



ACTRRA Monthly Committee Meeting Minutes

1935hrs, 14 May 2013, RUC, Barton, ACT

Attendees:

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

1 Introductions & Apologies

Meeting commenced: 1930hrs

- All welcomed to the ACTRRA Monthly Committee Meeting... Apologies as listed above.

2 Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee

i. Grading List

- IS advised the Committee that the latest Referee Grading List has been posted on the Association website. He also expressed an opinion that there may be some disappointed individuals and any grievances to be addressed by contacting him if required.

ii. Referee Exchanges – Southern Inland RRA

- IS announced the appointed ACTRRA participants in the referee exchange between ACTRRA and SIRRA; Brett Bowden going to Wagga as a Referee Coach; and Michael Rahilly and James Morris going to Cootamundra as Referees
- Discussion ensued regarding expense management. It was decided that a cash per diem of \$120.00 be paid to the Referees for meals, and the ACTRRA reimburse petrol and accommodation receipts.
- IS is waiting on match appointments from SIRRA

iii. Referee Appointments

- IS expressed disappointment and frustration with the number of Senior Referees who were unavailable last weekend; a total of 16 last weekend and 15 so far this coming weekend. He declared that the situation was becoming serious as the Women's' Competition is starting next Round. As per the previous meeting the current cohort of Senior Referees makes an allowance for no more that 6 to 7 unavailable referees. per week.



- It also appears that Brumbies HQ has been advised of weekly absences by unavailable referees but not passed on to **IS** for appointment consideration.
- The Referee Management System (RMS) database in Sydney has not been updated with new registration status information from the ARU database and, as a consequence, registered referees do not appear on the system for appointment.
- There was general discussion regarding the commitment of various schools and clubs in supplying junior referees for training and development.

3 Meeting Minutes

- Previous meeting minutes of April 2013 were reviewed and a motion moved by **GP** and seconded by **RB** was carried unanimously to accept the Minutes as an accurate record of the business discussed...

4 Outstanding Action Items

- The Action Items from the previous meeting minutes were reviewed and amended as per Attachment A.

5 Secretary's Report

i. Correspondence

- Routine correspondence in accordance with business as usual.

ii. Photos

- Bree Bowden has continued taking photos and has been posted on the ACTRRA website.

iii. ACTRRA Facebook Page

- **OK** confirmed FB page is growing in popularity.

iv. Referee Feedback

- Mark Snow and DB are working on a mechanism to commence referee feedback for junior fixtures in a few weeks.

6 President's Report

i. Referee Abuse

- **RB** advised the Committee that there were 4 reports submitted to the ACTRRA of referee abuse last Round; all junior matches including one U18 match. It was therefore decided that any team found to have been abusive toward referees should be placed on a lower priority for having a referee assigned to their next match.

ii. Referee Complaints

- **RP** will lead the investigation into any complaints made against a Referee.



iii. Referee Uniforms

- On Field uniforms are available from Brumbies HQ. It was noted that the shorts style is not as preferred as the previous design. The jersey design was positively received by the Committee.
- Off-Field uniforms have been extremely well received by the Association membership especially the track suit top. The tracksuit bottoms, however, were a disappointment and sent back to the vendor for replacement. The Association will withhold payment of \$2,500.00. The closing date for new orders will be closing Friday 24 May 2013.

iv. Referee Payments

- Discussion continued about the proposed payment scheme. The overall cost was confirmed around \$60k but reduced payments for referees of the bottom tier is likely to be reduced to \$10 from \$20 to reflect the skill level required compared to higher level matches. The final report will have a staged release to the Rugby Community in order to properly gauge the community response.

7 Treasurer's Report

i. Financial Position

- As per Attachment B.

8 Business on Notice

- Nil.

9 Other Business

- Nil

10 Next Meeting

- The next ACTRRA Monthly Committee Meeting is scheduled for **1930hrs Tuesday 11 June 2013**, at the **RUC, Barton, ACT**.

Meeting closed: 2035hrs.

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

Geoff Palmer JP

Assistant Secretary
ACTRRA
ACT JP #2420
04 June 2013



Attachment B – Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report				
April 2013				
		Debits	Credits	
Opening Balance - 1 April 2013				\$6,505.97
Transaction Record - 1 April 2013 till 30 April 2013				
Interest paid			\$0.03	
Grand Final Day Bonus			\$500.00	
CEA Sponsorship			\$2,500.00	
	Total Credits			\$3,000.03
Preseason BBQ		-\$146.12		
Darwin 7s Flights		-\$329.70		
Jan/Feb Training		-\$760.00		
Dev Night BBQ		-\$198.11		
March Training		-\$640.00		
	Total debits			-\$2,073.93
Closing Balance - 30 April 2013				\$7,432.07
OUTSTANDING Amounts				
Off field Kit Payment			\$110.00	
	Total Credits			\$110.00
April Training		-\$760.00		
Bank Fees		-\$0.75		
	Total debits			-\$760.75
Closing Balance				\$6,781.32
Will Boyle Memorial Fund - Opening Balance				\$7,155.39
Interest			\$0.06	
	Total Credits			\$0.06
	Total debits			\$0.00
Closing Balance				\$7,155.45
This report is accurate as of the 13 May 2013, Sarah Corrigan, Treasurer				