

**Meeting: Referees Commission**

**Date: 11 May 2014**

**Location: Kettering**

**Attendees:**

Steve Evans  
Nick Heckford  
Richard Morten

Brian Stalker  
Diane Hollows  
Debra Smart

Louise O'Reilly  
Glyn Archibold  
Steve Matthews

**Circulation:** As above, plus RN, Alex to the Board.

	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<i>Minute's silence observed for Dudley Williams who recently passed away</i>	
1. Apologies RN; MS	
2. Minutes approved from last meeting	
3. Ordered 500 handbooks not 1,000 due to possible changes. Now sitting as a stock item	
4. Howard to send the list of referees' DBS details to SE and expiry details, plus renewal procedure check with JM	LOR to check with JM /HT
5. After 34 years of involvement with VE, BS is stepping down from the Commission. Will stay on as an observer, but relinquishing all other official roles. SE raised the issue of succession planning. BS offered suggestions for new members to strengthen the commission. SE thanked BS for all his efforts on behalf of the Commission.	None
6. SE updated group on management structure changes and move towards forming delivery and advisory groups with the coaching commission. SE has passed on Ref Com comments to Brian Treadwell regarding future of refereeing.	None
7. Development Plan update. SE asked for members to read and sign off today to take to the Board on 17 <sup>th</sup> May. (Referee development process from grade 4 – 1 added to the plan by BS)	SM to send completed plan to AC
Issues raised with data: How many referees are active? What is the churn and why leaving? How many grade 4s are becoming active referees (200 grade 4)? How long have refereed? Is the course on the system? Help to understand why difficult to recruit. If active, what are they doing? Can RRAs help?	LOR to look at this data gathering
8. Referee upgrades discussed and agreed	None
9. Referee conference agenda discussion: Nick's feedback on international representation; protocol for referees; new grade 4 course; upgrades; who's the ref; finance; development plan open forum; sitting; beach; observer training at NEVSA; NVL Guidelines; libero role; and guidelines update.	NH, RM, SE, GA, DS
Costs and facilities at Loughborough being investigated (£600) 60 expected. 10am start.	RN
Approach SOUK for a speaker on a referee issue Invite RW, AC and LW – SE to complete agenda and send to LOR	LOR SE

10.	One day course update. Assessor training day is 28 June for testing, Kettering. Website updating before this day. Book web day with RN for w/c 19 May	RM
	No more courses for refereeing until 1 September.	LOR to let VRMs know
	Replaces the BUCS course from this date.	RM to let RRAs know
	Thank you to Richard for all his time and effort in pulling the course together	
11.	Assessor training day 28 June – 27 assessors considered to be invited	SE to schedule
12.	Observer training at NEVSA 31 October and 1 November.	
13.	Continental Cup 21/22 June at LEAF – lot of NTOs can't attend. DS waiting on two volunteers for line judging and scoring. Nearly ready to go!	None
14.	Officer reports: Elite - BS reducing the number of elite refs Finance - Need to send NH a year end set of accounts - Can we close the course on the day so we can register candidates on the day - Can we tell people when payment has been made? An email to say what the claim is for. E.g Ref Com meeting and date. NVL - lack of referees for NVL - top referees only do top matches - raising match fees for all NVL games by £2! - £40 a day for tournaments instead of £25 - Accommodation costs procedure needs clarifying with Paul Bohanan	LOR RN LOR/SA
	Beach – no ref courses organised. Looking at London and Bournemouth Sitting – 14 or 15 active. Need more numbers. More communication to GA from RSC	SE DS LOR
	Referee development – have had training despite lack of funding. Good to see female refs at national finals. Will continue to use student cup to upgrade L4s. Needs RRAs to work effectively so that Di knows who is active	
	SE to let DH and RM know when RC6s come through	SE
	Who's The Ref – working well generally. Have made tweaks with Mark Brown to improve. Looking at a star system for each referee from a match report.	SE
	BUCS 4,000 licences – need to allow students to referee their own games Can someone in the office appoint to the BUCS games?	LOR RM
AOB	Add to the one day course BCS Tournament in Bath in March – struggle to appoint. Venue is not great, first aid, cost a lot (£80) and a bad product for volleyball. Badly organised by BCS and pay little to the refs and give little to the competitors.	LOR to ask DA/JM/AD
	SE to remind refs to register via who's the ref	SE
	Ask Howard to send the list of referees to DH at the end of August & 30 September	LOR

**Dates of next meeting:** Sunday 5 October & 6 December