

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE RUGBY FOOTBALL REFEREES SOCIETY HELD ON THURSDAY 15 JULY 2010, AT 19H00, IN THE BOARDROOM, NEWLANDS GRANDSTAND, BOUNDARY ROAD NEWLANDS**

**1. WELCOME**

- The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all members of the Society.
- It is always nice to see young and old faces at these Monthly Meetings
- A Special Welcome was extended to our Honorary Life President of the Society, Mr Paul Dobson. It is always special having you attend the Monthly Meetings of the Society
- In addition, the Society, welcomes the Scrum / Forward coach to the Western Province Rugby Team, Mr Mathew Proudfoot, as our Guest Speaker, for the evening.

**2. PRESENT**

- As per the Attendance Register

**3. APOLOGIES**

- The following members have tendered their apologies, namely: D Holwill, R Bourbon-Leftley, C de Jongh, M van der Westhuizen, D Immelman, A Gould, D Oberholzer, D van Blommestein, F Pretorius, P Rogers, P Boach, W Pienaar, R Tolken.

**4. IN MEMORIAM**

- The members stood a minute silence as a mark of respect for the Chairman of the Society Dan de Villiers and Alan Becker, whose" mothers passed away" during the past month.

**5. MATHEW PROUDFOOT**

- The Chairman introduced Mathew Proudfoot to the members of the Society.
- A talk was presented on what Mathew coaches the Western Province Rugby Team, with regards to scrum formation and scrummaging in general.
- Various clippings of matches were presented to members and discussed, with particular reference to Scrum Procedures on Engagement
- The call: Crouch Touch Pause Engage was stressed...it must be consistently done throughout the match
- The referee should meet the packs of both teams prior to the match and tell them what he expects from them
- The players expect the referee to take control and exercise his authority at this phase of the game

- The scrum is seen to be an attacking weapon as well as a defensive weapon depending whether it is an attacking or defensive set scrum in the match
- The referee must not be seen to opt out of making a decision. He must be decisive and make a call... whether it be the right or wrong call ...that ...does not matter. This is what the players expect of him. This is his duty towards the game. This is the standard he set with the players prior to the commencement of the match.
- Mr Paul Dobson, thanked Mathew Proudfoot for his thought provoking talk with the referees. Referees were given a valuable insight of what the players and the coach expect from the Referee at this phase of the game. A gift from the Society was presented by Mr Dobson to Mathew Proudfoot

**6. GRANT KOMO WEEK**

- Referee Andrew Slater, addressed members on his experiences attending this rugby week.

**7. NATIONAL PANEL / CURRIE CUP COACHES WORKSHOP...8 JUNE: 2010**

- Referee Joey Salmans, addressed members on the important points covered at this seminar, namely:
  - Offsides at kicks...in general play
  - Offsides at breakdown points...pillars
  - Maul formation from lineouts
  - Equal fairness for defenders and attackers at a Maul
  - Obstruction at the kick off
  - Early Engagement at the Set Scrum
  - Skew Set Scrum Feeds
  - Tackle Ball situation
  - Throwing of the Rugby Ball Away, when the Ball has gone into touch for a Lineout
  - Various other points were covered at this seminar, a copy of which will be placed on the Referees Web Site

**ACTION: ALAN BECKER and LIAM HAMMER-NEL**

**8. GROUPS TO DISCUSS: KEEPING PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AS OPPOSED TO GIVING YELLOW AND RED CARDS**

- Due to time constraints, this was not possible to discuss.
- Regions must take up this topic for discussion at the regular Monday Evening Regional Meeting with the designated Regional Coaches.
- Designated Regional Coaches...To report back at the next Monthly Meeting Of Rugby Referees...Thursday 26 August 2010

**ACTION: DESIGNATED REGIONAL COACHES**

**9. GRADING LIST...AND...APPOINTMENTS**

- Referees are encouraged to correspond, voicing their concerns and / or their opinions...on the above...to members of the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee Members e-mail addresses are on the Rugby Referees Web Site

**10. MEETINGS WITH...RUGBY REFEREES IN ALL DIVISIONS**

- The intension is to convene a meeting with All Rugby Referees in each Division
- In order that...all concerns and queries can be clarified and thus cleared up

**11. COACHES...REFEREES MEETING**

- A Meeting is to be convened on Monday 19 July 2010, at the High Performance Centre in Bellville
- National / Provincial / Contender and Division 1 Rugby Reerees re ked to attend this meeting.
- The SLA / SLB / PLA...Coaches of the various Clubs within these Sections...will also attend this meeting.

**12. JACKET**

- Mr Ben Theron presented a padded, insulated Jacket ...with a hood...to be made available to members... if they so desire.
- The cost of such a jacket would be priced at between: R250...TO...R300
- Many members...by means of a show of hands...expressed an interest in acquiring such a jacket

**13. RADIO GOOD HOPE**

- Mr Herman Abrahams, Deputy Chief Executive Officer...of the Western Province Rugby Football Union...is on Radio Good Hope... Weekly...Wednesday Evenings...for an hour...18H00 TO 19H00...discussing Club Rugby in the Western Province
- Referees are encouraged to listen to these weekly broadcasts on Radio Goodhope

**14. GENERAL**

- NIL

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20H55

The Committee acknowledges the superb quality of the rendered minutes and thanks Alan Becker for continuing to volunteer his time and expertise in this regard.

**The next Monthly Meeting of the Western Province Rugby Football Referees Society will be convened on Thursday 26 August 2010 at 19H00 in the Boardroom Newlands Grandstand Boundary Road Newlands**

**DAN DE VILLIERS**

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE:**