



ACTRRA 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Opened

The meeting was opened by the Chair (James Hagan) on 28 November 2017, at 19:10 hours at Brumbies Headquarters – University of Canberra.

Attendees

As per the attendance sheet signed by attendees available for inspection.

Nye Konig (President) passed on his sincere apologies due to unforeseen personal circumstances arising on the day of the AGM.

Welcome

James Hagan welcomed all attendees.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged by all as having been reviewed. It was agreed that they were accurate.

Motion: That the Minutes be accepted

Moved – Rob Whyte

Seconded – Geoff Palmer

Motion Passed

President's Report

The President's Report was as published in the annual report provided to members prior to the AGM. JH presented it to the Members on behalf of NK.

Motion: That the president's report be accepted

Moved – Rob Whyte

Seconded – Steve Peak

Motion Passed

Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee Report

The CGAC Chair's Report was as published in the annual report provided to members prior to the AGM.



Motion: That the CGAC Chair's report be accepted

Moved – Rob Whyte

Seconded – Rob Boyes

Motion Passed

Junior Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee Report

The Junior CGAC Chair's Report was as published in the annual report provided to members prior to the AGM.

Steve Peak mentioned that the report that is done on each referee is outstanding and thanked Owen Keane and Dennis Beissner for their effort.

Rob Whyte noted that if Owen Keane and Dennis Beissner are not continuing in the role then this is a big loss for the association.

Motion: That the Junior CGAC Chair's report be accepted

Moved – Rob Boyes

Seconded – Steve Peak

Motion Passed

Referee Department Report

The Referee Department Report was as published in the annual report provided to members prior to the AGM.

Scott Izod raised a question as to extra games and workload that arises during the pre and post season periods and whether we can have some sort of review as to the inclusion of representative games and games of significance within the statistics.

Dennis Beissner made mention of recognising the role and how Josh approached it with vigour and was responsive to the Association's needs.

Motion: That the Referee Department report be accepted

Moved – Rob Whyte

Seconded – Jack Cunningham

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was as published in the annual report provided to members prior to the AGM.



Robin Petersen noted that there were some adjustments required to the audited figures. Bryce Gorrell noted that it was a transposition error and not an error in the underlying figures. Robin Petersen also mentioned the difference in Sponsorship figures between the figures in the Annual Report and the Audited Figures. These included:

- Grand Final Catering – Kutas at Viking Group were unable to facilitate ACTRRA's request this year and the Executive and not able to secure another 3rd party to provide the service.
- Presentation Night Income is still being followed up with some members.
- Sponsors – Winning Appliances pay quarterly so the next instalment is 31 December; NPS owing \$10,000 and have paid \$5,000 since 30 Sept.

Rob Whyte asked if the Executive is in a position to provide an update for the arrangements in 2018 with Form Fitness. Chad Burnell replied not currently however ideally early in the new year this can be provided

Rob Boyes mentioned that NPS are slow payers and is the cost of the tickets a cash flow concern to the Executive. Robin Petersen replied that there was no concern, as they have not not paid us, they have just been slow.

Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved – Rob Whyte

Seconded – Steve Peak

Motion Passed

Appointment of Auditor

Motion: That GL Accounting be appointed as the Association's auditor until the next Annual General Meeting.

Moved – Steve Peak

Seconded – Rob Whyte

Motion Passed

Budget Approval

Scott Izod queried whether ARU are providing funding for referees to attend Darwin 7s? James Hagan mentioned that only accommodation and meals, so the Association is part funding the airfare of referees invited.

James Hagan congratulated Steve Peak with the fact that 5 ACTRRA referees nominated were selected – James Morris, Brodie Ingraham, Reece Henshaw, Mitch Dwyer and Reuben Keane

Rob Whyte asked if the Newcastle exchange would continue. The Executive noted that there was still some work to do on informal exchanges.

Dennis Beissner asked, given there was not a full table at the MacDougall Medal this year, could we discontinue attendance in 2018 and put the money towards the exchanges? Jack Cunningham noted that it is an important event to have a presence at.



Rob Boyes asked whether the Executive would be amenable to remove the renewal of school-aged students. James Morris noted that it is a good idea and Robin Petersen noted that the Executive's plan is that 2018 is a year of the juniors.

Motion: That renewing school-aged students do not pay a registration fee in 2018.

Moved – Rob Boyes

Seconded – Rob Whyte

Motion Passed

Motion: That the Association's proposed budget be accepted.

Moved – Steve Peak

Seconded – Rob Whyte

Motion Passed

Election of Office Bearers

Patron

Nomination: Peter Lawler

Nominated by – Nathan Kearns

Seconded – James Hagan

Motion Passed

President

Nomination: Nye Konig

Nominated by – James Hagan

Seconded – Chad Burnell

Motion Passed

Vice President

Nomination: James Hagan

Nominated by – Chad Burnell

Seconded – James Morris

Motion Passed

Secretary

Nomination: Chad Burnell

Nominated by – James Morris

Seconded – James Hagan

Motion Passed

Assistant Secretary

Nomination: James Morris



Nominated by – Chad Burnell
Seconded – James Hagan

Motion Passed

Treasurer

Nomination: Robin Petersen.
Nominated by – Nye Konig
Seconded – Chad Buynell

Motion Passed

Announce of CGAC Appointments

No CGAC Appointments were made in accordance with the provisions of the Objects and Rules of the Association.

Election of Life Members

Nomination: Michael 'Mick' Cleary

Brett Bowden spoke to his nomination

Rob Boyes spoke to his nomination

Peter Lawler asked whether Mick Cleary knew that he has been nominated. He found it difficult that someone who is going to give the honour is not turning up. It was clarified that Mick Cleary was travelling with work and sent his apologies.

Nathan Kern mentioned that life membership is the greatest honour, and everything he remembers about the association is linked to Michael Cleary and what he has done.

Nominated by – Brett Bowden
Seconded – Robert Boyes

Motion Passed

Nomination: Brett Bowden

Rob Boyes spoke to his nomination

Steve Peak spoke to his nomination

Rob Whyte noted that attitude sums up Brett ("be fit to referee") and that his training style is done for the right reason.

Nominated by – Rob Boyes
Seconded – Steve Peak

Motion Passed



Other Business

Other Business

Rob Boyes commend the work of the Executive reflected in the minutes and would like to see that put out into the public domain.

Jim Smith noted that as members still do not know finances until AGM, members have a right to now what the accounts are at a point in time.

Dennis Beissner recalled a previous General Meeting where members agreed not to disclose on a public website.

Peter Lawler spoke to three points:

1. As patron he congratulated and thanked the Executive and Committees;
2. He welcomed Mick Cleary and Brett Bowden to the Life Member fraternity; and
3. He wrote the history of the association in his book *They Blew It* and if any member is willing to obtain a copy then they are free to.

Nathan Kearns spoke to two points:

1. reiterate Peter Lawler's comments regarding the Executive; and
2. Spoke to the services of a Referee Development Officer and now is the time to think about how we are going to strategically make this happen. James Hagan noted that a RDO is vital to the association and the hope is that Rohan Hoffman can be effectively be the RDO on Eastern Seaboard, but nothing is confirmed.

Jack Cunningham noted that in the archives there is a job statement for RDO and if the Association is going to do it then should be an identifiable person.