



ACT Rugby Referees Association

Executive Meeting

13 Jun 2023

The RUC

Meeting opened 1930

Invitees

Karl Hamlyn

Apologies

Sam Whittle

Mitchell Egan

Conflicts of Interest

1. CCAG expressed a conflict of interest between OMNI Executive and his work

Previous minutes meetings 23 May 23

2. Outstanding items
 - a. **Drop Box:** Treasurer received ACTRRA bank card. This allows Secretary to pay for the subscription when the treasurer provides the secretary with the card. To be **actioned** by treasurer and secretary (treasurer will liaise with secretary)
 - b. **Newsletter.** The treasurer provided the draft newsletter that contains a segment on RefLive (ie an encouragement for the members to sign up and utilise Reflive for reporting match day abuse)
 - c. **ADFA Lighting.** President to discuss with Matt Vowles about the lighting situation at ADFA, and the options on ACTRRA in a low-visibility game. (In president's absence, **VP will action** by talking to Mat Vowles)
 - d. **Referee Milestone games.** Treasurer to discuss with Peter Lawler regarding what had previous been done in counting games

Conclusion:

-any sanctioned game counts towards the total tally, including trial games, as long as they are recorded on the Rugby Xplorer (ie any appointed fixture for a 15s a side and Women's Xs counts towards the tally)

-the Exec needs to maintain a the database to track the total tally of matches per member, whilst separately tracking the 1st Grade games, junior games, senior games

-where possible milestones to be acknowledged at the match-day-100 first grade games, 200 ordinary games, then in lots of 100. Acknowledgements for 100, 200, 300 etc total matches to be done at the end of year function/meeting, as per usual.

Action-asst sec to start a spreadsheet by using Dennis Beissner's records of matches as a starting/reference point.

VP moved the motion, treasurer seconded, all in favour

- e. **Lv1&2 RR/Coaching course.** Postponed

-newsletter to be sent tonight or tomorrow to inform members





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Motion: Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Proposed asst-Secretary, Seconded VP. All in favour.

Matters outstanding

-Drop-box-as discussed above

Key Dates/ Calendar

3. **Upcoming Exec meetings**

- a. 11 Jul
- b. 08 Aug

4. **Events**

- a. 16-18 Jun – LV1/2 Coaching course-postponed, and RR (18th)-still on. **Action** VP to check registered member and members that are willing to help.
- b. [04 Jul Dev night](#)

Lead: Jack, through Karl (drawing upon our vast amount of experienced A panel and other members as necessary).

2 weeks prior - Tue 20 Jun - Dev Night Power Point presentation framework developed and shared, through CCAG, to populate and refine content. Copy to VP pls. Confirmation of who is delivering the content (junior and senior audience)

2 weeks prior - Details provided to Sec and AssSec to enable email and Social media promotion of Dev Night, including RSVPs.

1 week prior - Tue 27 Jun - Dev Night Presentation finalised and final review / input from Annie or Nick (to align with World Rugby / RA Educator expectations and resources).

Also the usual enablers need to be prompted to ensure successful activity - facilities booked / catering ordered

Tue 4 Jul - deliver it

- c. 08 Jul 23 NAIDOC round
- d. 11-14 Jul – Southern States Championships
- e. 01 Aug Dev night
- f. 26 Aug Senior final game
- g. 2-3/9 JRU grand finals
- h. 10 Sep for EOYF
- i. 17 Sep Owls Junior 7s
- j. 14 Nov AGM





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WHS Matters, inc MO abuse

5. Sub committee (VP, WO and Jack C) -progress continues to be made in generating local policies and procedures. Clair Greenwood is assisting in doing the mapping, the sub committee will get together in the next few weeks to map progress.
6. Chris Cousin needs to access the drop box file (president needs to **action** and give him this permission)

Registration Update

7. 133 regos, few new youngsters

Financial Summary

8. Financial report was provided by the Treasurer.
9. (Report attached)

Motion: That the financial report is accepted. Moved Treasurer, seconded vice President. All in favour.

Motion: Executive endorse the schedule of receipts and payments for the month to this date. Moved Treasurer, seconded asst sec. All in favour.

CCAG Report

- no significant issues raised by Karl, regional championships in Goulburn were a success
- Southern States are next in line
- VRR exchange-Amy said it went well, Ethan is very positive about his experience refereeing in Melbourne.
- ACTRRA getting feedback from clubs/general public in the last few weeks, and it is not all positive. Some cases were "closed" very quite satisfactory, some not.
- emerging trend identified-head contact issues (letters from the public have alerted us to these) ie officials are under a microscope about dealing with head contact issues (HIA and what do we do about them, empathy/player welfare, Duty of Care etc).

Action To be presented at the next development night.

VP suggested we need a "correspondence register" (to internally track any complaints by general public/clubs towards MOs conduct)

motioned by VP, **actioned** by Asst Sec (to organise an Excel document)-correspondence register (incident, date, how was dealt with/treated, resolved items within the register)

Development Night 04 Jul

10.

Action: (CCAG) Karl and Jack (please see above)

Southern States Championships

11. 11-14 Jul. Anne Dickeson is the lead

EOYF 10 Sep 23

-confirmed-game tally **action** by asst sec in the immediate term, another person to be considered that wants to do it more permanently (spreadsheet for statistics)





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- book the venue-11am barefoot bowling and 12pm lunch, finish by 3pm-to be actioned by the asst secretary-**booked today (14/6/23) by asst sec, Anna from the RUC will touch base closer to the date**
- invite the sponsors-**action**(vice president)

Other Business

12. Complaints addressed to ACTRRA from general public-any correspondence to be forwarded to Mat Vowles (cc VP), VP and Asst sec to work on a response/receipt email to the complaining party
13. Coin toss coins to be ordered-**actioned** by treasurer (50)
14. Investing in flags/banners with images of referees especially young ones (for presentation days, promotion events)-**actioned** by VP
15. VP and Jim Phillips attended the last JRU meeting:
 - we need to continue to attend these on regular basis as it was a positive experience all around
 - Mercy Rule in Junior rugby (ie goodwill rule)-VP asked who initiates this rule (treasurer says it is team managers' responsibility)-we need to educate our junior referees about the protocol
16. Taryn Langdon (Recruiting/retention)-we haven't heard from her in a while, VP will follow up with her.

Next Meeting

16. Scheduled for 11/7, 8/8

Meeting closed 2125

