

# AUCKLAND RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Board Meeting

Monday 28 April 2008

5.30 pm

Chairmans Lounge, West Stand, Eden Park

### 1. PRESENT

John Kennelly	Chairman
Grant Carruthers	Director
Chris Morgan	Director
Grant Clegg	Director

#### In Attendance:

John Jacka	President
Mike Elliott	ARFU Referees Manager
Smudge McNeilage	COD Delegate
Kylie Marginson	ARFU Community Rugby & Referees Administrator

### 2. APOLOGIES

Ron Jones	Director
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### 3. MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 31 MARCH 2008 WERE APPROVED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

#### MATTERS ARISING

Item	Decision/Discussion	Action
<b>Sponsorship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARFU New Sponsorship Manager yet to meet AMI. A Dalton has suggested MT, ME and himself meet with AMI in May</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARFU Executive to organise meeting with AMI</li></ul>
<b>Constitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ME asked that clauses 17 and 44 of the Draft Constitution be revisited.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sub committee to revise these clauses</li></ul>
<b>High Performance Referees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board have noted Matt Stanish's appointments. ME updated Board on MS's current situation. Board unanimous that it is great to see MS back refereeing.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ME to keep in contact with MS.</li></ul>

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE - INWARDS

	Regarding	Action
Nil		

#### 5. FINANCIALS

	Decision/Discussion	Action
<b>March Accounts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GC tabled the monthly accounts and yearly forecast. Spoke to these.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ME to advise GC when further Trust Applications are made.</li> <li>▪ Need to monitor accounts against budget to avoid any expenditure blowouts</li> </ul>

#### 6. DELEGATES REPORTS

	Decision/Discussion	Action
<b>ARFU Report (Grant Carruthers)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion at Board re Blues performance to date. Under his contract, David Nucifora has to inform NZRU by end of April of his coaching intentions for 2009.</li> <li>▪ Blues Finances are tight but crowds are down in all of RS14 matches.</li> <li>▪ NZRU are in process of conducting two reviews being Air NZ Cup competition and the Franchise system.</li> <li>▪ ARFU Forecasting still showing average financial result for the year. Concerns continue around Seagull Foundation with negotiations taking place with a third party coming on board to manage Seagull activities.</li> <li>▪ Some players' contracts up for renewal and some players are moving overseas to take advantage of other opportunities.</li> <li>▪ ARFU Board very interested in ARRA/AMI sponsorship moving forward.</li> <li>▪ Agreement has been reached to relocate Barbarians Club.</li> <li>▪ South Stand gets demolished after Bledisloe Cup test on 2 August.</li> <li>▪ 125<sup>th</sup> celebration activities planned to take place on weekend of Wellington Shield</li> </ul>	

	game.	
<b>COD Delegate (SMcN)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pat Lam has presented to COD when ARFU players will be taken out of club rugby in 2008.</li> <li>▪ Review to take place by COD on the whole logistics of the inaugural Waka Nathan Knock out Competition.</li> <li>▪ COD approved the start time for all second afternoon games on Saturdays as being 2.45 pm kickoffs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Referee Manager (ME)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tabled reports to ARRA Board; tabled ARFU Board report; tabled RAG minutes; tabled Recruitment &amp; Retention report.</li> <li>▪ JK questioned why AMI had not attended last couple of functions. ME replied that AMI had forgotten the dates and had not organised their staff to attend these functions. AMI had originally helped set these dates.</li> <li>▪ ME highlighted the flaw in recruitment figures in 2007. 15 new recruits never actually refereed one game and should not have been counted in the original figures.</li> <li>▪ Recruitment was good at 20 new referees. Retention is 87% (National figure is 88%). In reality static growth.</li> <li>▪ RAG meeting very good and outcomes will be productive concerning Academy, Coaching of Coaches and Monday night enhancements.</li> <li>▪ Discussion on Mt Wellington U17 v Waitakere U17 match where it is alleged that referee Fraser Worthington was shouldered by adult MTW supporter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ME to phone Tony Rogers to make further enquiries re AMI no shows.</li> <li>▪ Agreed that to be a fully fledged referee new recruits must pass a field test and then referee a minimum of three games, including the field test game.</li> <li>▪ KM to email referees to see who will referee two afternoon games in a row.</li> <li>▪ ME to cover off with REO on these recommendations from RAG.</li> <li>▪ Board unanimous that action be taken. Await ARFU Judicial outcome. S McN to take to COD that Board is adamant that referee safety is paramount; that Home teams must ensure referee's safety; one measure Board will take</li> </ul>

		could be to refuse appointing referees to teams that do not comply with Board requests
<b>President's Report (JJ)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social Committee aiming to promote Pool Competitions and Dart competitions on Monday nights in OMS.</li> <li>▪ ME raised the physical condition of OMS and suggested ARRA look to relocate as part of Eden Park upgrade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ME to discuss with AD about possible ARRA relocation.</li> </ul>

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

	<b>Decision/Discussion</b>
<b>ARRA Ties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The new ties have arrived. ME recommended that as part of achieving Premier status Premier referees to be presented with a tie. Board agreed. All other members welcome to purchase at \$20.00/tie.</li> </ul>

Meeting closed: 6.55pm

Next meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Confirmed as a true record:

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Date

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J Kennelly  
Chairman