Questions?

The rule says that referees should be paid BEFORE the match commences. Would that be possible to force this rule and brief all the teams and referees to apply this? If the referee is there one hour prior to the match, there is plenty time to do this and we can avoid those situations when the teams are not happy to pay after the match for any reason (any dispute during the match or they lost).

IE
• - Referees arrive to the location of the match separately and they leave separately. I think it would make look us more professional if we did it together. Travelling to and from the matches with your referee colleague is great, you can talk about the match, you can prepare to the match, you can get new friends and colleagues, I think the standard of refereeing would improve if we did that. Maybe it would be cheaper to the teams. Could we ask our colleagues to talk before the matches?

• IE
• Would that be possible to ask for a separate changing room for referees? It is not convenient or fair to use the same changing facility as used by the teams. Again, referees should change clothes together, they should be talking about the match.

• IE
• Would that be possible to rise the referee fees? Having looked at other referee fees (from other countries and other sports) I think even £50 + travel costs would not be too much and unrealistic for a Super 8 match.

• IE
• Can the referees expect any kind of training or exam every year? It would be nice to know that all the referees are at the same standard and they all have to refresh their knowledge of the rules.

• IE
The Referee Guidelines say "In accordance with the spirit of international competitions and to encourage longer rallies and spectacular actions, only the most obvious violations will be whistled." And the FIVB are encouraging longer rallies, allowing the ball to fly. There was talk of FIVB relaxing the rule on double touch.

What is the guidance for VE Referees this season in relation to double touch? I still believe that colleagues call too many double touches and interrupt the game flow....

LB
• How many NVL referee colleagues do not attend conference two years running? Apart from being at a disadvantage, are any actions taken to encourage attendance? How are non attendees updated?

• LB
• How does Conference assist me develop and improve as a referee? What key points am I expected to take away, and implement, as part of my development? How will this be assessed and reviewed?

• LB
• How can we get greater consistency between referees?

• LB
• How many yellow and red cards were issued last season? Is the perception that player behaviour has improved, or otherwise?

• LB
• the Facebook page. Is it VE Referee FB page? In which case should it be only for registered VE Referees? and some clarity on its use, and moderating?

• LB
Now that the Commission is no more, what is the new structure of referee management in the light of VE's register of "experts" and how you see that working?

BS
• Bearing in mind VE's financial position, can you comment on the Observation programme and what the current budget may allow for all 3 disciplines?