



GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES MEMBERS MEETING

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

Present:

An attendance register has been kept.

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Andy Barnby, Tim Beddow, John Bryant, John Bryant Jnr, Peter Brunt, Geoff Cove, Ben Collier, Josh Chapman, Colin Edmonds, Neil Griffiths, Daniel Holmes, Debbie Innes, Ed McWalter, Dave Meek, C Meririon Jones, Dan Parrott, Brian Ravenhill, Fred Spong, Adrian Stephenson, , Ferdi Tarantino, Paul Vidgen, and David Warren

2. **Minutes:**

Chairman John Hackett, 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; Glyn Boughton.

4. **Appointment:**

Rodger Brennan, Appointments Secretary. Appointments for the month of February should be out by the end of the week. Sent out with the appointments will be a slip for returning to Rodger as soon as possible indicating your availability for March and April, please do not forget that the local evening cup competitions commence during this time and your midweek availability for these games should be noted.

5. **County Badge:**

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

6. **Adrian Danks** please e-mail Adrian with your availability to assist in hosting the USA exchange referees who are due to stay from the 9th to the 18th of April 2010. This could be in the form of offering overnight accommodation or taking on trips out to local attractions.

7. **Whistler Trophy.**

Barry Clark, Whistler Co-ordinator, was attending a discipline hearing on the societies behalf and thus Adrian Danks reiterated his plea from last months meeting. So far only 19 referees have sent in whistler cards and this means that some clubs are as yet to receive any feedback. The whistler cards are available



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on the societies RugbyFirst web site,
<http://clubs.rfu.com/Clubs/portals/GloucesterDistrictRefereesSociety/>, they only take a few minutes to complete.

8. **Merchandise**

For work and family reasons Paul Vidgen has stood down, the committee are actively looking for an other member of the society to fill this role.

9. **Training**

The training sessions was hosted by a number of experienced referees, coaches and assessors, offering solutions to perceived problems in 'Tackle/Post tackle & ruck' 'Scrumage' 'Positioning' 'Advantage' and 'Lineout & Management'.

10. **AOB**

It was with great regret that the committee received Paul Vidgen's resignation from the societies committee. A letter of thanks for Paul's help and assistance whilst on the committee has been sent to him. Paul will continue to referee when ever possible.

13. **Date of next meeting**

The next members meeting will take place on the third Tuesday of January, 16th February, venue Cheltenham Civil Service Club, Cheltenham. Probationers and new members 19:00, others 19:30.

Distribution: All society members via the RugbyFirst website.