



ACT Rugby Referees Association

Executive Meeting 23 May 2023 The RUC

Meeting opened 1955

Invitees

Apologies

Nil

Conflicts of Interest

1. CCAG expressed a conflict of interest between OMNI Executive and his work, and noted that he should steer clear of those discussions for the time being.

Previous minutes meetings 18 Apr 23

2. Outstanding items
 - a. **Drop Box:** Treasurer received ACTRRA bank card. This allows Secretary to pay the subscription notice for DropBox, and Treasurer for zoom.
 - b. **Newsletter.** President is to encourage members to utilise RefLive to report their game day welfare concerns.
 - c. **VP Sub-committee.** VP set up a sub-committee, and is working with the team on an ACTRRA approach to MO abuse. CLOSED.
 - d. **Penrith accommodation/ meals.** Open, President to discuss options to subsidise accommodation and meals.

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

Key Dates/ Calendar

3. **Upcoming Exec meetings**
 - a. 13 Jun
 - b. 11 Jul
 - c. 08 Aug
4. **Events**
 - a. 06 Jun Dev night
 - b. 16-18 Jun – LV1/2 Coaching course, and RR (18th)
 - c. 04 Jul Dev night
 - d. 08 Jul 23 NAIDOC round
 - e. 11-17 Jul – Southern States oval
 - f. 01 Aug Dev night
 - g. 26 Aug Senior final game
 - h. 27 Aug, 02 Sep, or 10 Sep for EOYF
 - i. 17 Sep Owls Junior 7s
 - j. 14 Nov AGM

Action: ACTRRA Secretary to speak with ACTJRU for dates of finals series.





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WHS Matters, inc MO abuse

5. VP highlighted a sub-committee had been formed to discuss welfare and MO abuse incidents. Progress has been made to track and follow MO abuse via a register, and allows ACTRRA to understand the progress/ follow-up actions for those MO abuse incidents.

6. VP questioned the MO abuse/ welfare process in place, and asked how the incidents are flowed through the association. The current process is discussed and identified to be somewhat hazy. A 'flow chart' or a simple 'what to do' and 'how we ACTRRA will use this information'.

7. This process can also be used to 'flag' to the offending club/team etc. that some is being done and looked into, and something will be done.

Action: ACTRRA VP to ask ACTRRA Welfare and MO abuse members to pursue submitting Ref Live/ MO Abuse reports.

Action: President to speak with RA regarding the 1 on 1 Ref-live reports.

Registration Update

8. Assistant Sec identified 129 members. These are slowly increasing on the back of RR courses etc.

Financial Summary

9. Financial report was provided by the Treasurer.

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

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

Motion: ACTRRA Secretary to purchase spare Comms equipment as appropriate and as they see fit, up to a value of \$1000. Moved: Treasurer, Seconded: President. All in favour.

CCAG Report

10. Coaching panel has endorsed a new grading list, which shall be promoted on the website. CCAG identified that most games are covered, however there are routinely games that cannot be appointed to including games outside of Canberra and W10s.

11. Juniors are struggling to appoint in the 'middle age groups', with an abundance of junior referees developing unable to fill those games.

12. CCAG and coaching discussed senior opportunities for state competitions. CCAG to discuss with identified referees their intention to attend.,

13. CCAG looking to identify a members to act as the 'referee coordinator' for the southern states championships over the week.

14. 10-12 Jun Monaro championships.

15. The lighting at ADFA has been identified as poor, and a potential hazard.

Action: President to discuss with Matt Vowles about the lighting situation at ADFA, and the options on ACTRRA in a low-visibility game.

VRRRA Exchange





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16. People attending the VRRRA exchanges have been locked in, with financials and plans to be finalised.

Development Night 06 Jun

17. Proposal for ACTRRA to supply Pizza for the evening, as a small dinner option, which Asst. secretary is happy to organise.

Action: ACTRRA Secretary to book Brumbies meeting room for 06 Jun 23, for an after training meeting.

Action: ACTRRA Asst Sec to organise for pizza for the evening.

Southern States Championships

18. 11-17 Jul. CCAG looking to identify a members to act as the 'referee coordinator' for the southern states championships over the week.

Junior Match Payment Process

19. ACTJRU would like to support ACTRRA in going for a 'cash on the day' payment process. VP and President identified some concerns, problems, and work-arounds that referees are doing to collect their payment at the end of their game.

Action: VP to investigate options to survey the Junior members of the association as to how they wish to be paid in the future.

ACTRRA Kit

Women's ACTRRA Kit

20. Women's jerseys are being organised for members, which will be a 'swap' for their current jerseys.

21. Assistant Secretary has research multitudes of options for women's shorts. Executive identified that uniformity is a focus here, however can be waived if we can find a set of shorts that are preferable of the referee. Executive identified that it may be best for the referee to reach out and find their own shorts, which ACTRRA can reimburse them up to a figure value.

Motion: ACTRRA executive support the women membership in purchasing their refereeing shorts, and be reimbursed up to \$50. Moved: Treasurer, Seconded: Assistant Secretary.

Action: Assistant Secretary to discuss with members in purchasing their own shorts.

ACTRRA Caps

22. Assistant Sec identified caps are being delivered this week, and checked before being paid.

Other Business

23. Referee Milestones and counting games

a. Executive discussed recent proposals for the counting of games. Dennis Beissner proposed options for counting games, which did not include pre-season games. Executive discussed other options available, including using Rugby Xplorer statistics/ Rugby Xplorer appointed games.





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Action: Treasurer to discuss with Peter Lawler regarding what had previous been done in counting games.

24. Level one/two Referee Coaching course

a. Proposed Lv1/2 Coach course over 16-18 Jun with Hoff.

b. The Association has the members and resources to work with Hoff to run both a level one/two ref coaching course AND a referee ready course on the 18th from 1-4pm.

Action: ACTRRA Secretary to book Brumbies lecture room for the weekend identified, the board room from 1-4pm on 18th Jun, and identify an additional room/ area where referees can come to 'study/ do the quiz'.

Action: CCAG and VP to work with RA in generating a balanced training progress across coursed.

Action: CCAG to provide draft Lv2 course program to VP

Action: CCAG and Jack to communicate to RA about ACTRRA broader approaches.

Action: CCAG to confirm details to enable Executive to advertise the courses via member emails and social media.

25. ACTRRA Golf Day

a. VP discussed with Brodie regarding organizing an ACTRRA Golf Day for a social event. Discussions are ongoing

Next Meeting

26. Scheduled in for 13 Jun, noting President is away.
Meeting closed 2145.

