



ACT Rugby Referees Association



Minutes of ACTRRA Annual General Meeting

22nd November 2011

Held at:

Olim's Hotel, Ainslie

Attendees:

Simon Carroll, Bill Teece, Peter Lawler, Mark Snow, Paul Scholtens, Andrew Edelman, Ian Schubert, Scott Izod, Glenn Hayes, Rob Paloni, Ian Glasgow, Peter Langford, Bill Gregory, Rohan Nishantha, Dom McCarthy, Owen Keane, Craig DeBoos, Dennis Beissner, Phillip Watkins, Peter Janssens, Jim Smith, Peter Conway, Alan Casey, Brett Bowden, Jeff Palmer, Owen Hughes, Sam Whittle (27 attendees).

Apologies:

Brendan McCormick, Rob Boyes, Doug Collins, Rob Orr, Damien McLachlan, John Snell, Sarah Duncan, James Willemsen, Michael Dowsett, Neal Davis, Mick Toirkens, Bryce Gorrell, Wilf Hedley, Irene Jones, Jennifer Jones, Chad Burnell, Mick Cleary, Rob Nelson, Anne Nelson, Ben Nelson, Adam Nelson, Jac Cousin, Michael Rush, Peter Gillard, Angus Teece, Peter Flanagan, James Waddington, Kim Lees, Nathan Kearns, Jack Cunningham, Shane Hughes, Angus Whittle (32 apologies).

The Meeting opened at 7:34pm with 27 in attendance.

Previous Minutes

1. The meeting was asked to approve the Minutes of the ACTRRA Annual General Meeting held on 23rd November 2010 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by: *Simon Carroll*

Seconded by: *Ian Schubert*

Motion carried

Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

2. The President Simon Carroll advised the members that business arising from the Minutes of the 2010 AGM would be addressed in General Business.



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Life Membership Nomination

Paul Scholtens and Simon Carroll nominated Ian Schubert as a Life Member and both spoke to this nomination. Following these words it was proposed that Ian Schubert be admitted as a Life Member to the ACTRRA.

Proposed by: *Paul Scholtens*

Seconded by: *Simon Carroll*

Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Reports

3. The full written versions of all reports noted in this section of the Minutes can be found in the revised version of the 2011 ACTRRA Annual Report which will be placed on the Association's website.

4. President's Report: The President, Simon Carroll, delivering the President's Report and provided an overview of the Report as submitted for the 2011 ACTRRA Annual Report. The President commended his Report to the Association and moved that it be accepted by the members

Proposed by: Simon Carroll

Seconded by: *Brett Bowden*

Motion carried

5. Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee (CGAC) Report: An overview of the CGAC Report was delivered by Brett Bowden. In his summary of this report Brett wished to thank Ian Schubert, Alan Casey, Paul Scholtens, Andrew Edelman, Mark Snow and Glenn Hayes for all their assistance during the season. On conclusion he proposed that the 2011 CGAC Report be accepted.

Proposed by: *Brett Bowden*

Seconded by: *Rob Paloni*

Motion carried

6. Brumbies Rugby Referees Department Report: The Referee Development Officer, *Mark Snow*, provided an overview of his report that was presented in the 2011 ACTRRA Annual Report.

Proposed by: *Mark Snow*

Seconded by: *Scott Izod*

Motion carried

7. Treasurer's Report: The President, Simon Carroll, presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Sarah Corrigan. The meeting was reminded that the final



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statements would be provided following the completion of the audit and would be appended to the final 2011 report.

The President commended the report to the Association, subject to final audit being completed and moved that the members accept it.

Proposed by: *Simon Carroll*

Seconded by: *Andrew Edelman*

Motion carried

Election of Office Bearers for 2011

8. Patron. The President advised the Members in attendance that he had approached the Association's current Patron, *Peter Lawler*, with respect to whether he would accept a nomination for Patron of the Association for the 2012 season. *Peter* advised that he would be honoured to again serve the Association as its Patron.

Nomination: *Peter Lawler*

Accepted by acclamation

9. The positions of all office bearers were declared vacant and it was reported that written nominations had been received for all positions, less the Secretary position. As there was only one nomination for each of the positions on the Executive Committee, and no nominations received from the floor. The Meeting was asked to confirm the persons nominated. The nominations proceeded as follows.

10. President

Nomination: *Simon Carroll*

Proposed by: *Nathan Kearns*

Seconded by: *Bill Teece*

Motion carried. The President of the ACTRRA for 2012 is Simon Carroll who duly re-took the chair.

11. Vice-President

Nomination: *Bill Teece*

Proposed by: *Simon Carroll*

Seconded by: *John Snell*

Motion carried. The Vice-President of the ACTRRA for 2012 is Bill Teece.

12. Secretary

There were no nominations for the position of Secretary and as such this position remained vacant.



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13. [Note: A nomination for Owen Keane was received after the meeting and will be confirmed at the 1st General Meeting in 2012.] Treasurer

Nominations: *Sarah Corrigan*

Proposed by: *Simon Carroll*

Seconded by: *Bill Teece*

Motion carried. The Treasurer of the ACTRRA for 2012 is Sarah Corrigan.

14. Assistant Secretary

Nominations: *John Snell*

Proposed by: *Simon Carroll*

Seconded by: *Bill Teece*

Motion carried. The Assistant Secretary of the ACTRRA for 2012 is John Snell.

Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee for 2011

15. In accordance with the Statement of Objects and Rules of the Association the appointment of members to the CGAC for 2012 will be advised by the Association President. These appointments are expected to be confirmed before the end of 2011.

Appointment of Honorary Auditor

16. While there was a high-level of satisfaction with the current auditor it was asked whether the auditor needed to be change every 5 years. [A subsequent review of the Associations Objects and Rules do not identify such a requirement.] The Meeting was advised that it is understood that the existing Auditor was willing to continue in the role of Honorary Auditor to the Association and was supported by the Treasurer. With no objection, pending a review of the Objects and Rules, from the members present, the President then declared that Hardwicke's would again serve as the Association's Auditor.

General Business

The President opened the Meeting for general business.

17. Will Boyle Donations. The President noted that there was currently \$930 provided by way of donations. All known donations have received a letter of thanks. Discussion was opened to discuss possible options for the donations. The President mentioned one option could be to replace an existing trophy, named after Will.

Alan Casey suggested that it was too early to make a decision. He thought that the Executive should provide some options to the membership.

Jim Smith thought that a scholarship option might be best, recognising that it could take a few years to build up funds suitable to support an on-going scholarship.



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Sam Whittle was not sure that the replacement of an existing trophy was the best option. Sam agreed that the Executive should come back to the membership with ideas. Sam also noted that Canberra Grammar would be creating an award, it was agreed by the Membership that the Association would not be involved in this endeavour.

Paul Scholtens, while agreeing with previous comments, would be reluctant to support a change to existing awards. If agreed, he would prefer to see a new award. Paul agreed that the Executive should seek recommendations from the Membership. There was some discussion regarding a perpetual trophy.

Jim Smith agreed that specific named trophies should remain. We could use some more generic trophies, providing the history was checked first.

Mark Snow acknowledged that Peter Lawler should validate the history and also suggested that any decision should involve the Boyle family.

Peter Lawler noted that it was for reasons such as this discussion that he wrote the history. He noted that the Executive should provide options after wide consultation.

It was agreed that the Executive would look at potential options and provide these at a later date for consideration by the Association.

18. Abuse Protocols. It was agreed that 2012 would adopt a similar approach to referee abuse and that all levels would be encouraged to report all such incidences.
19. ACTRU 2012 Competition Structure. The President briefly described the 2012 Competition Structure, which now returns with 3rd and 4th Grades as a part of Premier Division. The competition now consists of 19 rounds. Further details regarding the competition structure will be advised at the ACTRRA Pre-Season Seminars.
20. 2011 Referee Exchange Program. The President provided a brief on the 2012 Referee Exchange Program as follows:
 - a. The Association would be sending the following members to the Darwin 7's Competition:
Scott Izod (Referee Coach)
Dom McCarthy (Referee)
 - b. Outgoing. Canterbury is deemed unlikely. South Canterbury is a possibility that needs to be further investigated.
 - c. Incoming. Waikato and North Harbour are likely during weekend of 26 May 2012 to coincide with Reds v Brumbies game. It was noted that we need to increase the level of attendance to exchange related functions as the numbers were down in 2011. Suggestions as to the type of function and ways to improve the attendance numbers are encouraged.



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- d. Operations Manual. The Meeting was advised that the revision of the Operations Manual was nearing completion and would be finalised prior to the commencement of the 2012 season.
- e. ACTRRA Online 2012 Calendar. The President asked Members present to provide any inputs to the online calendar for 2012, at their earliest opportunity as he would like to present a draft to the Executive at their first meeting scheduled for early December 2011.
- f. Association Training. The President advised that the Training program continued during the 2011 season would be retained for 2012. It was advised that the start of 2012 training would be 31 January 2012. Training would be outside until the cessation of daylight savings.

Other General Business

- 21. There were a few comments regarding the web site and the outdated nature of the content. The President noted that it was easier to add than to change/delete existing content. It was agreed that the Executive needed to find a person that was prepared to help update and then keep the site relevant. Any suggestions from the Membership would be welcomed.
- 22. Alan Casey questioned the existence of 3 year strategy for the Association. There was some discussion as to whether this matter should be aimed at individuals or a wider level. **It was agreed that the Executive should look at this matter and report back to the Association.**

Next General Meeting

- 23. The next Annual General Meeting would be advised to Members via the website and Association email later in 2012. The next General Meeting would also be advised to Members via the website and Association email early in the New Year.

Close

- 24. There being no further business the Annual General Meeting for 2011 was closed by the President at 9.25pm

Simon Carroll
ACTRRA President
20 December 2011

Bill Teece
Outgoing ACTRRA Secretary
20 December 2011