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**NOTES / MINUTES...OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING OF REFEREES HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JULY 2015 AT 19H00 IN THE BOARDROOM NEWLANDS GRAND STAND BOUNDARY ROAD NEWLANDS**

**1. WELCOME**

- The Chairman thanked all members for attending the Fourth Monthly Meeting of the Referee Society for the Year 2015
- A warm welcome was extended to: Mr Paul Dobson; Past Chairman of the Western Province Rugby Football Referee Society; Mr Naziem Isaacs: Western Province Rugby Football Union Council Representative on the Referee Society.
- In addition, overseas guests visiting from the UK on a Referee Exchange Programme, with Western Province Rugby Referees; were also in attendance, namely: David Broadwell (Coach), Jack Lewars (Referee), and Simon Mathews (Referee). They will be here refereeing various Matches from: 24 July 2015 until 9 August 2015. Everyone extended a warm welcome to them and an enjoyable Refereeing experience
- Without doubt: This was the best attended Referees Monthly Meeting of the current Year 2015; to date!

**2. PRESENT**

- As per the Attendance Register

**3. APOLOGIES**

- The following persons have tabled their apologies: Quinton Immelman, Matt Kemp, Cassiem Orrie, Eric Bernado, Khwezi Mqombothi, Denvin Hendriksz, Cornelius Miggels, Gurshon Daniels, Tobie Jacques-Reitz, Jenkin Heyns, Christopher Klaas, Jean de Wet, Allen Bronkhorst, Francois Pretorious, Ashley Mackay, Lewis Nomdatya, Andre van Dyk, Wayne Kearns, Riaan Bailie
- As per the Attendance Register

**4. NEW MEMBERS**

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

## 5. **SCRUMMIT—FAIZEL FELTON (WPRFU)**

- Faizel; communicated with members... that the next two weeks will be a trial phase for the Scrummit System... as it was going mobile
- Members are encouraged to check their mobile phones for their respective Refereeing Match Appointments
- Sponsors have been acquired for computerized equipment which will ultimately ensure each club will have its own Lap Top Computer at the Ground
- Scrummit is STILL experiencing various challenges
- Scummit is being used for the First Time to pay Referees ...at the completion of Round 1...Year 2015
- Late Changes that are made to the Appointment of Referees is currently NOT being adjusted on the Scrummit System
- Faizel; asked members for their patience with regards to the Scrummit System

## 6. **TAG RUGBY**

- Stewart; (*a colleague of Cullum Johnston*), communicated with members that the Game of Tag Rugby is being developed in conjunction with the Western Province Rugby Football Union
- Faizel Felton, is the contact member for Tag Rugby at the Western Province Rugby Football Union
- The idea is to get persons interested in Refereeing at an Under 9 Level
- The organization wants to be able to work with ALL Referees
- There are very few laws associated with Tag Rugby
- Tag Rugby, will be holding a World Cup Tournament in Brisbane Australia in December 2015
- There is a possibility of x2 Referees from the Western Province; associated with Tag Rugby; being chosen to participate at this World Cup Tag Rugby Tournament... in Brisbane... Australia... December 2015. This gesture is being offered to members of the Western Province Rugby Football Referee Society who show potential interest in the Tag Rugby Format
- Tag Rugby, is run throughout the Year
- There are many leagues, associated with Tag Rugby
- One can obtain further information on Tag Rugby at the following Web Site:

[www.tagrugby.co.za](http://www.tagrugby.co.za)

failing which, Ben Theron, at the Administration Office, can also be contacted in connection with Tag Rugby.

## **7. INSURANCE-ALAN BECKER**

- Alan, communicated with members that letters had been received at the Administration Office with regards to Referee Insurance, while performing any Refereeing Duties under the auspices of the Western Province Rugby Football Referee Society
- The incident which precipitated these letters was the incident which happened to Referee Le Eustace Beukes while officiating at the Hamilton's Rugby Grounds on Saturday 13 June 2015. He was carried off on a stretcher x6 minutes into the match, and taken to hospital
- Alan went on to explain to members that he expanded the initial brief that Referees had tabled to the Administration Office; this would then cover any incident ...of whatever nature...to any official ...performing an official duty...under the auspices of the Western Province Rugby Football Referee Society
- Mr Colin Moses; from the Western Province Rugby Football Union responded that: *"There is no insurance cover in place over either the possessions of the Referees, nor the Referees themselves (injury, death, etc)." "There is also no cover for the property of the Referee Society."*
- Alan, also communicated with members that we belong to the Amateur side of Western Province Rugby and cannot be compared to any of its players on the Professional side because anything pertaining to what he has described above, forms part of that individual rugby players playing contract
- Alan, illustrated to members that an Average Medical Aid at a cost of R1 500 say conservatively for 130 active referees (we know there are more... plus... officials ...**not...** taken into account... in this example)...would cost...R195 000...versus... the Annual Protea Sponsorship of around R230 000...makes this an unviable financial... proposition / burden... for the Referee Society to entertain on its own. These rates still would have to adjust annually for Inflation.
- Mr Isaacs responded to a question about club players that: Each individual club is responsible for their own individual players
- Mr Dobson and Mr Theron; in turn responded, that the Rugby Union will not just write you off. On reasonable grounds presented to them, a case can be made for some financial help.
- The Rugby Union, will help in certain cases
- But first and foremost: Members must report cases at the respective Police Station and obtain a Case Number...before...tabling any case to the Referee Society
- The Chairman communicated with members that SARRA Referees, are responsible individually for themselves. In fact SARRA tried implementing this form of Insurance for all Referees but found the costs astronomical and hence discontinued entertaining discussions on this subject.
- The Chairman; communicated with members that this topic will be explored further with the Western Province Rugby Football Union

## **8. FINANCES-ARTHUR SOUTHGATE**

- The Investment that member Stefan du Toit communicated at the last Monthly Meeting of Rugby Referees on Thursday 4 June 2015; has been explored
- A proposal by Stefan has been received
- Further investigation into this proposal will be undertaken by Arthur and his colleagues, which would involve amongst other things...rates to be charged...negotiated... and...only

then... a report back to members will be undertaken before any final decision is made. For example...what is being considered... on this Investment Proposal...if at all possible ...that the interest accumulated on this investment Account be put back...into the day to day working operations of the Referee Society... on an Annual Basis... in order that more capital is available to the Referee Society ...over and above the Annual Sponsorship monies received from Protea Hotels

- The Executive will keep members informed as to the progress of this investigation
- An ad-hoc Sub-Committee...will be appointed...to undertake this investigation

#### **9. TOURNAMENTS-JUNE/ JULY...2015...REPORT BACK**

- Various Referees ...attending Rugby Tournaments around the country... reported to members... on their experiences:

Aimee Barrett...Grant Khomo Week...Oudshoorn...*"It's a small place"*...Enjoyed the Tournament

Niel Bosman...Grant Khomo Week...Enjoyed the Tournament

Dyllan Francke...Elsenburg Tournament...Worcester...Enjoyed the Tournament

Hennie Heydenrych...Leopards...Pukke...Tournament...Potchefstroom...Had a great time...at the Leopards. A great experience...and...the accommodation at Astro Villa...and...all the festivities included

Vernon Avontuur...Leopards...Pukke...Tournament...Potchefstroom...Had a great time and learnt a lot

Niel Bosman...Leopards...Pukke...Tournament...Potchefstroom...Had a great experience

Alan Becker (Assessor / Match Reviewer)...Leopards...Pukke...Tournament...Potchefstroom...*"Western Province Referees... do not appreciate ...what they have...in every facet of the game"*

Abe Steenberg (Regional Academy Manager)...attended the Swartland Tournament in Malmesbury...recently

#### **10. DON PERRY (COACHING)...CHARLES WYNGAARD (TRAINING)**

- Charles Wyngaard communicated to members...that the Level 2 Rugby Course for Year 2015...would be taking place this Year. Names of candidates are being finalized and individuals will in turn be communicated with in due course
- Charles continued...that members chosen to attend this Course are to bring ALL Coaching and Assessment Reports they have received

- In addition...the World Rugby...IRB ...Rugby Examination...that one can complete on line...is also to be completed...BEFORE...attending this Course [www.worldrugby.org](http://www.worldrugby.org)
- ALL THIS DOCUMENTATION...detailed above...must be brought by the individual attending this Level 2 Course
- Joey-Salmans...intimated that...names of individuals...identified for attending a Level 2 Rugby Course...should be done in April of that respective calendar year...in order that...Coaches Educators and Assessors can review these individuals... BEFORE... attending this Level 2 Course

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

- DVD recordings are being done on an ad hoc basis. Only x3 written e-mail requests have been received for DVD Recordings
- Assessment s completed to date: Year 2015 402...versus...Year 2014...399
- Division 1 Referees...are encouraged to assess their fellow members in the 3<sup>rd</sup> team match and 2<sup>nd</sup> team match...that takes place immediately before their commencement of their 1<sup>st</sup> Team Match
- Referees are jeopardizing their own chances to gain promotion by...either not doing the mandatory bleep fitness test...and...or...not attempting to write the Annual SARRA Referees Examination...and...or...the Year 2015 Western Province Rugby Referees Examination. **A Referee...cannot... qualify merely on... Assessment / Match Review ...Reports... there other factors ...points...that is also considered... against that individual's name.** These facts are clearly borne out in the Referees Grading Criteria...which appears on the Referees Web Site... and... can be obtained from any Match Reviewer / Assessor... and...or...the Administration Office
- Various...promotions approved by the Executive on Tuesday 21 July 2015... were communicated to members present...and...Grading Certificates in turn were presented to the individual member
- Dyllan Francke...is the FIRST Referee...from the Juniors Referee Programme...to progress through the ranks... and... attain Division 1 Referee Status. Joey-Salmans...presented his first jersey he received from this programme ...as a fitting tribute...to Dyllan... for attaining this Division 1 Referee Ranking

#### **12. DAVID BROADWELL-UK REFEREES**

- Year 1999 he became a Referees Development Officer
- This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Year pertaining to the Referees Exchange Programme with the UK Rugby Referee...RFU
- Rugby Friendships are made wherever one Referees in the World

- It's perceived...that...Northern Hemisphere Rugby Referees...are very technical in application of the Laws of Rugby Football
- It's perceived ...that...Southern Hemisphere Rugby Referees...like ...go forward rugby...the attacking side ...is often rewarded
- No... x2... Rugby Matches are ever the same
- Referees should not criticize fellow... Referees / Members ...on Social Media
- Yellow Cards ...should not...be used to manage a game...they are there for...cynical fouls / professional fouls...in order to get fair play at all times during the game
- During a match...Referees should always apply ...Self Referee Protection...that is...*"Am I covering myself in that particular match situation."*
- As a matter of principle...to encourage Referee Development...Referees individual matches should be recorded...DVD
- Referee communication on the field of play... should only be specific... to that match situation...at that time... in the match...in other words...*"White Noise"* to be eliminated
- Vice-Chairman...Arthur Southgate...presented our... UK Refereeing Guests ... with various items of Western Province Rugby Referee Society Clothing...to mark the auspicious occasion.

### **13. ADMINISTRATION-BEN THERON**

- Any Referees appointed to Referee a Schools Match ...that involves any Touring Team... must report this match appointment ...to the Administration Office ...BEFORE... he can undertake that Schools Match Appointment.
- No Rugby Matches...of ANY DESCRIPTION...may commence without the following...First Aid...Pole Protectors...Trauma Board...Neck Braces...Valid Boksmart Card License. If the Trauma Board (say...there is only X1 at the Rugby Field)...is removed for whatever reason...THAT MATCH IS TO STOP IMMEDIATELY...NO...extenuating circumstances....to be considered
- Members are encouraged to check whether their Boksmart Card Licenses are still valid...that is...have they expired? If ...YES... then they have x2 months to re-new it ...by attending a Boksmart Course...otherwise...they are NOT LICENSED to Referee ... Dates of such Boksmart Courses... can be obtained ...by contacting the Administration Office.

**14. CLOTHING-HANS RADYN**

- Hans presented samples of New Clothing that has become available to members
- This New Clothing is being sponsored by 50% by the Referees Society
- Order Forms were distributed amongst members... in order to facilitate the ordering process
- Jacket...Fleece Top...Golf Shirt...Tog Bag...Back Pack...are the items being made available to members

**15. 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 20H57

**The Next Monthly Meeting of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society will be convened on Thursday 3 September 2015 at 7PM in the Boardroom Newlands Grand Stand Boundary Road Newlands.**

**DAN DE VILLIERS**

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE:**