le Roux, G Bester, C Baartman, T Theart, W Pienaar, P Bosch, J Lourens, J Thompson, N Barry.
- As per the Attendance Register

4. IN MEMORIAM

- Due to the passing of member Mr Le Roux's mother, members were asked to stand a minute silence as a mark of respect.

5. REFEREES EXAMINATION

- Mr Pieterse discussed the most recent SARRA rugby examination with members.
- The highest mark attained was: 71
- The average mark was: 53
- A meeting will be convened with the various demarcated Regional Coaches to discuss the examination results.
- Members expressed there dissatisfaction / un-happiness, in the writing of this annual SARRA Rugby Referees Examination, in its current format.
- Mr Becker responded to members concerns by advising them that SARRA has granted permission in writing to Western Province to set their own annual referees examination.

However, SARRA Referees will be mandated to write the SARRA examination, while other members will have the option of writing the Western Province examination and / or the SARRA examination. We hope to have this examination in place by Year 2012.

- Individual Referees Examination Results will be given at the various demarcated regions.

6. GROUPS / QUESTIONNAIRE

- Referees were divided into different groups
- Within these groups, referees were given a set questionnaire on which to provide answers / information against the various set questions.
- A facilitator was appointed to each group to record the information provided by members against each of the set questions.
- The information will be analyzed and, feedback thereon, will be given to members

7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 31 DECEMBER 2010

- The Annual Financial Statements pertaining to the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society was sent electronically to all members, for discussion purposes.
- The financial position of the society is a healthy one versus other referee societies in the rest of the country.
- Currently the society has income to the amount of: R999 742.
- Mr Johnson raised the question: Given that the society is in a healthy position and that a million rand is a considerable amount of money, what exactly is this money to be used for? The Chairman answered: He agrees with the member. One of the future financial expenses being reviewed is: Equipment needs to be purchased for all regions in order that, all regions are equipped in exactly the same way.
- Members approved the Annual Financial Statements for the Financial Year as at 31 December 2010.

8. GRADING

- Dvd's are currently being taken of referees at various grounds
- As at 31 May 2011: 139 referees have been reviewed
- Many referees have to date not run a bleep test, and, therefore, are not in a position to be promoted.
- Referee promotions were communicated to members

9. APPOINTMENTS

- Withdrawal of referees particularly on a Saturday morning is concerning.

- The referee's commitment towards the Society is required by each and every member in this respect.

10. CAPE TV

- Mr Joey Salmans addressed members on the subject of: Cape TV.
- Members must be prepared to give match interviews after completion of a match and, clips from their matches could possibly feature in a weekly programme presentation

11. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

- Referees must abide by the dress code for Referees, as laid down by the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society. There IS a set standard.
- Ben Theron, will from now on be in charge of Referees Clothing. An appointment must be made before arriving at the office in order to purchase clothing. NO PURCHASING ON CREDIT will be allowed
- Referees are to report all forms of abuse in writing, experienced at the various matches, immediately after the completion of their respective matches.
- Referees that are summonsed to appear before the Western Province Rugby Football Union Disciplinary Committee, have the right for that summons to be given to them in writing, as opposed to telephonically.
- Member: Mornay Colville has been transferred to the Eastern Cape. The society wishes him well in his future endeavors.

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 20H48

The Next Monthly Meeting... of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society...will be convened on ...Thursday 28 July 2011 at 19H00...Boardroom...Newlands Grand Stand...Boundary Road...Newlands.

DAN DE VILLIERS

CHAIRMAN

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