



ACT Rugby Referees Association

Executive Meeting, Tuesday 13/2

Agenda

6pm @ The RUC-Turner

Meeting open 6:12pm

1. Welcome/Attendees/Apologies

Attendees: Nick Stoker (President), Nathan Mass (VP), Peter Langford (Treasurer), Ivan Gavazov (sec)
Sarah Corrigan (Chair CGAC)

Apologies: Damien McGrath (Asst Sec)

2. National Match Official Conference

The President reported on the main points from the MOC from 2-4/02/2024:

- a. RefLive will cease to exist and will be replaced by RefReview from 1st March 2024, a program integrated into RX.
- b. The implementation of a 3-Strikes Policy in 2024 season, that is to be separate to the Code of Conduct and Member Protection policy.
- c. Transitioning of member unions to funding allocation.
- d. Key RA initiatives to be rolled out this year, such as expand Female leadership program, WC strategy and other things.
- e. ACTRRA and other referees' associations in Australia to be facilitated as CLUBS.
- f. There will be a change of terminology changes for referees and referee coaches.
- g. Our ACTRRA representatives established connections with Armidale, VRRRA, Darling Downs, SIRRA. We are looking to engage with them in 2024.
- h. There will be a number of RA-presented webinars in 2024 that will be promoted to our membership by the ACTRRA Executive.
- i. Mentoring program-we were made aware that there is a WR course that we should explore in using to help us with the introduction of ACTRRA's mentoring program in 2024.
- j. Referee payments-ACT & SNSW Rugby are exploring to using the RX platform for match payments for Seniors' referees.
- k. RA will be transitioning us to another software that will run the Learning Centre. It is important to note that any courses or tasks started but not completed within the current software will not be transitioned into the new program.
- l. RA has brought an external party to make sure that we are complying constitutionally. Members must be ratified by the Executive before they officially become members of ACTRRA (this step to be added to our membership process). This constitutes a vetting process.
-Motion was carried by the VP, Seconded by President, action to be addressed during the next meeting by the Executive.





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2. Conflicts of interest

Nathan Mass employed by our sponsor WAIDT Services Australia
Nick Stoker is employed by our sponsor OMNI Executive

3. Minutes of the last meeting (Action items from the last meeting presented by the Secretary)

- a. Coaching booklets-their need is to be monitored closely, as RA will distribute them to ACTRRA. The responsibility of their acquisition is to belong with CGAC, after RefReview gets launched on 1st March 2024.
- b. Promotion flags-Damien McGrath (asst sec) has done a thorough research and acquired 3 quotes. To be actioned at the next Exec meeting.
- c. F2F Referee Ready courses to be conducted at the Brumbies HQ on 3rd and 10th March @1 pm.
- d. Buddy Framework for Junior referees-has been actioned by Jim Phillipps.
- e. Junior MOPP-treasurer is currently liaising with ACTJRU

4. Outstanding Matters

- a. The ACTRRA Committees and Subcommittees Roles-a document outlining these roles will be included in the February Newsletter and the ACTRRA Website.
- b. A preseason GMG is to be presented on 17/03/2024, with Drew Crier from RA to be the presenter.
- c. Comms sets-the purchase of the accessories of the current sets is to be arranged by Damien McLachlan. He is also to acquire the cost price of new "junior" sets and conduct a complete inventory and stock take of the current junior sets and their accessories in due time.
- d. Acquisition of a "Fitness Coach" jacket-O'Neills puffer jacket. Motion Carried by Secretary, seconded by VP. Secretary to liaise.
- e. GMG for both junior and senior referees-17/3/2024

5. Standing Items

- a. WH&S matters/MOA-none to report for 2024-Message from Welfare officer and CAG to the seminar (preseason)
-WWVP-VP removed people from appt boards that don't have WWVP
-email to be sent to both junior and senior appt officers to be advised not to appt anyone without a current WWVP (VP to action)

B. Registration update- 87

c. Recruiting and Retention Plan





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-President will send the report and share it with the Chair of CGAC

d. Calendar/key dates update

- February 2024-Seniors trials?
- 19th February-Brumbies AGM-President
- 18th February-Brumbies fan Day 3-5pm (Sunday)
- 19-23rd February ACT/sNSW Roadshow (Damien McL, Nathan and Kev Cullen)
- 21st February ACTRRA GMG
- 24th February-Kiama 7s
- 23/2 Smart Rugby Commences
- ACTJRU Summer 7's Competition (Fridays 2nd Feb-Friday 22nd March)
- 2-3rd March South Coast 7s
- 3rd Match-F2F RR course-HQ
- 9th March-1st Brumbies game
- 10th March-F2F RR course HQ
- 10th March Brumbies v Force U20s
- 16th March Daramalan v Barker College trials
- 17th March GMG (preseason)
- ACTJRU Special Meeting about changing the RoC 2nd April.
- JID Cup Round 1 (6th April)
- Vikings Gala day 6th & 7th April
- Canberra Grammar School Fete (7s tournament) -6th April
- ACTJRU Rd 1 4th May (no matches on Reconciliation Day and King's B'day)
- Super Rugby Corporate Box 4th May (for 8 people) Brums v Drua
- ACTJRU GF Sat 7/9 +/- 8/9 or 14/9
- ACTJRU AGM 26/11/2024

6. Financial summary (treasurer)

Treasurer's report

The treasurer proposes the Executive endorse the schedule of Receipts and Payments for 16.1.2024 – 13.2.2024.

Opening balance 56843.56

Total receipts – sponsorship 25000.00

Referee donations 1858.50

Interest .06

83702.12

Payments

Represented by:

Additional purchase of jerseys tracksuits 1147.08

MYOB 30.00





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Meeting expenses 129.90
Wil Boyle run catering 92.65
Retention w'shop catering 79.50
Total Payments 1479.13
Closing Balance \$82222.99

Closing bank balances as of 13 February 2024
Community One Account 53132.02
Peter Conway Account 2060.23
Will Boyle Account 6,348.36
Term Deposit Account 20,682.38
\$82222.99

-Signatories of accounts have been updated.

7. CCAG/E&T report

-Sarah-handover done from Karl (ref coordinators and appointment officers to be met in the next week), they will map plan for the season next week.
-role of the CGAC in review of red card reports
-CGAC on board with engagement with senior clubs
-17/3 preseason seminar-a meeting will be needed to discuss plan of action (appointment policies etc)

- a. GMG planning-
- b. Development nights planning

9. Other business

- a. VP's report on ACTJRU special GM
 - our VP highlighted during the ACTJRU meeting that, as stated in the correspondence from ACTRRA's President from 13/12/2023, ACTRRA will referee only RA sanctioned RoC.
 - VP and Jim Phillipps were present (attached Nathan's response email to these minutes as an Appendix)
- b. WWVP-members without one or expired will be removed from the appointment boards until they fulfill their WWVP obligations, as this is a legal requirement.
- c. ACTRRA members that will be attending the GMG roadshow session-19/2/2024-Goulburn-Nathan Mass, Damien McLachlan and Kevin Cullen.
- d. Updating ACTRRA's O&Rs (options to be finalized before the AGM, and we need to appoint someone to do it)
 - Dennis Beissner is nominated for this task, by the VP





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Motion from Nathan is to approach Dennis to lead a review of ACTRRA's O&Rs, to be in line with the AGM requirements, to be contemporary and fit for purpose moving forward.

Seconded by treasurer, carried. Action by VP

- e. Out of season appointment policy-communication (pre-season)
 - VP alerted the Exec that no referees have been contacted for out of season appointments
 - this needs to be flagged to CCGAC-President to action
- f. Treasurer to collect account name, bsb and acc numbers of 2024 members and organize a spreadsheet (secretary to action via an email to members) (however, we will wait for this action as the Brumbies are likely to attempt to do senior payments through Rugby Xplorer)
- g. Junior Grading list-unregistered referees are listed/publicised on our website
 - VP raised the question of the reason that unregistered are being graded & publicised on our website.
 - Motion for President to approach Jim Phillipps to rectify the issue.
- h. Armidale College tournament-13th & 14th April
 - Annie raised with the Executive the possibility for an EOI email, she will drive and absorb the cost of transport, accommodation will need to be covered by ACTRRA
 - b/c junior panel referees
- i. February Newsletter-started by the Treasurer, to be finalized soon
- j. Match Official Retention Transition Program-was due 8/2 (submitted on time)
- k. ACTRRA Corporate box for 8 at Brumbies v Drua 4/5-Executive to consider invitations
- l. Once a month \$100 fuel subsidy for VP
 - Motion, proposed by Treasurer is for ACTRRA to cover the TA, seconded by President, carried unanimously

Meeting completed at 9.23pm

Next meeting

-Tuesday March 12th





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Appendix:

Firstly, Martin, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for letting us sit in on your special meeting regarding rules of competition last night as both observers and at points throughout the conversation advisers.

We ACTRRA look forward to receiving the minutes from the meeting, which would include the clarifications and wording, which was accepted at the special meeting regarding rules of competition 2024.

To that end, after clarifying with Jemma at the end of the meeting, that your proposed changes to the rules of competition for 2024 have now been accepted by your members, that you will now as per our letter dated Friday the 15th of December, be seeking sanctioning from rugby Australia regarding any law changes within your rules of competition 2024 As law verifications need to be ratified every year.

Notably. rule 30 D

"The team not calling for uncontested scrums can elect to take an uncontested scrum or a free kick, and can continue to play number eight moves. The team calling for uncontested scrums cannot continue with number eight moves when a free kick is awarded as an alternative to an uncontested scrum. The opposing team must be given sufficient time to retire 10 metres before the free kick is taken".

As with this and other law variations within your rules of competition 2024, we look forward to receiving the fully sanctioned paperwork from rugby Australia regarding your rules of competition for 2024 before the season commences so we can educate our referees to help officiate our game.

Until such times we will be applying the law book to all games within our jurisdiction.

Once again thank you for your time. And we look forward to working with the ACTJRU throughout the 2024 season.

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Sincerely,
Nathan Mass
Vice President

