

## PLYMOUTH RUGBY REFEREES SOCIETY

### Minutes of meeting held at the OPM Club on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

Attending Howard Coffey, Chairman; K Dobson, B Anstis, J Scott, R Guy, K Hamblin, D Andrews, I Darcy, G Fairbairn, J Pizii, T McDonnell, G Morris, T Healy, T Hunter, T Veacock, R Harding, N Garrett, K Martin, D Cross, R Cross, D Trewin, P Stinchcombe

Apologies M Bayliss, P Dennehy, G Mossford, S Harland, B Freeman, Jock Morrison, T Friend, P Hope, S Davies, D Wilson, R Ronayne, I Seaton, P Shewring.

Minutes of August meeting were accepted

Secretary John Scott

All matters have been covered by e mails.

International Tickets - please tell John before October meeting if you wish to apply for Six Nations

Appointments Ken Dobson

October appointments being sent out this week, please let Ken know if you are not available any time during the month. There is one exchange organised for October.

Please let Ken know if you are approached by Clubs direct to referee any game.

Plymouth Combination Bob Anstis

Nothing to report. First Executive meeting of new season on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, and first general meeting Monday next, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer and Discipline Ken Hamblin

Got some new Referees shirts - speak to Ken if you need one

Membership @ £6 now due, Society ties @ £8

Other matters

K D - At Ken Martin's game at Horsham Field no. 1pitch, last Saturday, there were two sizable holes in the pitch - beware. It has been reported.

H C - please remember to get cards from both teams before League and Cup games – see previous minutes. Reg Cross noted that cards are not required for Merit Table games.

### Training

Unfortunately our guest speakers were, at the last minute, unable to turn up, so Gary Fairbairn was volunteered to step into the breach.

Scrummage :-

Engagement - speed of the cadence should be the same throughout the game, from the first minute to the last.

- make sure no 8 bound pre engagement ( only needs to be one full arm).
- demonstration of binding in front row – tight head HAS to be square - all six feet of the three players to be in line.
- If theres no problems, don't look for any.
- make sure that all back row players properly bound before you call the start of the engagement sequence. Don't want no. 8 adding impetus to the engagement sequence by joining as the 'engage' is called.
- CROUCH, TOUCH. PAUSE, gap ENGAGE
- safety is always of paramount importance.

(Lots of discussion )

- Referees positioning prior to ball being put into the scrum – stand close to the tunnel until the end of the engagement sequence, move sideways, always move in the same direction, and agree with the scrum halves where/what that will be – preferably backwards and to the right. Get ball in quickly with both packs square and level.
- ensure that back rows are bound into the scrum, binding in front rows is correct – props one with another, on the shirt or on the back of their opposite numbers. Don't allow any pulling down action, no hands on the floor by the props.
- be aware of wing forwards impeding scrum halves coming round.
- flankers breaking their binding and obstructing side going forward – 'keep your binding'.
- be mobile - circulate the scrum as necessary – stops blindside wing forwards breaking binding early.
- be aware of illegal wheeling - but remember the wheel can be done legally.
- back row binding - be aware - 'is it out ?'.
- hookers 'gliding' - releases his binding and goes underneath his opposite number - very dangerous.
- prop pulling opposite props shorts - makes it look as if non offending prop is boring in - move around the scrum to see this.
- putting ball in straight (!) - see picture in Law book.
- be aware of the positioning of the two scrum halves after the ball has been put in.
- look out for the offside lines at the scrummage - make sure you're giving them space to play.
- look behind you as the scrum breaks up.
- see as much as you can - step back and look at 45degrees - as wide a vision as possible.

That is a resume in note form of the excellent talk that Gaz gave with no advanced notice at all - thanks very much mate.

Date of next meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm for 7.30pm - please come along and try to bring some potential Referees with you - we need them.