



ACTRRA Monthly Committee Meeting Minutes

1935hrs, 09 April 2013, RUC, Barton, ACT

Attendees:

ACTRRA Committee	Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee	Apologies
Robert Boyes (RB)	Ian Schubert (IS)	Owen Keane (OK)
Robert Paloni (RP)		Sarah Corrigan (SC)
Geoff Palmer (GP)		Dennis Beissner (DB)

1 Introductions & Apologies

Meeting commenced: 1935hrs

- All welcomed to the ACTRRA Monthly Committee Meeting..

2 Meeting Minutes

- Previous meeting minutes were unavailable for review.

3 Outstanding Action Items

- The Action Items from the previous meeting minutes were unavailable for review.

4 Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee

i. Senior Referee A, B, C & D Panels

- **IS** advised the Committee that the total number of graded and ungraded senior referees is 35 with another 8 whose commitment to 2013 season is unknown. There was also another occasional referee from the South Coast who has not been in contact this season.

ii. Referee Retention

- **IS** advised the Committee that referee retention is a responsibility of the Brumbies HQ Referee's Department, and was lamentable that they have not yet approached the 8 senior panel referees whose commitment to 2013 season is unknown.
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- **IS** discussed Brumbies Rugby in supporting ACTRRA in referee matters.



iii. Referee Appointments

- **IS** advised the Committee that the appointments have been working well and expected to remain so as long as all referees remain fit and available. Currently 25 senior and U18 matches are supported and makes allowance for 6 to 7 unavailable referees. per week.

iv. Competition Withdrawals

- Easts Colts and Braidwood 2nd Div 1st teams have withdrawn from their respective competitions citing numbers..

v. Referee Exchanges – Southern Inland RRA

- **IS** spoke regarding a referee exchange between ACTRRA and SIRRA where one referee and one referee coach visit Wagga, and is reciprocated by a referee from Wagga visiting Canberra. No dates advised yet, but **IS** would like one exchange prior to the June Long Weekend and one after.
- There was general discussion regarding the safety of visiting Wagga on the exchange as a single day trip and was agreed that there needed to be overnight accommodation provided at each city, the host Association to arrange. Further discussion on arranging accommodation is required

vi. Chairman Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee

- **IS** informed the Committee that he will not be seeking nomination as Chairman of the Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee in 2014 as he intends to spend time pursuing other life interests.
- **.RB** acknowledged **IS's** intention to stand down as Chairman of the Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee in 2014 and spoke generously expressing his gratitude at the magnificent job **IS** has done in the role.

vii. Referee Exchanges – New Zealand

- **IS** raised NZ exchanges for 2013 and **RP** confirmed that he has been in contact with Waikato referees to organise their exchanges, and is confirming the qualification level of the exchanges.
- **RP** has had difficulty making contact with West Harbour referees and **IS** offered to provide historical contact information from his address book.

viii. 100 First Grade Matches

- It was brought to the Committee's attention that Brett Bowden is approaching his 100th first grade match which has been an aggregation of NSW and ACT matches..
- The Committee needs to confirm this milestone and acknowledge it accordingly.



5 Secretary's Report

i. Correspondence

- Nil.

6 President's Report

i. Notices

- **Caitlin Ryan** advises that radio intercom set has returned from repairs and is ready for use. It can be collected from her on Thursday afternoons each week.
- .ETA of new ACT Referee on-field gold uniforms 02 May 2013. Alternate pink jerseys will be held at Brumbies HQ and issued as required. If demand is sufficient, ACTRRA members may place a bulk order to purchase alternative pink uniform on an individual basis.
- ETA of off-field uniforms 20 April 2013.
- A 3 man subcommittee chaired by **RB** has been investigating introducing a referee payment scheme and the annual costing necessary to support it. The subcommittee has investigated AFL, Rugby League and Soccer schemes, as well as QLD and NSW Referee Associations, and has determined that a tiered payment system comprising of 8 bands gives a fair range of payments from Premier Division (\$90 per match) down to U8s (\$10 per match). The payment scheme covers approximately 1600 matches per season and requires around \$60k to fund. Figures are approximate and more information is to follow in coming months.

ii. Competition 3-2-1 Points

- Round 1 of the competition commenced last week and 3-2-1 points need to be submitted by referees.

iii. Postponed AR1 and AR2 Course

- AR1 & 2 Course scheduled last weekend was postponed due to low numbers .

iv. Sponsor's Agreement

- There was brief discussion regarding the details of the ACTRRA Sponsor's Agreement with Synergy.

v. AGM Minutes

- 2012 AGM minutes need to be posted on the ACTRRA website.

vi. Canberra Grammar School Gymnasium Hire

- Current fees to hire the CGS Gym is \$20 per session.



vii. Loading Digital Logo on gmail Account

- ACTRRA digital logo needs to be loaded on the gmail account.

viii. Interstate Affiliations

- It was noted that there is very little evidence of interstate Referee Associations having a history of consulting on shared problems or issues. It was suggested that the ARU be approached to consider providing a platform for issues dialogue with a meeting.

ix. Requests for Referees from Schools and Clubs

- The Brumbies Rugby Services Assistant has requested the ACTRRA to communicate the requirements for requesting referee support for carnivals and events.. She requires 7 days notice to canvass the referee community for support.

7 Treasurer's Report

i. Financial Position

- Nil.

8 Business on Notice

- Nil.

9 Other Business

- General discussion about succession planning and length of service of Committee office holders

10 Next Meeting

- The next ACTRRA Monthly Committee Meeting is scheduled for **1930hrs Tuesday 14 May 2013**, at the **RUC, Barton, ACT**.

Meeting closed: 2015hrs.

I certify that these minutes have been recorded to the best of my ability and reflect a true account of the business discussed.

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