



GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES MEMBERS MEETING

Minutes of Members Meeting held on 15th December 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, Peter Brunt, Geoff Cove, Mike Crawford, Daniel Holmes, Mark Horwood, Mark Patteson, Brian Ravenhill, Fred Spong, David Warren, and Neil Griffiths.

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:

There were no new members

4. Appointment:

Rodger Brennan, Appointments Secretary. Peter Lewis SADO and **Barry Clark Discipline Officer** and players representative, introduced themselves and outlined their committee responsibilities.

5. County Badge:

The Society President, Rodger Brennan, presented the following referee with his county badge and kit, Miles Guilford.

6. **Adrian Danks** stated that the USA exchange referees were due to stay from the 9th to the 18th of April 2010 and asked for hosts and ideas for days out. He also expressed disappointment at the level of Whistler forms being sent in and an improvement was required.

He also asked for report cards to be filled in by all referees and to state which level of team they were officiating.

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.



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8. Finance

Les Newcombe, Finance Manager, gave the latest stats on clubs that either still have not paid their subs or cashed their rebate cheques.

9. 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.

10. Local Law Amendment

It has been confirmed that from level 8 and below in Gloucestershire de-regulation of front row replacements comes into operation from January 1st 2010, i.e. if a second front row replacement is required but a suitably trained and experienced player is not available, the game is continued to be played with 15 players per side, providing a replacement is available, the game continues with uncontested scrums.

11. Training

Chris White gave a first class presentation on the referees' role within the junior game. Chris sees this not only as a referee but as a parent and spectator. He stressed that communication with junior coaches is vital, and the pleasure gained from these games immense. He appealed for more referees to give up the odd Sunday to referee a junior game as the County cup starts shortly and Tim Lawson is extremely short of referees for these games.

There followed a super interactive discussion with members and he finished by playing a couple of football respect videos and hoped we as rugby referees never experience these scenes.

12. Buffet.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm for drinks and buffet.

13. Date of next meeting

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

Distribution: All society members via the RugbyFirst website.