



ACT Rugby Referees Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

16 Nov 2021

Conducted in person at Brumbies HQ and online via Zoom

Explanatory Note: Due to the changed circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the 2021 ACTRRA AGM was conducted both online and in person. Voting was conducted using the 'Poll' function on Zoom in place of a show of hands for those who were joining online.

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 we conduct this meeting. He welcomed all attending including the ACTRU President Mr Peter Johnson, Head of Brumbies community Rugby, Mr Craig Leseberg, and, Rugby Australia Match Officials Manager, Graham Cooper.

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

Samuel Whittle	Matthew Huggins	Amy Kilmister	Nathan Mass	Mitchell Egan
Peter Langford	Dennis Hughes	Greg Saphin	Peter Lawlor, OAM	Geoff Rodgers
Graham cooper	Stuart Hodge	Claire Greenwood	Allan Casey	Matthew Hogan
Geoff Palmer	Harry Fenton	Shaun Rigby	Kevin Cullen	Michael Dowsett
Peter Janssens	Brendan McCormick			

Apologies received:

Ian Schubert	Rob Boyes	Wilf Headly	Dennis Beissner	Damien McLachlan
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Table 2 – Apologies for AGM

3. 2020 AGM Minutes.

- a. Minutes had been circulated prior to commencement to the AGM.
- b. **Proposed** Sam Whittle, **Seconded** Matthew Huggins. **Carried**

4. Receiving of the Annual Report.

- a. All reports available have been circulated and assumed read.
- b. **Proposed** Sam Whittle, **Seconded** Brendon McCormick. **Motion carried**





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5. Treasurer's Report

- a. No additional comments from treasurer for the report.
- b. ACTRRA Executive have quarantined \$20 000 to be put towards new kit for 2023, with a further \$10 000 to be put away.
- c. Sponsors have assisted heavily in raising money, and further discussions with future sponsors for ongoing support.
- d. Business arising
 - i. Questioned asked about money owed from sponsors. President responded that ACTRRA are still awaiting money from Aulich, however ACTRRA Treasurer has reached out multiple times.
 - ii. Question regarding Creditors. Money was paid in 2020 as a 'payment in advance'.
- e. That the financial report for 2021 be approved. **Proposed** Amy Kilmister, **Seconded** Peter Langford. **Motion carried**
- f. Vote of thanks goes to Bryce Gorrell for his work as Auditor for 2021.

6. Registration and Subscription Costs

- a. Fees for 2022 subscription are to be \$0 for 2022.
- b. Question brought up around insurance for a \$0 subscription. Graham Cooper assured that insurance is a separate matter under Rugby Australia policy. Graham Cooper will confirm this.
- c. Question regarding the impact this would have on our financial situation if the 2022 subscription is \$0.00 for all members. The association has received approximately \$2500 for registration fees in each of the last two years. Given that for both 2020 and 2021 there was no presentation night, exchanges, or other planned expenditures due to the pandemic, it is considered that, for 2022, that Association has the fiscal resources to accommodate this. It was stressed this was a measure to be considered for the 2022 season only.
- d. That 2022 subscription be \$0.00 for all members, pending RA confirmation that insurance for referees is not affected. **Proposed** Amy Kilmister, **Seconded** Matthew Hogan. **Motion carried**





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7. Election of Patrons and Office Bearers

The following nominations were elected unopposed:

- a. Patron – Peter Lawler, OAM.
- b. President – Sam Whittle.
- c. Vice President – Matthew Huggins.
- d. Secretary – Mitchell Egan.
- e. Assistant Secretary – Nathan Mass.
- f. Treasurer – Peter Langford.

Sam Whittle resumed the chair and thanked the members of the association for their attendance, the past executive and coaching panel for their work, and special thanks to outgoing Treasurer Amy Kilmister.

8. 2022 Coaching Appointments.

- a. Jack Cunningham re-appointed as Chair of the Coaching and Grading Committee
- b. The President was not in a position to announce a junior coordinator.
- c. Dennis Hughes, although not an official position, has accepted RDO for ACTRRA.

9. Any Other Business.

- a. Graham Cooper confirmed that insurance will not be affected by a \$0 annual registration fee.
- b. Question asked about the status of the 2022 MOPP Sub Committee. The President confirmed that MOPP negotiations are progressing, but is reluctant to release details of the MOPP to avoid speculation.

The meeting closed at 19:27.

