



Manly Warringah Football Referees
Association Inc.
P.O. Box 1091, Dee Why, NSW 2099

Minutes of MWFRA Annual General Meeting Monday, 20th November 2017

Venue	MWFA Cromer
Time	7:00pm commencing 7:07pm
Committee Attendees	Chris Senior, Sigrid Mulherin, Ken Lewis, Mariano Llana, Gerry Lenihan, David Le Ban, Robert Brennan, Lucas Simonsen, Trevor Croal, David Page
Committee Apologies	Luciane Lauffer, Rui Ferrari
Member Attendees	Refer Attachment A
Member Apologies	Refer Attachment B

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1.	Opening of Annual General Meeting
1.1	Robert Brennan opened the meeting at 7:07pm and welcomed MWFRA Life Member: Peter Robson, Don Gale and Trevor Croal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies from the floor – refer to list
2.	Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
2.1	Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 21/11/2016 – moved by Mark Pryke, seconded by Paul Franklin. Moved and accepted.
3.	Meeting Proceedings
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life membership – no nominations received within the period required. • No award presentations were included in the agenda for the meeting. Rob noted that awards and trophies would be presented anyway. The only Junior recipient present was Jackson Mackie. Jackons' award for AR of the Year was presented by VP Juniors Chris Senior. • Senior awards –presented by VP Seniors – U21 Referee of the Year Josh Courts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ U25 Referee of the Year – Toby Williams ○ Senior Referee of the Year – Gerry Lenihan ○ Referee of the Year – Jorge Martins ○ Peter Clay Award – Damien Bury • Lucas Simonsen – Service Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3-year awards – see Lucas' report ○ 5-year awards – see Lucas' report – Ivica Covic and Damien Bury accepted their awards ○ 10 service awards – see Lucas' report – Reece Senior (accepted by Chris Senior), Toby Williams, Lianne Stephens ○ 15-year service award – David Page ○ 20 years – Gary Siddons ○ 25 years – Michael Asbridge, Ryan Shephard



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 40-year service award – Peter Robson. Award to be provided at a later date – Rob apologised for the delay, but the award is being completed for presentation. • Committee member reports – Rob gave the committee members an opportunity to address the meeting and provide their report • Ken Lewis (VP Seniors) – mentioned major items in his report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Praised those juniors who performed well during the season. ○ Outlined his proposed “3 Cs” for awarding points for Fair Play next season. Captain – 1 point if the captain promoted fair play during the game and assisted the referee in controlling players. Coaching staff – 1 point if also assisted and promoted with fair play. Cards – any yellow cards or red cards results in a point being deducted. 1 point awarded if no cards are given during the game. Ken asked Sigrid if the points system can be added to the back of the match sheet. • Chris Senior (VP Juniors) – report in the Annual Report covers all items, thanked everyone for their support • Mariano Llana (Secretary)– thanked the committee and referees for their support and assistance during the season. Also mentioned Luciane Lauffer’s report (Assistant Secretary) and praised Luciane for arranging and promoting the profile of female referees with the Female Referees’ Forum. Special mention for Luciane organising Katie Patterson as inspirational guest at the Forum. • Gerry Lenihan (Branch Coach) – changes to the LotG – were handled well by our referees and there is more to do next year. Gerry highlighted one change to be made next year – the ‘sin bin’. There is a 12-page paper for this law change and Australia will be adopt Option B in the paper. MWFA may be thinking of introducing it for U18 and Challenge Cup next year. Yellow card for dissent, then off for 10 minutes when a second yellow card is given for dissent. If another yellow is given, another 10-minute period off the field for the transgressor who will then be sent off for the rest of the game but can be replaced by a named substitute. Gerry won’t be standing for Branch Coach position for next term. Gerry will be around and will continue to referee next season and beyond. Peter Robson asked who manages the period for the ‘sin bins’. Gerry replied that this hasn’t been decided yet whether it’s the referee or the 4th official. The problem will be when there is only one referee, no assistants then it becomes challenging for the lone referee. It’s easier where there are lots of officials. Don Gale asked about the mechanics of the 2nd yellow card. Gerry explained that a second caution will result in the player being sent off and not be replaced. However, for a second yellow card for dissent and a 10-minute period in the ‘bin’, the player can’t return but can be replaced by a named substitute if the team hasn’t used their full set of substitutes. Jeff Smit explained that the clubs think that the new system should be implemented for the U18s and pre-season senior game i.e. Challenge Cup. Frank Best – as a Futsal referee, the system works quite well and allows coaches and team mates to calm down the player that’s sent off for a period. Gerry believes that the change has merit and will take a couple of seasons to bed down. Use of different coloured card may be useful – Davide Le Ban mentioned that a green card is used in hockey and Frank Best mentioned that it’s a blue card in Futsal. • David Le Ban (Assessor Convenor) – not much more to add to report – Thanked all of the assessors who helped with assessments during the season – David Torvelle in particular. Robbie Mattei was a tremendous help and will also be reviewing PL and PLR referees to see improvements next season. • Rob mentioned that Tom Lee was instrumental in developing the video coaching and setting up training of referees. Tom did a fantastic job and thanked him for his efforts and contribution (in Tom’s absence). • David discussed the Financial Reports for 2017 (refer separate section below). David thanked Sigrid for stepping in while he was away on holiday and helping with paying



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	<p>referees during that time. David is stepping down and will also be away even longer next year (10 weeks) so won't be nominating for the Treasurer position again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucas Simonsen (Registrar) – most of the statistics are in his report. Large turnover of 243 referees during the year. Thanked everyone for their patience at the start of the season with the two-step registration process. The result is that the member database has much cleaner data. Lucas congratulated Peter Robson for achieving 40 years of service. Peter asked if there will be a program to reverse the trend of referees not returning. Sigrid replied that her survey results indicated that the vast majority are team referees, and reasons are also valid e.g. moved away, stopped playing. Peter asked if we are doing anything to address the issues with the clubs and providing referees. Lucas replied that a lot of team referees don't want to be there and may not continue to play. Lucas also thanked the committee and stated that he won't be standing for Registrar again. • Sigrid Mulherin (Appointments Officer) – even if she is not a committee member, Rob asked if she had anything to report. Sigrid continues to talk to Matchref about problems during the season. No other system is available to replace Matchref which is the only system available that interfaces to the MWFA's Compman. Matchref have agreed to make some of the changes that Sigrid requested, but not all. Major difficulties this season has been having referees available to cover games, particularly 11:30am Saturday games and women's games on Sundays. Sigrid requested that U15s and U16s games be scheduled at 10am so senior referees can also referee those games and give them time to get to their games in the afternoon. • Rob recognised Craig McBurnie's efforts in compiling statistics during the season, despite not being a committee member. Craig provided an overview of his analysis. • Rob mentioned that it was nice to finish off on coverage statistics, particularly that we had the second-best year in terms of coverage of games. We have a nice cohort of young referees and hopefully they will stay so that we will have talented team of young referees under 30 and will leave us well placed for the future. We're lucky to have a committee of volunteers who are passionate about the game, and sadly we're losing a lot of talent from the committee. The resigning committee members have contributed a lot to the MWFRA over the years and their contributions need to be recognised, such as Gerry, Tom Lee and David.
4.	Financial Reports 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Page apologised for lateness of Financial Report which was a result of a miscommunication with the auditor. Accounts have been audited and signed off. Peter Robson – asked about the Grants Admin Officer amount of \$25k and what it's for – David explained that it's for Sigrid. Nick Beugearde – asked about Other Debtors of \$64k. This is the final invoice for referee fees which wasn't paid in time. David mentioned that there were 63 referees who were paid twice (referee debtor amount in the report) and wasn't picked up until late in the season, after the event. • Motion to accept the Financial Reports presented by David Page, Treasurer was moved by Mark Pryke, seconded by Paul Franklin. Carried unanimously.
4.	Special Resolutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special resolution – Rob asked Craig McBurnie to explain the proposed "Alternates" amendment to the MWFRA Constitution. Rob explained that if the resolution is passed, it doesn't affect the elections tonight because they need to be lodged with the Department of Fair Trading within 28 days. Craig explained the proposed amendment to the members and answered questions. Peter Robson asked if the alternate must



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	attend every meeting. Rob replied that only one person can vote and while the primary member and alternate can attend meetings only the primary can vote. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion for the Constitution to be amended as proposed was moved by Jack Morales, seconded by Gerry Lenihan.
4.	Election of Office Bearers and Casual Vacancies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of office bearers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VP Seniors – Wayne Plant – no other nominees, carried unanimously. ○ Secretary – Richard Socratous – nominated, no other nominees. Carried unanimously. ○ Floor Member – Jack Morales – nominated, no other nominees. Carried unanimously. ○ Registrar – no written nominees, nominated Jonathon Taylor from the floor. Accepted by Jonathon and carried unanimously. ○ Course Co-ordinator. Rob nominated Ethan Ryan, seconded by Gerry. Accepted by Ethan. Carried unanimously. ○ Branch Coach – Rob asked Frank Best if he would nominate for the position of Branch Coach, but he declined. Position to be vacant until further notice. No other nominations. ○ Treasurer – casual vacancy. No written nominations received, no nominations from the floor. Rob called for nominations for Treasurer. Position will remain a casual vacancy. ○ Assistant Secretary – no written nominations. Rob explained that the position involves attending all meetings and taking minutes. Rob nominated Josh Courts who accepted. Carried unanimously. Bec Mackie and Ivica Covic were also asked if they would contest Josh's appointment. Both declined.
4.	Other Business
4.1	Rob asked if there were any other business. Peter Robson asked to speak. Peter stated that he's "very chuffed" to receive his 40-year service award. He still enjoys officiating. Refereeing is always a challenge and no game is ever the same. Peter would like to see people to continue as long as you can, especially if you feel that you continue to enjoy the game.
5.	Meeting closed at 8:35pm



ATTACHMENT B: APOLOGIES LIST

NAME	
1	John Haslam
2	Ben Michell
3	Mike Cornwell
4	Peter Varano
5	Anthony Lo Surdo
6	Ryan Berlee
7	Michael Asbridge
8	Alex Giles
9	Terry Gatward
10	James MacDonald
11	Avedis Fesdekjian
12	Alessandro Llana
13	Ryan Shephard
14	Naomi Peterson
15	Bailey Sayer
16	Finn Harte
17	David McLean
18	Rhett Butler
19	Jimmy Calci
20	Judd Harrison
21	Rui Ferrari
22	Torin Mulherin
23	Harlan Mulherin
24	Mike Mulherin
25	Luciane Lauffer
26	Gary Jacobson