



# GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES MEMBERS MEETING

Minutes of Members Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 19:30,  
Cheltenham Civil Service Club, Cheltenham.

Present:

An attendance register has been kept.

## 1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from George Hall, Mike Wallace, Ray Lock, Iain Morris, Tony Wegrzyn, Tim Beddow, Dennis Dowdle, Ferdi Tarantino, and Andy Taylor

## 2. Minutes:

**John Hackett, Society Chairman**, asked the members present to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the previous meeting. There were no objections.

## 3. New members:

The following new members introduced themselves and were welcomed into the society; Mark Hayward, Robert Birtles, Ben Collier and Andy Brown

## 4. Appointment:

**Rodger Brennan, Appointments Secretary**. Appointments for the month of November should be out by the end of the week. Availability slips will be sent out with appointments, please return the slips as soon as possible, please don't make Rodger have to chase for them. So far this season an average of 45 referees have been appointed to cover 65 games per weekend! Tim Lawson is finding it increasingly difficult to appoint to all of the junior Sunday games and has only 3 regular Sunday referees. if you can make yourself available on a Sunday please let Tim know, there is the potential for some very good quality challenging games this is especially so after Christmas when the cup competitions start.

If you are available but not appointed to a game in any given week you are put in the reserve pool and are deemed available for appointments. If you become unavailable from the reserve list please let Rodger now as soon as possible and at least on the Wednesday prior to.

## 5. President's Squad:

**Rodger Brennan, Society President** presented President's Squad ties to new members, Adrian Stephenson and Nigel Stephenson who were unable to attend last months meeting.

## 6. Discipline

**Barry Clark, Discipline Officer**. If you do have to dismiss a player from the field of play you must complete the forms and send them to Barry within 48hrs, if for any reason you can not get a completed form



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to Barry within this time please telephone him so as he is aware of the circumstances of the dismissal.

7. Whistler Trophy.

**Barry Clark, Whistler Co-ordinator.** The whistler cards are available on the societies RugbyFirst web site, <http://clubs.rfu.com/Clubs/portals/GloucesterDistrictRefereesSociety/> , they only take a few minutes to complete.

8. Assessing

**Peter Lewis, SADO.** As ever Peter is short of human resources, if you are considering hanging up your whistle please consider coaching/ assessing. So far this season 40 referees have been watched 20 from this society and 13 on exchange. The pre-season meeting took place in mid September and overran a further session will be scheduled so as this session can be completed.

9. Finance

**Les Newcombe, Finance Manager.** So far 90% of the membership has paid its subscriptions for the season, if you are unsure if you had paid please contact Les. If you had not paid by the end of tonight's meeting the member's representative will be contacting you. Failure to pay may have an impact on the level of your appointed games.

10. Merchandise

Paul Vidgen has now taken delivery of the societies new sponsored pink shirts. These together with the blue shirts are available to county qualified referees for the sum of £15.00. The cost of the shirts will go towards the societies training budget.

11. Training

**Debbie Innes, Societies Training Coordinator,** introduced Sam Collins to give his views on 'Managing the Scrum'. Sam's PowerPoint will be made available on the societies web site <http://clubs.rfu.com/Clubs/portals/GloucesterDistrictRefereesSociety/>

12. Junior and Colts

Simon Colyer-Bristow outlined the protocols to be adhered to for schools, junior and colts fixtures. Generally on the pitch manage as you would any other game within the laws of the game. Some problems are coming from off of the pitch from parents and coaches. Abuse from coaches will be dealt with as if they are an adult player and if necessary let the clubs know that. Try to include the coaches in the pre-match brief, make them feel important, give them the task of dealing with unruly parents. If parents get involved on the pitch try to keep careful accurate notes. The committee will act on any/ all reported incidents so please report them, initially to Tim Lawson who will be keeping records of 'problem' teams or clubs and if necessary to a member of committee.



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**13. Any Other Business:**

Referees required for this Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> October) for the Paul Rodwell memorial veterans 10's 13:00 till 16:00.

**14. Date of next meeting**

The next members meeting will take place on the third Tuesday of November, 17<sup>th</sup> November, venue Cheltenham Civil Service Club, Cheltenham. Probationers and new members 19:00, others 19:30

**Distribution:** All society members via the RugbyFirst website.