

# AUCKLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Tuesday 15 June 2010

5.30 pm

Eden Park, Level 6 ASB Stand, Box 317.

**Present:** Don Crawford Chairman  
Roger Drew Director  
Grant Carruthers Director  
John Jacka Director  
Steve Salton Director

**In Attendance:** Mike Elliott ARFU Referees Manager

**Apologies:** Paul van Etten President  
Smudge McNeilage COD Delegate  
Kylie Marginson ARFU CRRA

**1. MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2010 WERE APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Item	Decision/Discussion	Action
<b>Constitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DC tabled the "new" amended version.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Directors to read and approve.</li><li>DC to send to Brian Clayton and his subcommittee for their sign off.</li><li>Present to members at a SGM.</li></ul>
<b>Sponsorship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ME has rung Meredith Cotty, AMI. Expect negotiations to commence soon on resigning a contract.</li><li>L&amp;W Sports have been billed for their sponsorship.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ME to send Agreement to L&amp;W for signing.</li></ul>
<b>Honours Board</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ME to email membership to seek a volunteer to undertake this project</li></ul>

### 3. DELEGATES REPORTS

	<b>Decision/Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>COD Delegate (S McN)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prior to meeting S McN had kept Board informed of action points from COD meetings and sub committee meetings.</li> <li>▪ DC asked how the friendly U17 v U19 games were going to operate. Noted that these games will not take place unless (i) the U19 bye team wished to play; and (ii) that ARRA had a suitable referee available to officiate.</li> </ul>	
<b>ARFU Board Delegate (GC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion on ARFU offices. No resolution just yet on any upgrades but agreement that the front office needs refurbishing.</li> <li>▪ NZRU future Franchise models/structure up for discussion.</li> <li>▪ ARFU finances in reasonable shape. North and South Trust going well.</li> <li>▪ Annual Blues Review is currently taking place.</li> <li>▪ Andrew Strawbridge had presented to the Board on updated planning for the ITM Cup campaign. Board very happy with progress to date.</li> <li>▪ SS enquired about Supporters Club/ARRA HQ in new stand.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ME to follow through with Andy Dalton.</li> </ul>
<b>Referee Manager (ME)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ME tabled his report.</li> <li>▪ Discussion around Strategic Plan. Noted pleasing results on recruitment and retention rates.</li> <li>▪ Query on Monday night training – lack of practical sessions.</li> <li>▪ Coaching – a disappointment this year. Not achieving our targets in the Strategic Plan</li> <li>▪ On field performances – noted that not many promotions this year. Target is 30; to date only 3.</li> <li>▪ Elite Referees – targets being meet. Very pleasing but noted we will not have a NZRU Referee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ME to discuss with REO</li> <li>▪ ME/RD to get together to formulate a plan for rest of season.</li> <li>▪ ME/GW to target this as a discussion point with NZRU HP Refereeing</li> </ul>

	Coach in 2010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership – targets being met</li> </ul>	Unit.
<b>President's Report (PvE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted no issues raised pre-Board meeting by President.</li> <li>Noted RD and JJ to have a briefing with PvE and V-P Dave Ferguson around their roles with RWC coming up.</li> </ul>	

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

	Regarding	Action
<b>Inwards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>	
<b>Outwards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accountability for Trust Funding to NZCT.</li> </ul>	

#### 5. FINANCIALS

	Decision/Discussion	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ME tabled accounts to end of May</li> <li>ME tabled Forecast to year end. Noted we have budgeted for a loss of \$45k; but now forecasting a loss of \$21k. \$15k of that is non-cash item depreciation; so overall cash loss of \$6k.</li> <li>Agreed to have a "sale" of old stock to clear the books</li> <li>Moved that the accounts be accepted to 31 May 2010. RD/SS. Passed unanimously</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ME to inform the membership via email and website of the sale.</li> </ul>

#### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

	Decision/Discussion
<b>Interchange</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion on future I/C for 2010. Board in principle agreeing to London/Dubai; Cook Island; Gold Coast.</li> <li>Discussion had on selection criteria for interchanges and noted Head Coach would like to be involved in selection discussions.</li> </ul>
<b>Awards Night</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board accepted Executive's decision to book Royal Yacht Squadron – Sat September 25.</li> </ul>

<b>Assistant Referees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee to compromise of Kylie, President, Steve Salton, Steve Piacun and Pete Willis. Committee has a budget and the authorisation to spend in line with budget.</li> <li>▪ ARs – discussion on appointments. Board unanimously agreed that an appointment consists of two games each Saturday; the 1pm Reserve game and the 2.45pm Premier game. ME to inform the membership.</li> <li>▪ JJ to be appointed to coordinator of AR panel; separate training sessions on Monday nights in tandem with premier panel.</li> <li>▪ Hawaii – noted that in July RD and SS have been invited at Hawaii RU's expense to a 15 aside tournament there. This in part will be a reconnaissance trip to ascertain if worthwhile for ARRA interchange in the future.</li> </ul>
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Meeting closed: 7.30 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 16 August

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D Crawford  
Chairman