

PLYMOUTH RUGBY REFEREES SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting held at the OPM Club, Plymouth College on Monday August 1st 2011

The Chairman, Howard Coffey was pleased to welcome all to the first meeting of the 2001/2012 season.

Attending Howard Coffey, Chairman; J Scott, K Dobson, T Hunter, S Harland, K Hamblin, G Fairbairn, R Harding, P Dennehy, T Healy, T Veacock, L Doggart, T McDonnell, R Cross, R Ronayne, N Garrett, R Guy, D Turner, S Davies, P Stinchcombe, B Anstis, T Finnigan, P Shewring.

Apologies B Freeman, I Darcy, S Moir, J Rees, S Pickup, G Mossford, G Morris, Jock Morrison, K Martin, D Trewin, N Head, J Ashford, Mac Bayliss, A Bray, J Broome, T Friend, N Higginson.

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted.

Secretary , John Scott

- Don't forget if you are approached to referee a game directly by a Club or School, refer the matter to Ken Dobson - if nothing else it covers you, the Referee, for insurance purposes.
- Match cards – both teams must give you their match cards, filled in, before KO. Referee to sign and insert score and hand back at the end of the game. No cards – no game - (a bit like the roping off of pitches!)
- The Training Programme for the season has been circulated to all.

Appointments and Reappointments Secretary , Ken Dobson

Please let Ken know if you are available to referee any Trial matches. The September appointments will be finalised within 2 weeks and put onto the PRRS Website. Please let Ken know if you are unavailable for any of your appointed games as soon as possible.

Treasurer and Discipline , Ken Hamblin

Would any new Referees please make themselves known to Ken?

Membership @ £6; Ties @ £8

Insurance – all Referees are insured through the RFU scheme by the Clubs that you are refereeing. You may wish to take out additional insurance - see RFU website.

Grading and Society Adviser Training Officer , Bob Anstis

- The Plymouth Combination AGM was held in June.
- Bob is disappointed that local Cup matches are not generally being played pre league season to ease the burden on fixtures.
- Bob is still The Combination Chairman.

Chairman, Howard Coffey has got a sponsor for some new Referees shirts. Please put your size against your name on the attendance sheet. He hopes to get the shirts by the next meeting.

TRAINING Steve Harland - Steve's slides etc were forwarded to all after the meeting.

Help the Trainers to help you – tell them what you want.

Attend Training and be aware of the Training and Fitness programme.

The 2011/2012 Training programme has been circulated to all. Do you want more training than that which is 'served up' at the monthly meetings?

Questionnaires were circulated, filled in and returned.

There was a 10 minute discussion, in groups, to come up with ideas to tell the Training Team of anything that you want differently.

Subsequent discussion - Development squad - meet up in addition to the monthly meetings?

- How often do Advisers meet? – monthly, electronically!

- Training sessions should be aimed at Advisers as well as Referees. –
Advisers would like a 10 minute slot each month.

- Produce a check list applicable to Referees and also a list applicable
to Advisers.

- The CRDA check list to be sent out again.

- Club Referee Feedback form to be redesigned

- Club Referee Development - Community Rugby - Referee Dept

Offer - please refer to Steve Harland.

Whats new for the season 2011/2012? - essentially nothing, however post World Cup, there
may well be changes.

Theme for the new season - keep things simple

- Referee protection

- communication

- 'clear and obvious'

- no rabbits out of the hat!

Steve showed numerous video clips from games - watch, listen, make your own decision and
discuss in groups.

A great deal of discussion ensued!!

Thanks again Steve

Don't forget Physical Training at Elburton on Mondays and Thursdays, 7 for 7.30pm

Date of next meeting Monday September 5th at 7 for 7.30pm.

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