



ACT Rugby Referees Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 22 Nov 2022 Conducted in person at Brumbies HQ

1. The AGM commenced at 19:02.

The President Sam Whittle assumed the chair and paid respect to the first nation's peoples on whose land on which we play our sport and conducted this annual general meeting. He welcomed all attending, in particular Mr Peter Lawlor our outgoing patron, and representatives from Brumbies Community Rugby.

2. Members present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) both in person:

Sam Whittle	Matthew Huggins	Peter Langford	Kevin Cullen	Geoff Palmer
Michael Dowsett	James Williams	Peter Lawlor	Paul Scholtens	Nick Stoker
Chris Cousin	Karl Hamlin	Brendan McCormick	Matt Hogan	Annie Dickeson
Ivan Gavazov	Craig Leseburg	Peter Janssens	Jack Cunningham	Peter Johnson
Dennis Beissner				

Table 1 – Attendees for AGM

3. Apologies received for the AGM:

Mitchell Egan <i>with proxy to Matthew Huggins</i>	Rob Boyes <i>with proxy to Dennis Beissner</i>	Bryce Gorrell	Ian Schubert	Tim Dickeson
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Table 2 – Apologies for AGM

4. 2021 AGM Minutes.

- a. Minutes had been circulated prior to commencement to the AGM.
- b. Discussion
 - Mr Jack Cunningham will be added as an attendee.

Motion: The 2021 AGM Minutes be accepted. **Proposed:** Jack Cunningham **Seconded:** Brendon McCormack **Motion carried**

5. Receiving of the Annual Report.

- a. All reports available have been circulated and assumed read.
- b. Discussion
 - Match statistics being compiled manually. Long process. Will be updated prior to publishing onto website
 - Further discussion surrounding what should, and what should not, be in the annual report. Suggestions that a list of Executive, Life Members, Trophy winners could be added as a forward. Standard template discussed.
 - Archiving of Association History was discussed with agreement of how important the maintenance of our history is.





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- Abuse of Match officials remains a challenge and should remain a priority across the game from our association, the Brumbies, ACTJRU and Rugby Australia.
- RefLive reporting to be a topic for Preseason.

Motion: The 2022 Annual Report be accepted. **Proposed:** Kevin Cullen **Seconded:** Brendon McCormick **Motion carried**

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer spoke to the 2021/2022 Financial Report
- b. Discussion
 - Kit ordering and wastage. \$9400 donated in unused kit to Brumbies Tongan Appeal. 2023-2025 Kit has been received.

Motion: The Financial Report for the 2021/2022 Financial year be approved. **Proposed:** Peter Langford **Seconded:** Matt Huggins **Motion carried**

- c. Vote of thanks goes to Bryce Gorrell for his work as Auditor for the 2021/2022 Financial year and proposed to be engaged again for 2022/2023.
- d. Nil Discussion

Motion: GLR Accountants be appointed Auditor for the 2022/2023 Financials. **Proposed:** Peter Langford **Seconded:** Geoff Palmer **Motion Carried**

- e. Fees for 2023 subscription are to be \$0 for 2023.
- f. Nil Discussion

Motion: The 2023 subscription be \$0.00 for all members. **Proposed:** Peter Langford **Seconded:** Matt Hogan **Motion Carried**

7. Election of Patron and 2023 Office Bearers

- a. The President acknowledged and thanked Peter Lawlor for his support and dedication to the association as a referee, referee coach, and Patron over the past 36 years. The President further acknowledged the support that Peter Lawlor had provided to him, as president, over the last two years during his tenure as President.
- b. A round of applause was unanimously offered and graciously received.
- c. The President further publicly acknowledged the efforts of the outgoing Vice President, Matt Huggins; Assistant Secretary, Nathan Mass; and Junior Coordinator, Dennis Beissner.
- d. A further round of applause was unanimously offered and received.
- e. The following nominations were elected unopposed:

Patron: Brendan McCormick

President: Sam Whittle

Vice President: Nicholas Stoker

Secretary: Mitchell Egan

Assistant Secretary: Ivan Gavazov

Treasurer: Peter Langford

Sam Whittle, as the president, resumed the chair and thanked the members of the association for their attendance, the past executive and coaching panel for their work.





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8. Other 2023 Appointments.

CGAC: Karl Hamlin

Senior Coaching Coordinator: TBA

Junior Coaching Coordinator: TBA

Senior Appointments: TBA

Junior Appointments: TBA

Welfare Officers: James Williamson & Chris Cousin

9. Any Other Business.

a. Jack Cunningham spoke to the physical records and history of the association being moved over the years, and lost. The importance of the maintenance of the history of the association was further reinforced by Peter Lawlor who reinforced the importance of the book of permanent history. The President spoke to efforts to maintain history on the website and dropbox. All agreed this to be an important focus into the future.

b. Dennis Beissner asked for an update on the MOPP and 2022 season payments. Craig Leesburg indicated payments are currently being made and it is Brumbies intent to pay these payments twice annually going forward.

c. Peter Lawlor requested thanks be extended to Mat Vowels, Caitlin Brady and Craig Leesburg for the support of Brumbies throughout the season. The president agreed and extended thanks to the Brumbies organisation, which Craig Leesburg accepted on behalf of the Brumbies.

d. James Williamson offered thanks to the 2022 executive on behalf of the membership.

The meeting closed at 19:52.

