



GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES MEMBERS MEETING

Minutes of Members Meeting held on 16th February 2010 at 19:30,
Cheltenham Civil Service Club, Cheltenham.

Present:

An attendance register has been kept.

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Terry Curtis, Dan Parrott, Andy Barnby, Colin Edmunds, Sean Bullock, Paul Vidgen, Ben Collier, Brian Ravenhill, Paul Crichard, Andy Bozzard, Andy Payne and Stuart McWalter.

There were 47 members in attendance.

2. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the members.

3. **New members:**

Two new members introduced themselves to the meeting: Mark Moore and Jamie Gordon-Walker.

4. **Adrian Danks** told the meeting that the New England Exchange dates and hosts had been finalised and an agenda for them was being drawn up at present.

Whistler reports have been sent in by 26 referees.

Re Gradings were announced as follows:

Rob Birtles P to 13. Chris Thomas P to 12.

A couple of others have been held over until the end of the season due their administration being sub standard.

The dinner was set for April 16th 2010 at Old Richians RFC on a first come first served basis.

5. **Appointments:**

Rodger Brennan would send out the March appointments by the weekend, and appealed to referees on reserve to make their availability known to him. He asked referees to give some thought to making themselves available for exchange appointments because we are weak at sending level 8.



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6. **Discipline:**
Barry Clark reiterated the importance of correct form filling and the time in which they were to be sent to Dave Chambers.
7. **Match Observers:**
Peter Lewis reported that 53 referees have been watched by regular assessors and appealed for senior referees to make themselves available to mentor new referees.
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. **Training**
Tim Beddow conducted a superb presentation on the tackle area and made referees aware of their responsibilities at this critical area. He urged us to keep players on their feet, administer the law and communicate with players and coaches alike.
Tim also thanked the society for their help in achieving Elite status and had good advice for ambitious referees. He urged them to talk to all concerned with the game and take a look at the website www.rugbyology.com

He also talked of getting 75% of all aspects of the game right rather than trying for 100% of one phase.
Chairman John Hackett thanked Tim for his presentation and for taking time to answer questions with honesty and clarity.
10. **Close.**
The meeting closed at 8.45pm for drinks and buffet.
13. **Date of next meeting**
The next members meeting will take place on the third Tuesday of March, 16th March, venue Cheltenham Civil Service Club, Cheltenham. Probationers and new members 19:00, others 19:30.

Distribution: All society members via the RugbyFirst website.