

# AUCKLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Monday 25 August 2008

5.30 pm

Box 317, Level 6 ASB Stand, Eden Park

### 1. PRESENT

John Kennelly	Chairman
Grant Carruthers	Director
Grant Clegg	Director
Ron Jones	Director

#### In Attendance:

John Jacka	President
Mike Elliott	ARFU Referees Manager
Smudge McNeilage	COD Delegate

### 2. APOLOGIES

Chris Morgan	Director
Kylie Marginson	ARFU Community Rugby & Referees Administrator

### 3. MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2008 WERE APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

#### MATTERS ARISING

Item	Decision/Discussion	Action
<b>Honours Board</b>	§ S McN raised the issue of the Honours Board re referees who have completed 100 or more Premier games	§ ME to check with KM re any replies from referees re her email request
<b>Match Ticket Allocations Policy</b>	§ S McN enquired about revised policy of distributing S14/ANC tickets to referees.	
<b>Disciplinary</b>	§ ME stated plenty of tickets available for ANC matches so no one who wants a ticket has missed out. RS14 may be a different issue under re-development plans.	§ ME will make enquiries re RS14 tickets in 2009
<b>Bar Opening Stock</b>	§ G Cl. asked if Cricket Society had sent invoice for opening stock.	§ ME to arrange accrual for \$3k

<b>Insurance Claim</b>	§ RJ enquired on progress re claim on Moe Mata'afa's cancelled I/C trip	§ ME making progress with Insurance company on the claim.
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#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE - INWARDS

	<b>Regarding</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Inwards</b>	§ AMI – Letter of Intent to renew Sponsorship	
	§ Cook Islands invite to International 7's in November Note IRB pay airfares; Host looks after accommodation/meals	§ ARRA to accept invite. ME to reply.
	§ Kevin Skipper – 2 <sup>nd</sup> letter to Bruce Rennie Head Selector re Premier Rankings	§ Board agreed to leave with ME; moving forward the Selectors to meet with Referee Manager prior to any future announcement of rankings
	§ NHRRA – invite to their Annual Awards evening.	§ JJ too represent ARRA
<b>Outwards</b>	§ Reply to AMI acknowledging receipt of their letter	
	§ Bruce Rennie – reply to K Skipper's first letter.	

#### 5. FINANCIALS

	<b>Decision/Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>June Accounts</b>	§ GC tabled the accounts and forecast a cash surplus pre depreciation of around \$18k compared to budgeted surplus of \$2k.	
	§ Discussion on the 3 funds – should be classified as Reserves and not Term Liabilities.	
	§ ME informed Board of an extra cost re the Hong Kong I/C referee being booked into Copthorne for two nights due to unforeseen circumstances	
	§ Bank Balances noted	§ ME to discuss with Andre Kroef

## 6. DELEGATES REPORTS

	Decision/Discussion	Action
<b>ARFU Report (Grant Carruthers)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Pat Lam had attended last Board meeting and given Directors up date on team's progress.</li> <li>§ ARFU forecasting a small surplus prior to distribution of Club Grants.</li> <li>§ RS14 2009 draw not yet finalised; potential that Crusaders game will be played in first week of February to accommodate possible finals play off format involving 6 teams.</li> <li>§ The Franchise review with NZRU still ongoing.</li> <li>§ Club Grants – at present no immediate change envisaged on Club Grants funded via Seagull Foundation.</li> </ul>	
<b>COD Delegate (SMcN)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ ENZED signed on as sponsor of the back of the ANZC jerseys,</li> <li>§ ARU to spend extra on 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration to ensure it's a special event,</li> <li>§ Samoa to play Auckland Samoa as a warm up for Samoa before their ABs game (ABs game 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept),</li> <li>§ ARFU will pay for the Premier Refs photo</li> <li>§ Teachers Eastern delegate complained about quality of refereeing performances at COD meeting. Other delegates at the meeting informed him this was the wrong forum to raise these issues.</li> <li>§ Update given on all Technical cases heard to date.</li> <li>§ Blogs on stakeholders' websites were discussed as several bloggers, who are coaches of their respective teams, have written scathing articles about various referees' performances. In particular the AGS and Suburbs websites have been of concern. AGS Headmaster and Director of Sport supportive of ARRA and had blog removed from their website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ TE club officials have been invited to meet ME and discuss. Ball in TE's court.</li> <li>§ S McN to raise these concerns at Adult Rugby. Noted that ME had asked Greg Doolan (Suburbs Coach) to meet with him and to date GD has ignored this invitation.</li> </ul>
<b>Referee Manager (ME)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Tabled ARRA Board report; ARFU Board report</li> </ul>	

	<p>§ OMS – discussion on state of interior and lack of patronage. Agreed that if referees not supporting OMS then do not open for ANZC matches. Only 35 and 26 people used the rooms in the last two games.</p> <p>§ Interchange to Dubai discussed along with the opportunity to</p> <p>§ AMI update – ME gave verbal update</p> <p>§ ME gave verbal update on Northern Region Referee Coaches' Forum.</p>	<p>§ Social club look to close OMS when patronage not high; JK to meet with Supporters Club representatives to discuss future possibilities with Eden Park redevelopment.</p> <p>§ Agreed not to financially support the Dubai trip but ME to investigate further for future Interchange purposes and to revisit all of ARRA current and future I/Cs.</p> <p>§ ME to contact Matt Cody and up date the Board on feedback.</p> <p>§ Board agreed ME to hold debrief with Bruce Rennie and Paul Phillips.</p>
<b>President's Report (JJ)</b>	§ Nil	

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

	<b>Decision/Discussion</b>
<b>Constitution</b>	<p>§ Brian Clayton has submissions. The subcommittee needs to meet to discuss the submissions. Noted that as operating under current Constitution expressions of interest for Director Vacancies for 2009 need to go out to the membership and be received by 30 September 2008. The two Directors who <b>must</b> stand down are John Kennelly (constitutionally cannot seek re-election as 6 year term has expired) and Chris Morgan (yet to indicate if he is seeking another term in office).</p>
<b>Awards Dinner</b>	<p>§ GC confirmed Guest Speaker as Murray Deaker and M.C. as Lyndon Bray.</p> <p>§ All invites to referees and comps have gone out. Agreed to invite the two Chairs from Northland and North Harbour RAs.</p> <p>§ ME to check with MoB re TV feed into HoL for Test Match.</p> <p>§ Paul van Etten and Sheldon Eden-Whaitiri in charge of the power point presentation and visuals for the night.</p> <p>§ G Cl. and Awards Committee to meet again shortly in preparation for the evening's events.</p>

Meeting closed: 8.30 pm

Next meeting: Monday 22 September 2008

Confirmed as a true record:

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Date

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J Kennelly  
Chairman