

## ACTRRA 17 September Executive Meeting Minutes

**1930 hours, 17 September 2015, Rugby Club**

### **Attendees and Apologies:**

Ron Nelson (RN), Rob Boyes (RB) Sam Whittle (SW) Irene Jones (IJ), Sarah Corrigan (SC), Brett Bowden (BR), Ben Rahilly

Apologies-, Jeff Stone (JS),

### **Meeting Agenda:**

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#### **1. Introductions & Apologies**

Meeting commenced: 1930 hrs and welcomed to the ACTRRA Executive by President **Rob Boyes (RB)** and **Ben Rahilly (BR)** was introduced to present some ideas on possible changes to the roles/names of executive positions/titles. A full copy of the full proposal will be emailed and put on the referee web site.

- A general discussion was conducted about the proposal and of name changes one being the VP role be changed to rugby manager. Assistant Secretary to Membership officer
- Introduction of club captain and introduction of a Chairman over the grading committee. The roles being that the clubs and referees have someone to go to if there is a complaint about a referee or questions on referee grading.
- The U19 games referee coordinator would require 3 to allow appointments and grading separate.
- If changes adopted would need extra personnel and roles spread over a larger group.
- A general discussion then took place over the possibility that enough bodies could be found to cover extra positions, Whether if changes in roles were adopted if current positions would be will and capable to take over the gaps.
- Changes requires in O's & R, the role of the executive, tailoring position and people to different roles. There being a need for 2 Facebook account and as person dedicated to updating the Website
- **BB** reported that there were 3 Griffin Games, 4 & 5 to be appointed for the NRC game. 10<sup>th</sup> October will be the last Viking home game. Steve Peak has been selected by ARU to go to Darwin as a referee coach and Mitch Dewey as a referee at the 7's carnival in Darwin.

**BR** was then thanked for his presentation and left the meeting and the executive meeting continued.

## **2. Meeting Minutes of last executive Meeting 2015**

- Previous meeting minutes have been made available for review

Motion Moved by: Irene Jones

Motion seconded by: Rob Boyes

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **3. Treasurer's report**

**SC** reported that there was approximately \$12,000.00 before the dinner in the general account and in the Will Boyle account \$7,500.00

Brumbies funds are in the normal account and then transferred. \$750.0 deposit to Press club. **SC** expects there to be approximately \$11,000.00 at the end of the year, with there still being invoices for the McDougal Medal

Slightly higher funds than expected to be left, this may be due to an over estimate of funds going out. Questioned if there might be an invoice in mail box and a discussion occurred over who might hold the mail box key. **RN** thought that he had handed the key to **SC** after receiving it from Ariel Miners. **SC** to follow up.

## **4. Secretary Report**

Reported that due to personnel and business commitments was not going to be in a position to renominate at the AGM. Thanks was given to **SW** for work and support by both **RB** and **RN**.

## **5. Vice President Report**

A letter to be given to Nick Corrigan for his services at the Dinner, bar about \$200.00 short. Letter of Appreciation to be sent by **SW**.

- A discussion ensued on the Appeals process, need for documentation and transparency. Clear criteria on how referees are graded. i.e. to be a Panel A referee you need to be .....
- That there should be an independent person that is not an active referee but understands the process should be involved in grading decisions were discussed.
- Further discussions were had on whether referee's doing under 19 games should have there working with vulnerable people cards. **SW** was to look into this further.

- Discussion on the appeals process both **SW** and **RN** have been working on and will continue to work on and bring discussion results to next meeting.
- Needs everyone to respond back on the O's & R's before the next meeting so the results can be discussed.
- **RN** also advised that he will not be standing for renomination at the AGM, believing that a number of relationships within the Executive and stakeholders have broken down

## 6. General Business

### • Student Scholarships

Student Scholarship referee's nominated are Reuben Keene, Adam Onus, Mitch Beissner, Lilly Pearson and Ben Gillespie.

It has been thought that the RDO should follow up on the Scholarship referees were nominated by Steve peak.

### • RDO

**RB** says that the update on the RDO position was initially advertised a part time position. There has been some interest. Funding to come from 3 parties, and there is one person being looked at but need a fulltime position.

Strategic group was also disused and that there might be room for referee input down the tract. **SC** suggested that some form of referee input might be able gain in sight on how the game might be able to be improved, and the role that the referee can play.

## 7. Other

### a) AGM

Has been booked for the 16<sup>th</sup> November. **SW** to send out notification when required and advise that all positions will be open at the AGM.

Although problems have been experienced there may have been a better way to handle the matter, there was also a general discussion on how Steve Peak is "employed" by the Brumbies – been decided that he received vouchers for his time with the watch list referee's.

There has been other example of where there has been issues bordering on abuse of others. Decided to leave things at this stage, but to revisit protocols for next season.

**b) Travel Allowance/Referee Payment**

- a) **RB** most payment s have been approved and there where approximately 11 still be followed up. There is also concern over travel payments for referees from out of Canberra.

It was discussed that the referee's association cover the payment for out of Canberra referee, travelling to Canberra for games and any U19 games that the referee has been able to confirm that they referred a game in question if not covered by the JRU.

Motion Moved by: Sarah Corrigan

Motion seconded by: Rob Nelson

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) There was a general discussion on the referee's for the junior finals in particular that a complaint was made about the U12 Div 1 game. The AR's were also not assisting the referee, which did not reflect well on the appointment process. It was concluded that the correct team won the game. There has been questions raised on the U 19 referee grading panel.

- c) Next meeting to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

- d) There being no other items for General Business, **RB** declaed the meeting CLOSED at 2130hrs.

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

Irene Jones

Assistant Secretary  
ACTRRA