

AUCKLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Board Meeting

Monday 25 May 2009

5.30 pm

The Boardroom, Maungakiekie Golf Club

Present: Roger Drew Director
Grant Carruthers Director
Don Crawford Director
Ron Jones Director
Grant Clegg Director

In Attendance: John Jacka President
Mike Elliott Referees Manager
Kylie Marginson Community Rugby & Referees Administrator

Apologies: Smudge McNeilage COD Delegate

1. MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2009 WERE APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

2. MATTERS ARISING

Item	Decision/Discussion	Action
Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">D Thomas and H Morgan reviewing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DC to follow up with B Clayton once legal opinion has been received
NZRU Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Noted that B.G. Williams was successful in being elected. Has resigned from ARFU Board.	

3. DELEGATES REPORTS

	Decision/Discussion	Action
COD Delegate (DC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes from the May COD meeting were tabled.Noted that COD voted to stand down Marist Tamaki U85kg team for four weeks due to disciplinary matters.Noted that Premier reports are now being sent into the RM.Event management was discussed and the names of those Clubs that are struggling to comply have been forwarded to S McNeilage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SM to discuss with convenor of relevant COD sub committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RD brought up issue of paper team cards and the absence of an area where the referee's grade the teams on their law knowledge and behaviour. Also no free post on the paper team sheets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SM to take to COD
ARFU Board Delegate (GC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NZRU held meeting with PU's on format on ANZC. Outcome of that meeting is yet to be determined. ▪ Nick Sheppard presented to the Board the Blues High Performance Academy plan which was well received. ▪ Blues going through their annual review process. 	
Referee Manager (ME)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ME tabled his report. ▪ Noted that AMI joint leverage funding will be committed to ARFU sideline campaign for 2009. ▪ Balanced scorecard is a work in progress with risks around some retention issues. ▪ It was discussed and noted that referees are withdrawing from appointments as late as Friday evenings. Until we boost our numbers this is an ongoing problem with no short term solution. ▪ Noted that ARRA now has five National Squad members being Stanish, White, Skeen, Eden-Whaitiri and Elliott. This may have an impact on how many referees are selected in the Northern Region squad. Our target is to have four. ▪ It was resolved by the Board that the ARRA apply to the New Zealand Community Trust for a grant of \$40,000.00 towards comms gear and referee equipment. ▪ Interchange paper – the principles of the paper were approved by the Board. National interchange will now involve just Wellington, Hawkes Bay, Canterbury and Otago. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ME to present to Board costings of approved interchanges

	International interchanges will now involve just Hong Kong, Gold Coast, London-Dubai. All other interchanges will be on an informal basis and if overseas at the referees cost.	
President's Report (JJ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nil 	

4. CORRESPONDENCE

	Regarding	Action
Inwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nil 	
Outwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nil 	

5. FINANCIALS

	Decision/Discussion	Action
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ G Clegg tabled the April 2009 YTD accounts. ▪ Noted the ARRA had paid over the \$5000 towards the renovations of OMS. ▪ G Clegg recommends reclassification of On Field Gear Items to read Gear Purchases. ▪ Forecasting \$80,000.00 in Trust Funding. All other projects likely to be shelved. ▪ Under Debtors noted that ARRA has now banked the AMI sponsorship funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GCL to send a revised EOY forecast to the Board

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

	Decision/Discussion
Awards Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sub committee to convene a meeting after Board meeting. Date has been set for 5th of September 2009. JJ to announce to general membership. Board agreed to set up a nominations sub committee charged with setting criteria for awards and selecting the winners. D Crawford to follow through.
Club Videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ME advised Board that ARFU videos two premier games a week. REO uses content for training nights to general membership. Individual Premier referees have been invited to come in and critique their performances on the DVDs. R Jones raised the point that some Clubs videoed their own games and that referee's were welcome to view these DVDs.
Comms Gear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under current conditions no new comms gear will be purchased unless trust funding is received. D Crawford working with TL Parker on sourcing product. ME may have a lead from

	Hong Kong and Gold Coast.
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Meeting closed: 6.55pm

Next meeting: Monday 27th of July 2009

Confirmed as a true record:

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Chairman