



ACT Rugby Referees Association

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held on 19th November 2019 Brumbies HQ, University of Canberra

Explanatory Note: The minutes of the 2019 meeting were taken by the Secretary Rob Whyte. During his subsequent relocation to Melbourne, his notes were lost. These minutes are re-constructed from contemporaneous notes and discussions. It is acknowledged there may be omissions or inconsistencies. All members are requested to advise the 2020 AGM of corrections needed.

1. The Meeting opened at 6.40. The President assumed the chair and welcomed all members. He welcomed Peter Johnson, President of ACT & Southern NSW RU Ltd and our Patron, Peter Lawler, OAM.
2. Members Present:

Chad Burnell	Dennis Beissner	Clair Greenwood	Reuben Keane	Ian Schubert
James Morris	Caitlin Bokor	James Hagan	Nye Konig	Jeff Stone
Rob Whyte	Rob Boyes	Trevor Hancock	Peter Lawler	Dave Trill
Robin Petersen	Kirra Burke	Wilf Hedley	Brendan McCormick	Mitch Tummers
Nathan Mass	Rhianna Burke	Reece Henshaw	Damien McLachlan	James Willemsen
Sam Whittle	Ben Cabot	Jo Whyte	Geoff Palmer	
Mike Dowsett	Kevin Cullen	Matt Hogan	Steve Peak	
Amy Kilmister	Jack Cunningham	Brodie Ingram	Hayden Pepper	
Matt Huggins	Harry Fenton	Scott Izod	Ben Reedy	
Owen Keane	David Gilkes	Peter Janssens	Greg Saphin	
Peter Langford	Bryce Gorrell	Irene Jones	Paul Scholtens	

Apologies: *Unknown*

3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM.
 - a. The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as read.
 - b. Business arising:
 - i. It was noted there were no ACTRRA signatures on the Public Domain.
 - ii. *Nil other known business*
4. Annual Reports. All reports taken as read.
 - a. That the President's report be received.
 - i. Moved: Chad Burnell, Seconded: James Morris, **Carried**
 - b. That the CGAC Chair's report be received.
 - i. Moved: Owen Keane, Seconded: Steve Peak, **Carried**.
 - c. That the U/19 Coordinator's Report be received.
 - i. Moved: Rob Boyes, Seconded: Dennis Beissner, **Carried**
 - d. That the Brumbies Referee Department Report be received.
 - i. Moved Caitlin Aquilina, Seconded: James Morris, **Carried**
 - e. That the Treasurer's Report be received.
 - i. It was noted the report did not include a complete audit of the value of stock on hand, ["Clothing stock"]. Bryce Gorrell noted he would provide final audited accounts once all stock was received.
 - ii. Moved: Robin Petersen, Seconded: James Morris, **Carried**





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- iii. The 2020 Budget contained in the meeting papers was taken as read.
 - 1. Moved: Robin Petersen, Seconded James Morris, **Carried**
 - iv. That GLR Accounting be appointed as Auditors until the 2021 AGM
 - 1. Moved: Robin Petersen, Seconded: Sam Whittle, **Carried**
 - v. That the subscription for the 2020 season be set at \$70 for renewing adults, \$35 for new adult members and \$0 for full time students.
 - 1. Moved: Robin Petersen, Seconded: Dennis Beissner, **Carried**
 - vi. Discussion regarding subscriptions payable by members of Executive sought to acknowledge the efforts by those members on behalf of the membership at large. It was proposed that members of Executive be excused the Annual Subscription.
 - 1. Moved: Dennis Beissner, Seconded: Jack Cunningham, **Carried**.
5. Other Business
- a. Changes to Objects and Rules
 - i. Nine amendments to the Association’s Object and Rules were tabled as Special Resolutions.
 - ii. The proposed amendments are in red

Rule	Amendment	Vote
3 (c)	“ARU” means the Australian Rugby Union Limited, also referred to as Rugby Australia.	Carried
4 (b)	To support and assist the Union in the achievement of its aspirations and goals.	Carried
7	A Life Member shall be deemed to have paid the annual subscription and shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Association and may be elected to any position in the Association. Life Members shall not have any voting right for any vote relating to determining the annual subscription.	Defeated
12	The annual subscription payable by Members shall be voted on at the Annual General Meeting preceding the season in which the annual subscription is payable. If a vote on the proposed amendment to the annual subscription payable by Members is not carried in the positive then the annual subscription shall remain unchanged. The annual subscription is payable by Members upon registration with the Association. If a Member does not pay the annual subscription upon registration then they shall be deemed to have elected for the annual subscription to be deducted from any match payments or travel allowance payable to them.	Carried
19 (h)	Provide an Operations Report as soon as practicable after before the end of each quarter of the term of the Executive Committee (at the end of February, May, August and November) meeting. The Operations Report shall be presented to Members at a General Meeting or if no General Meeting is held during the month by Notice to Members. The Operations Report shall be in writing posted to the Association’s website and shall detail the operations of the Association in the following matters:	Carried
20 (a)	a. The President shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Lead and guide the affairs and actions of the Association. ii. Protect the good name of the Association; iii. Represent the Association amongst the Rugby and the wider community; iv. Act as the spokesman for the Association when required; v. Guide the affairs and actions of the Association; vi. Take the chair at all general meetings of the Association; vii. Exercise control over meetings of the Association to ensure that the Rules are adhered to and to guide any discussions towards fruitful conclusions; viii. Keep in touch Communicate with Members of the Executive and the Members; ix. Keep informed about the business of the Association; x. Act as the delegate to the Union; xi. Ensure that all Members of the Executive Committee carry out their duties; 	Carried





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	xii. Not hold the position of Chairman Coaching, Grading and Appointments Committee.	
20 (c)	c. The Secretary shall be responsible for the day to day operations of the Association and in particular shall: Receive and answer correspondence; Convene meetings of the Executive Committee; Maintain the records of the Association; Advise Members of meetings and social functions.	Defeated
20 (d)	d. The Assistant Secretary shall: i. Assist the Secretary in the carrying out of the Secretary's duties; ii. Carry out the Secretary's duties in the absence of the Secretary; iii. Record the minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee. Maintain the Association website Present the Operations Report to the Association.	Defeated
31	In the event of dissolution of the Association all surplus property shall vest in another body with similar objects and purposes to the Association and the Union.	Carried

b. Match Official payments.

- i. The Chair provided details of negotiations to date for suggested increases for individual match payments. He highlighted differing opinions between Brumbies Community Rugby, the ACTJRU and ACTRRA that held any agreement at an impasse. There was much discussion. The meeting agreed junior payments should not reflect gender, rather age group and that any travel allowance payable should be common between senior and junior competitions. The chair concluded this matter will need addressing by the incoming executive.
- ii. The following table was presented as the ACTRRA proposition.

c. General.

- i. It was noted training was to be conducted for members of the Judiciary.
- ii. Peter Lawler OAM noted the important contribution of Ted Hancock as the first ACTRRA member appointed as a Test Match Official

6. Election of Patron and Office bearers.

a. Patron.

- i. Mr Peter Lawler, OAM was unanimously elected as continuing as Patron and assumed the chair for the remaining elections.

b. There were single nominations for all positions on the Executive and the Patron declared them duly elected

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| i. President | Sam Whittle |
| ii. Vice President | Mike Dowsett |
| iii. Secretary | Rob Whyte |
| iv. Assist Sec | Nathan Mass |
| v. Treasurer | Amy Kilmister |

Sam Whittle assumed the Chair and thanked the outgoing Executive. He thanked Owen Keane who agreed to continue as CGAC Chair. Other positions were to be advised. He advised the meeting Matt Huggins was to be invited to join the Executive in a non-voting role as Welfare Officer. He thanked Peter Johnson for attending on behalf of Brumbies Rugby.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

