

Buckinghamshire Referees Society Secretary Report 2017-18 and Election of Officers proposal

- Thanks to A&C for use of the Club for the monthly meetings and the AGM again this season. Derek has done a marvellous job looking after us each month as we transferred from first Wednesday of the month to first Thursday to make better use of the opening times of the club house.... and he also created a wonderful curry for the for the AGM!
- Thanks also go to Aylesbury RFC for the use of their club for committee meetings throughout the season
- 7 Society meetings were held this season plus AGM with an average attendance of 20. These attendance levels have continued to improve over previous seasons with new referees joining, availability of kit!! and the excellent training delivered by Mike and Tom!!
- I'd also like to thank Mike Hudson and Tom Davis specifically for delivering the high standard of engaging, relevant and humorous training at the meetings over the course of the season. we always appreciate the discussion and debate at each meeting about recent games and IRB "Focus" areas (in addition to the mice pies for Xmas meeting!). Special mention also to James Dowds who delivered his first Society training session in February helping us to better understand the intricacies of the scrum which went very well!
- Paid Society Membership for 2017/18 stands at 75 with 46 active referees and most subs were paid by end November. We have had 9 new Society members (Ben Fletcher, Graeme Coles, James Twichen, Nathan Criny, Paul Hester, Richard McMahon, Samuel Martin, Stefan Kerridge, Steven Mills) with most been appointed to games. We also have 3 more members joining imminently, Charlie Holmes, Will Benning, Andrew Stanley and Harley Clarke.
- The Society had the usual allocation of tickets to Autumn Series and 6 Nations culminating in well deserved Grand Slam for Ireland and some home truths for England!?
- I'd also like thank personally Rex Da Rocha who has been a massive support with WTR and managing the new Society members...thanks so much!!

Chris Preston

Secretary

March 2018

Election of officers

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| Secretary | Chris Preston |
| Treasurer | Stephen Downes |
| Appointments | Paul Stanley |
| Discipline | Peter Downes |
| Training | Tom Davis, Mike Hudson |
| Commercial Manager | Richard Bobbett |
| Referee Mentor / Communications | Rex Da Rocha |