



# GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES MEMBERS MEETING

Minutes of Members Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at  
19:30, Cheltenham Civil Service Club, Cheltenham.

**Present:**

An attendance register has been kept.

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from John Hackett, Tim Beddow, Paul Critchard, George Rooley, Any Taylor, Iain Morris, Mark Patteson, Mike Crawford, Billy Fishwick, Tom MacDonald-Milner, Simon Collyer-Bristow, Andy Barnby, Ashley Barnby, Gary Thomas, Ferdi Tarentino, Simon McWalter, Andy Payne, Nigel Stephenson,

2. **Minutes:**

Standing in for **Chairman John Hackett, Adrian Danks as Vice 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; Phil Davies and Chris Thomas

4. **Appointment:**

**Rodger Brennan, Appointments Secretary.** Appointments for the month of December should be out by the end of the week. Dan Parrot requires TJ's for Wednesday afternoon (18<sup>th</sup>), University of Gloucestershire 3rds vs Swansea University requires a referee. Please respond to the email circulated on Tim Lawson's behalf with regard to availability for junior cup games.

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. **Regrading:**

Adrian Danks announced the following regrading; Nick Palmer 10 to 9, Peter Brunt 11 to 10, Peter Holden 11 to 10, Iain Morris 11 to 10, Ray Puttock 12 to 10, David Edwards 12 to 11, Charlie Gayther 13 to 12, Miles Guilford P to 12, George Hall P to 12, Malcolm Holmes 13 to 12, Tony Wegrzyn P to 12. Mike Crawford P to 12.

6. **County Badge:**

The Society President, Rodger Brennan, presented the following referee with his county badge, David Edwards.



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7. Discipline

**Barry Clark, Discipline Officer.** Well done on your game management there were no sendings off since the last meeting. If you caution (yellow card) a player please keep a note of offence as it will be required if you give that player a second caution and thus send him off. A description of both offences will be required on the report form.

8. 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.

9. Finance

**Les Newcombe, Finance Manager.** The cost of membership to the society is £10.00, with concessions for 16 – 21 year olds £5.00, and free for those under 16. The following have not yet paid their subscriptions for this season; Alan Porter, Fred Ward, Alan Biggs, David Carter, Stuart Chant, Paul Dix, Charlie Hall, Jamie James, Andy McDonald, Graham Neal, Jamie Park, Adam White, Gareth Williams, Tom Williams, and Eric Woodmason. Failure to pay subscriptions may have an effect on the level of games appointed.

Clubs that have not paid their subscriptions will not receive the rebate for this season.

Clubs have contacted Les with regard to the level of expenses claimed by some referees. A reminder that the rate is 30pence per mile charged once within the county boundary for those living outside.

The referee report cards have a section for claiming expenses these should be handed to the home club. Please complete the level of the game or teams i.e. 3rds, vets, U16.

10. Merchandise

If you require society merchandise, please contact Paul Vidgen prior to society meetings so as he can arrange for the correct items to be at the meeting.

11. CRB

Those that have given Ray Lock items for verification can now have them returned. Anyone requiring CRB certification should contact Ray to obtain the required forms.

12. Training

Josh Chapman gave a presentation on his experiences on refereeing and living in New Zealand.

Paul Vidgen with the aid of Dan Parrott and Ed McWalter gave a presentation on 'Refereeing the Tackle'

13. Any Other Business:

There is a women's/girl rugby tournament to be held at Hartpury college over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> April 2010, volunteers are request for refereeing.



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Phil Watters wished to thank those that have supported him on his rise to refereeing at national league level, whilst apologising for the lack of support he has been able to offer to the society due to a new job.

14. Date of next meeting

The next members meeting will take place on the third Tuesday of November, 15<sup>th</sup> December, venue Cheltenham Civil Service Club, Cheltenham. Probationers and new members 19:00, others 19:30.

A presentation from Chris White, on a subject to be confirmed, with a buffet supplied by the society.

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