



## ACT Rugby Referees Association



### Minutes of ACT Rugby Referees Association Inc.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting for 2014

08 July 2014

#### Held at:

The Rugby Union Club (RUC), Barton ACT

#### Attendees:

See Attendance Sheet Attached.

#### Apologies:

See Apology Sheet Attached

#### Minutes of General Meeting held April 2014

1. Minutes of the GM were available before the meeting

**No objections were raised..**

#### Correspondence

2. Correspondence as follows:
  - a. Sponsorship cheques from National Plumbing services and Aquaterro received with thanks.
  - b. Signed Brumbies Jersey received and thank you note returned
  - c. Correspondence from ACT Govt. confirming Executive members.

#### Treasurer's Report

3. Please see attached Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014.

#### President's Report

4. **Sponsorship.** The President thanked Aquaterro for their sponsorship.
5. **Off-Field Uniforms.** 3rd order for OFU have arrived and will distributed shortly, and exploring a 4th order for the season. The ability to do small orders has worked very well for the ACTRRA in placing small orders, but an \$80.00 freight fee is required for each order.
6. **The Finals Season will be long;** starting in late July and finishing in early September. Grand Final Catering has been locked in.



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7. **Match Official Payment Proposal (MOPP).** The President spoke extensively regarding the work the MOPP Subcommittee has done **to** date. He emphasised the importance of the vote tonight and the possible need for proxy votes in the acceptance or rejection of the Brumbies offer. The President, on advice from Chad Burnell, an ACTRRA member and Legal Practitioner, proposed the inclusion of proxy voting in accordance with ACT Corporations law:
  - a. The President proposed the Motion : ***“That this meeting of the ACTRRA allow the use of Proxy Votes, due to the importance of the matters being discussed”***
  - b. David Mason argued for the Motion to be amended. The President agreed and he proposed the amended Motion ***“That this meeting of the ACTRRA allow the use of Proxy Votes”***. Seconded by David Mason.
  - c. Before the vote the President invited any speaker to argue a case against his amended Motion and none were forthcoming.
  - d. **The Motion was CARRIED unanimously.**
8. **Brumbies Proposal . On 30 June 2014 the ACTRRA Executive and the MOPP Subcommittee met with the Brumbies Community Rugby Committee (CRC) chaired by Mr Dick Cordy. The following proposal was offered to the ACTRRA for its members consideration. (It applies only to Senior Rugby and payments from Junior Rugby needs to be negotiated with the ACTJRU independently):**
  - a. “First Grade referees - \$90 per match for Premier first grade fixtures only,
  - b. All 18 – 25 year old referees officiating senior rugby matches - \$50 per match across Premier & Monaro (there are currently 24 registered referees in this age bracket, however, the Union will wear the risk of any increase in numbers),
  - c. Continuation of the travel reimbursement at the existing rate of 55c per km for Monaro matches in regional NSW,
  - d. This decision is a starting point and in light of the current financial challenges it aims to consider all parties involved in this process.”



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### 9. Brumbies arguments:

- a. Brumbies Community Rugby will lose \$240,000 next year due to ARU cuts.
- b. ARU to increase Registration Levy
- c. Club Levy to increase from \$200 to \$300
- d. Previous correspondence was that Monaro clubs would go to \$300 and Premier Clubs to \$250 only
- e. No commitment to change post 2015
- f. Based upon the ARU Strategic direction around 18-25 year olds; not previously communicated to ACTRRA. Not instigated in all other Unions where all members are paid

### 10. General Discussion. The President opened the floor for discussion on the proposal and themes discussed were the

- a. CRC financial transparency was questioned as they did not present spreadsheets to justify their budgetary position,
- b. The proposal was seen as divisive,
- c. The proposal was seen as ageist
- d. ARs and Referee Coaches are excluded
- e. Pressure on Grading Committee for eligible members to be appointed.
- f. Some members would feel uncomfortable receiving payment whilst others miss out.

### 11. Acceptance of Brumbies Proposal. After a 20 minute open discussion, the President summed up the discussion as follows:

- a. The offer is divisive and seeks to split the association into an us and them group.
- b. Using the figures provided by the CRC, an estimated budget for 2015 is in the region of \$20,000. This was confirmed, then rejected by the Brumbies office. Advising that there were not as many 18-25 year olds as first thought. Even though we were assured if more 18-25 year olds came onboard they would cover the cost.
- c. The Subcommittee believes they can present the CRC with a scenario where all get paid and under the budget.
- d. Put a concrete plan in place to target forward growth including 18-25 year old recruitment and retention



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- e. He then proposed the Motion. ***"That the counter offer, proposed by Brumbies Community Rugby Committee to our original payment Proposal, be rejected"***.
- f. The Motion was seconded by Geoff Palmer and a vote taken.
- g. **The Motion was CARRIED unanimously**

12. **Amended Proposal.** The President then presented an amended proposal to be taken to the CRC for consideration. Key points are as follows:

- a. All referees doing Junior games will receive the match payment not just students.
- b. Scale the Junior payments from \$15 (8 to 10 year) to \$35 (18 Div. 1 and Div. 2) per game. This to stay within the current JRU budget and be negotiated with the JRU directly.
- c. Continue to negotiate with the CRC but within a strict timeframe (before the finals), the current proposal has gone on too long.
- d. We will as an Association, depending on the final outcome, work out a way to incorporate assistance to the Referee Coaches so they are not left out. They provide us a service, that we can accept we need to 'pay'.
- e. Our aim as an Association is to be as self sufficient as possible, thus relying less on the CRC and moving to a self funding model.

13. **Amended Proposal estimated Cost:**

- a. Initial Proposal = \$33,340 (Seniors Only)
- b. Brumbies Counter Offer = \$21,120
- c. ACTRRA revised proposal = \$18,490

### General Business

- 14. The Treasurer addressed the meeting to canvas ideas about the 2014 Annual Presentation Dinner venue and dates.

### Next Meeting

- 15. The next meeting will be the AGM tentatively booked for Tuesday 24 November 2014 at 7:00PM, venue TBA.



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### Meeting Close

16. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21:05pm

Rob Boyes  
ACTRRA President  
July 2014

Geoff Palmer  
ACTRRA Secretary  
July 2014





# Treasurer's Report

June 2014

	Debits	Credits	
<b>Opening Balance - 1 June 2014</b>			<b>\$11,224.45</b>
<b>Transaction Record - 1 June 2014 till 30 June 2014</b>			
ACTRRA Sub Payments		\$270.00	
Off field clothing payments		\$571.00	
Interest		\$0.42	
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>\$841.42</b>
Banking fees	-\$1.00		
Off Field Kit Payment	-\$2,667.50		
Grammer Gym Hire	-\$225.00		
May Training	-\$640.00		
<b>Total debits</b>			<b>-\$3,533.50</b>
<b>Closing Balance - 30 June 2014</b>			<b>\$8,532.37</b>
<b>OUTSTANDING Amounts</b>			
ACTRRA Sub Payments		\$60.00	
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>\$60.00</b>
Tracksuit Refunds to WBMF	-\$340.00		
Bank Fees	-\$0.50		
Off Field Kit Payment	-\$1,989.50		
Grammer Gym Hire	-\$100.00		
June Training	-\$640.00		
<b>Total debits</b>			<b>-\$3,070.00</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>\$5,522.37</b>
<b>Will Boyle Memorial Fund - Opening Balance</b>			<b>\$7,386.19</b>
Interest		\$0.06	
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>\$0.06</b>
<b>Total debits</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>\$7,386.25</b>
This report is accurate as of the 7 July 2014, Sarah Corrigan, Treasurer			





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Record of Attendance - 2nd General Meeting Tue 02 July 2013

	Name	Signature
1	MICHAEL DOWSETT	
2	OWEN KEANE	
3	BRONDAN McCORMICK	
4	Robert Palan	
5	BONCABO	
6	JAMES MORRIS	
7	PETER CAMERON	
8	IAN SCHUBERT	
9	DAVID MASON	
10	Byce Gorrell	
11	Michael Timmermans	
12	Anne Nelson	
13	BRETT BOWDEN	
14	ROBERT NELSON	
15	Reece Henshaw	
16	Steve Jock	
17	Dennis Beissner	
18	Rob Whyte	
19	B. Nelson	
20	GERHARD PRETORIUS	
21	SARAH CORRIGAN	
22	Geoff Purnan	
23	Rob Boyles	




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25	Michael Rahilly	
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**Record of Apologies - 2nd General Meeting Tue 08 July 2013**

	Name	Reported By
1	Alan Casey	B McCormick
2	GREG THOMAS	D MASON
3	Adam Nelson.	Anne Nelson
4	Joey Whyte	Rob Whyte
5	MICHAEL CORRIGAN	SARAH CORRIGAN
6	SCOTT IZOD	Scott Pearson
7	Michael Beissner	Donis Beissner
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## Geoff Palmer

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**From:** Rob Boyes <rboyes@2easy.com.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 July 2014 7:57 PM  
**To:** Geoff Palmer; Geoff Palmer; actrra.secretary@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: Apologies

And Drew of course ☺

Kind regards

*Rob Boyes*

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**From:** Rob Boyes [<mailto:rboyes@2easy.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 July 2014 7:56 PM  
**To:** Geoff Palmer; Geoff Palmer ([geoff.palmer@optusnet.com.au](mailto:geoff.palmer@optusnet.com.au)); 'actrra.secretary@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Apologies

Geoff,

I currently have the following as apologies:

- Mark Snow
- Chad Burnell
- Reuben Keane
- Adam Nelson
- Liam Boyes
- Sam Whittle
- Hamish Whittle
- Andrew Whittle
- Greg Thomas
- Robin Petersen

Regards

*Rob Boyes*

President



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