

SUMMARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DRRS 07 MARCH 2018

Present: The President (JM), Vice President (WT), and Messrs : Boraston (AB), Dummett(PD), Hinshelwood (DH), Trueman (PT) Hawkes (MH), Rose (DR),

1. Apologies: Past President (SR) and Messrs Davies (DD) Healy (TH), Strawbridge (IS), Steggall (RS), Sutcliffe(CS), Turner (MT) and Mrs Veacock (SV)

2.Minutes:

The Minutes of the 07 February Executive Committee Meeting were approved and signed by the President.

3.Matters Arising:

a) Clipboards: These had been purchased by TH and will be distributed to the MO and Assessors.

b) Radios: MH and TH attended the PRSS meeting and PRRS are purchasing a set of six radios for £200. A email was sent to the Committee members outlining the deal and TH was tasked to investigate further and report back.

c) Projector Screen: DR thought that RS held a screen belonging to DRRS and there would be no need to purchase another.

4.Correspondence:

Although there were no correspondence , DR raised ambiguous points in the National Rugby Survey emailed by Dr Tim Miller. The main concern was over spectator behaviour and whether it was the referee's responsibility along with the club's. DH suggested that it was not the referees' problem but it is causing concern throughout the game. It was decided to re-address the e-mail at the next Training Meeting at Crediton RFC when Dr Miller would be present.

5. Chairman's Time:

a. Safeguarding – PD discussed the latest safeguarding issues from the RFU. It was decided that PD would speak to Elaine Palmer over whether coaches should be DBS assessed and who would pay for the check.

b. PD reported back on the Devon Junior Meeting. He spoke to the meeting concerns the Society has with behaviour of Junior Coaches and players. It has been noticed that there has been an increase in 'professional attitudes and appealing for the referee to make decisions.

PD also raised concerns over under 18 players who are included in Senior teams changing in the same location also he raised concerns over under18 teams playing / changing at the same time and using adjacent changing rooms, showers and toilets as senior teams.,

6. Current Membership:

CS submitted a brief report.

There were four gentlemen expressing an interest in joining the Society.

There was a short discussion over whether recruitment could be extended to attracting juniors and forming a Junior Section to DRRS. It was also discussed running area courses to attract potential referees. DR highlighted that there was in place a Young Match Official Scheme. The Committee thought it would be a challenge but a suggestion that could be explored.

7. Appointments Secretary:

RS submitted a report in which he highlighted that in April there are 110 appointments and to date no matches are without a referee. There are 47 referees not available in April and 86 in May..

Reappointments Secretary:

DD submitted a written report in which he stated that February was a challenging month with the weather and demand for referees for junior cup matches. Exeter University caused problem by moving their kick off times very late on the day of the match. DRRS continue to support PRRS in supplying referees when required. In February 18 games postponed and 31 cancelled.

8. Grading Secretary:

TH submitted a report and he received 182 reports. TH suggested that when finalising the Training Programme for next year consideration should be given to MO and Advisors development. PD will speak with Mr Atkins over prioritising sending Assessors to only candidates who are aspiring to SWG / Federation,

9. Exchange Secretary:

JM reported that there were two exchanges with Bristol in February and we continue to support Cornwall for L6 games. In April there are exchanges with Hampshire and Dorset / Wiltshire. There is also an exchange with Somerset for their cup semi-final games and it is anticipate a similar request will come in from Cornwall. Mr P Clark is going on exchange in Liverpool.

10. Training Secretary :

DR informed the Committee there was nothing to report due to the cancellation of the last Training Meeting. CS and DR continue to promote courses and the recruitment drive but there is no response. .

11. Discipline:

IS in his report, he stated that in February there were 6 red cards , five for punching / striking and one for dissent. There was one incident of a coach, from an out of county club, entering the playing area and becoming involved in an altercation. So far there have been 34 red cards , 1 x abandoned match, 1 x case of Referee abuse and 1 x coach entering the playing area.

12. Finance:

TH submitted a report in which he outlined balances.

DH informed the Committee that £11,050 worth of invoices were sent to clubs during the period 01 Jan – 01 Feb. There would be deductions / refunds due to the bad weather . DH informed the Committee that during the first four months expenditure exceeded income and it was due in some part to the popularity of Training Nights and MO travelling expenses. The Committee agreed to investigate saving measures at the Planning Meeting.

13. Website Manager:

SV , in her report, has found a GDPR template and it need discussion before adopting the system

13a Who's The Ref Website (WTR).

PT reported that WTR website is running well and minor problems are being solved by the introduction of upgrades.

PT has sent out an email to members requested information to update their records .

14. DRFU.

Nothing to report.

15. SWG/FEDERATION/RFRU:

SWG / Federation :

Nothing to report.

RFRU:

Nothing to report.

16. AOB

- a. A discussion took place regarding future meetings. It was agreed that the next meeting , 28 March, would be a Planning Meeting and no reports would be required.
- b. The April 04 meeting has been cancelled.
- c. The May 02 meeting will be a Grading Meeting – SA / TH are to forward all

- reports / recommendations prior to the meeting highlighting priority points.
- d. PD suggested a further meeting, after the Planning Meeting, to finalise the Programme for next season.
 - e. JM reported the AGM would be at Teignmouth RFC on Wednesday 23 May.

Meeting closed at 2135 hours.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee (Planning): WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2018 at 1900.