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**NOTES / MINUTES...OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING OF REFEREES HELD ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 19H00 IN THE BOARDROOM NEWLANDS GRAND STAND BOUNDARY ROAD NEWLANDS**

**1. WELCOME**

- The Chairman thanked all members for attending the Fifth...and...final...Referees Monthly Meeting...for the current rugby Season...Year 2015.
- A warm welcome was extended to: Mr Dennis Immelman; immediate past Chairman of the Western Province Rugby Football Referee Society.
- A good attendance was recorded at the Meeting

**2. PRESENT**

- As per the Attendance Register

**3. APOLOGIES**

- The following persons have tabled their apologies: Douglas Holwill, Felix Spies, Lionel Galant, Ashley Jacobs, Riaan Bailie, Cwengile Jadezweni, Eduardo Takacs, Jean de Wet, Allen Bronkhorst, Niel Venter, Christopher van Wyk, Alan Gould, Eric Bernado, Divan Uys, Ashley Mackay, Johan Willemse, Christopher van Wyk, Marius van der Westhuizen, Nadier Isaacs
- As per the Attendance Register

**4. NEW MEMBERS**

- New Members; were introduced to members of the Referee Society

**5. CHAIRMAN...DAN DE VILLIERS**

- The Chairman addressed members on carious notices that they had received during the past week, namely:
  - 1) Mr De Villiers who has been in the position of Chairman of the Referee Society since Year 2009...x6 Years...communicated with members...he would **not** be seeking re-election at the forth coming Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22 October 2015
  - 2) The Chairman...continued ...that he would be involved in the Referee Society...with Refereeing and, Referees ...as he enjoyed this side of Rugby particularly the refereeing side of rugby..

- 3) In addition...Mr De Villiers...communicated with members ...that Mr Don Perry ...the convener of the Coaching Portfolio ...would **not** be seeking re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22 October 2015
- The Referees Annual Year End Function...Awards Dinner...would be held on ...Friday 16 October 2015...at the Protea Hotel... Stellenbosch
  - Division 1 Referees...MUST...use Radio's ...in matches...that they are appointed to
  - Referee Rasta Rasivhenge...has officially joined the Western Province Rugby Football Referee Society
  - Andre Watson...is officially...no longer involved with the South African Rugby Referee Association (SARRA)
  - The latest SARRA Rugby Referee match appointments...were communicated to members
  - Saturday 29 August 2015...there were...x78 (seventy eight)...Referee withdrawals in the Western Province. The most ever!...This is causing major problems... even at this late stage in the Rugby Season
  - Referee Charles Visser...ran ...AR ...at the Deaf Rugby International...played in Pretoria last weekend...Saturday 29 August 2015. Congratulations are extended from all members to Charles!
  - Mr De Villiers...communicated with members ...that a Meeting had been requested between the Executive of the Rugby Referee Society... and... Mr Thelo Wakefield ...President of the Western Province Rugby Football Union. This meeting will be convened on Wednesday 16 September 2015

#### 6. WILLEM BRITS-AWARD

- **Definition** This is the...Referees Referee of the Year...*"who waived / carried... the Referees Flag for the Referee Society ...wherever... throughout the Year...as voted by...the Referees"*
- Members were asked over the past x5 (five) weeks to nominate various members who they thought qualified for this Award
- The various Nominations received were: Marius van der Westhuizen...Quinton Immelman...Dyllan Francke...Hennie Heydenrych
- Members attending this meeting...were now asked to cast their written vote for x1 (one)...of the Nominees listed above
- The winner would be announced at...The Referees Annual Year End Function...Awards Dinner...on ...Friday 16 October 2015...at the Protea Hotel... Stellenbosch

## **7. FINANCES-ARTHUR SOUTHGATE**

- Monies due and payable to ...Rugby Referees ...and... Match Reviewers / Assessors...had been completed by Friday 28 August 2015
- There were approximately x8 (eight)...members...who could not receive payment...because of in-correct Banking Details
- Mr Southgate stressed the point to all members...in order to receive any payments that are due and payable to oneself...the onus is on the individual member... to ensure that his personal details pertaining to banking account details...are up to date and completely correct...otherwise...that payment...would not...be forthcoming

## **8. MATCH REVIEWING...GRADING...PROMOTIONS-RONNIE BOURBON-LEFTLEY**

- DVD recordings are being done on an ad hoc basis. There are x4 (four) DVD'S still to be undertaken before the end of the current rugby season Year 2015. One can only do x3 (three) at a particular club venue... and... the idea is to have at least x3 (three)Referees...at the same venue
- As at 25 August 2015...Match Reports Completed Total...509...versus...the same time last Year 2014...being...559
- The Match Review Grading Meeting...convened on 18 August 2015...produced only x2 (two)...Referees...who qualified for promotion...who ... complied with the laid down Grading Criteria. The names of these Referees are...Beres Andrews and Demitri Petersen. This was by far...the worst... Grading...ever undertaken
- There are x40 Referees who could possibly be in line for promotion... but... because of not running the mandatory bleep test ...and / or... not attempting to write a Referees Examination (either SARRA... OR... Western Province)...they in turn fail to comply with the laid down Grading Criteria. **It is NOT only... the Match Review Report from an Assessor ...that counts. There are OTHER CRITERIA ...that are taken into account. This has been communicated to Referees "Ad Nauseum" ... "With Monotonous Regularity"...** (see the previous Monthly Referees Meeting... Notes / Minutes...30 July 2015)...who in turn take no notice. Hence the above Grading Announcement ... Result
- The Final... Match Review Sub-Committee Meeting... of the Current Year 2015...will be convened on... Tuesday 29 September 2015
- Referees are...encouraged...to write an e-mail to the Chairman of the Match Review Sub-Committee...should they want an assessment

#### **9. TRAINING-CHARLES WYNGAARD**

- A LEVEL 2 ...Course will be convened in Goudini from...6 September... to... 8 September inclusive
- Approximately x30 (thirty) Referees have been invited to attend. The net for attendees to this course...was cast vast and wide ...up to a certain level...throughout the Referee Society
- A CMO Course was...recently... convened at HTS Bellville... on the Public Holiday...Monday 10 August 2015

#### **10. FRANCOIS PRETORIUS-ASSISTANT REFEREES**

- Francois discussed the Primary Functions of an Assistant Referee:
  - 1) Signaling Touch
  - 2) Foul Play
  - 3) Kicks at Goal
- Assistant Referees...**CANNOT**...signal forward passes and knock on's
- During the Off Season... Referees are encouraged to go back to Page 9 of the Law Book...and...read ALL the Instances...when the Ball can be considered... "To Be In Touch"
- The Team of 3 in the First Team Match...is Vital...as to how the Day Unfolds
- The First Team Referee...is encouraged to get to the ground early in order to communicate with the Third Team Referee who completed his Match earlier that same afternoon / evening
- After the Match: Do not leave Early...All x3 (three) individuals...should leave the ground simultaneously
- First Team Referees are encouraged to have...EMPATHY
- The Second Team Referee...should not...carry the after effects of the Second Team Match...into the First Team Match...where he has now been officially appointed... as the Assistant Referee

#### **11. BEN THERON-BOKSMART COURSE**

- A New Boksmart is available
- It now runs for x4 (four) hours... as opposed to... the previous x3 (three) hours
- The New Boksmart Course contains many points on Concussion...and...a Referee must be aware of ALL of them...otherwise...he could be held liable
- In addition...the New Boksmart Course contains a Section on...Negligence...for example...team lists...under age players participating in that match YOU are Refereeing

## **12. GENERAL**

- NIL

With No further business to discuss ...all members present ...were entertained after proceedings closed... with Soft Drinks and Snacks

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 20H23

**The Next Monthly Meeting ...of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society ...will be convened on ...*a date...time...and...place...still to be determined...in the New Year 2016*... at 7PM... in the Boardroom ...Newlands Grand Stand... Boundary Road... Newlands.**

**DAN DE VILLIERS**

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE:**