



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

Minutes for MWFRA Annual General Meeting Monday, 19 November 2018

Venue	Cromer Park Clubhouse
Time	7:30pm
Committee Members	Robert Brennan (RB), Trevor Croal, Wayne Plant (WP), Jack Morales, Frank Maiuolo (FM), Nick Beaugeard, Josh Courts, Ethan Ryan, Richard Socratous Sigrid Mulherin - Administrative Officer (SM)
Members	Peter Robson, Kevin Martin (OAM), Don Gale, Chris Senior, Lucas Simonsen, Finnigan Mitchell, Jackson Mackie, Bec Mackie, Damien Bury, Mark Pryke, Phil Watson, Carl Watson, Jorge Martins, Gerry Lenihan, Stephen Logue, Ken Lewis, Harry Armstrong, Frank Best, Alessandro Llana, Craig McBurnie, Toby Williams Brendan Giuffrida, Lucianne Lauffer, Paul Franklin, Jacob Gallagher, Harlem Miller, Jeremy Denham, Sebastian Brennan, Terry Gatward, Laurel Voss, Jasmin Hill, Keith Stewart, John Barnes, Anthony Keeler, James Raphael
Apologies	Sam Kelly, Ivica Covic, John Powrie, Hannah Lovlin, Anthony Lo Surdo Malcolm Olsen, Chris Paul, Paul Markarian, Michael Ashbridge, Hugh Hooghuis, Amelie Letchford, Ben Michell, John Haslam, Oscar Priestman, Ben Last, Lea Hartley, Alex Pate, Steve Smit, Jayden Hazell, James MacDonald, Naomi Peterson, Mariano Llana, Andrew Best, Simon Burchett, Jonathon Taylor

Minutes	
Order of business	<i>a) the chairperson shall open the meeting, welcome guests and call for apologies</i>
<p>RB opened meeting at 7:33pm and welcomed attendees, acknowledged life members in attendance Trevor Croal, Peter Robson, Kevin Martin (OAM) and called for Apologies (listed above).</p> <p>Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 November 2017, moved by Peter Robson and seconded by Wayne Plant. Moved and accepted.</p>	
Order of business	<i>b) to confirm, as true and correct records, the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting held on 20 November, 2017.</i> <i>c) to consider business arising out of the minutes.</i>
<p>Reviewed minutes from previous meeting general meeting held on 16 July 2018 and moved to accept, motioned by Peter Robson and seconded by Toby Williams.</p>	
Order of business	<i>d) to consider any nominations for Life Membership of the association</i>
<p>Wayne Plant (WP) nominated Rob Brennan for life Membership and provided a background and rationale for the nomination. WP motioned Rob Brennan for life membership which was seconded Mark Pryke. All in favour, moved and accepted.</p>	
Order of business	<i>e) to receive from the Committee reports upon the activities of the Association during the last preceding financial year</i>
<p>Committee reports were noted by RB as being included in the annual report. Moved to accept, moved by Rob Brennan and seconded by Mark Pryke.</p>	



<p>Order of business</p>	<p>f) to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the Act, unless the meeting decides by majority vote of members present that any or all of such reports shall be taken as printed in the financial statements</p>
<p>NB provided an overview of the financials and advised we were in surplus for 2018. RB moved to accept financial statements and motioned to receive and accept the 2018 financials. Motioned by Mark Pryke and seconded by Toby Williams.</p>	
<p>Order of business</p>	<p>g) to consider and vote upon any Special Resolutions that have been properly proposed as business for the meeting</p>
<p>No Special Resolutions were received.</p>	
<p>Order of business</p>	<p>h) to elect the following office-bearers of the Association, in accordance with Rule 15 - election of committee members and office -bears - and Rule 16 - term of office;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President • Vice President-Juniors • Treasurer • Assistant Secretary • Gear Steward • Assessors Convener • Reviews Panel Chair
<p>RB commenced the election process in reverse order to the above listed office bearer positions. Prior to the election, RB referenced non-committee position that the committee had previously discussed of “Association Historian” to record and catalogue a history of the association. RB called for volunteers. Trevor Croal nominated Kevin Martin which was seconded by by Peter Robson. Kevin said a few words and accepted the position.</p> <p>RB commenced the elections, commencing with:</p> <p>Reviews Panel Chair – one written nomination of Mark Pryke. Nominated by Toby Williams and seconded by Nick Beaugeard. Accepted by Mark and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Assessors Convener - one written nomination of Luciane Lauffer. Nominated Wayne Plant and seconded by Ethan Ryan. Accepted by Luciane and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Gear Steward – No written nominees. Gerry Lenihan nominated Trevor Croal and seconded by Peter Robson. Trevor accepted and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Assistant Secretary - No written nominees. Josh Courts nominated himself and seconded Jackson Mackie. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Treasurer - No written nominees. Toby Williams nominated Nick Beaugeard and seconded by Wayne Plant. Nick accepted and Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Vice President-Juniors - No written nominees. Mark Pryke nominated Jack Morales and seconded by Toby Williams. Jack accepted on condition he resign from the floor member role which was accepted creating a casual vacancy. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Casual vacancy for Floor Member – no nominations were received.</p>	



Mark Pryke said a few words to thank Rob Brennan for his work to the association.

Meeting moved to the President election. It will be by secret ballot. NB advised that the votes should be counted by two returning officers and that once the secret ballot is counted and an outcome determined, the ballot papers should be destroyed. Motioned by Nick Beaugard and seconded by Frank Maiuolo. Carried unanimously.

President vote - two written nominations received as follows:

1. Craig McBurnie, nominated by Gerry Lenihan and seconded by Chris Senior.
2. Toby Williams, nominated by Wayne Plant and seconded by Mark Pryke.

RB advised it will be by secret ballot and that before we vote, he offered both candidates the opportunity to address the floor as to why they would be a good president.

Both candidates addressed the floor.

Members voted by secret ballot. SM as returning officer and Peter Robson as second returning officer counted the votes. Peter Robson advised the floor that the President for 2019 and 2020 is Toby Williams.

Order of business	<i>i) to consider any other general business</i>
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Jack Morales provided an overview of the send-off report for the 2018 season. JM did a quiz on the statistics for send-offs (including reasons) by clubs and divisions. Also for citation reports. Winner of the quiz was Finn Mitchell.

Craig McBurnie compiled reporting for referee coverage statistics during the 2018 season and compared to previous years. Craig presented the key highlights to the floor and handed out copies of the reports. RB thanked Craig for his efforts and commented that we have had a good year from a coverage perspective.

FM asked to say a few words. He acknowledged the committee efforts in trying to improve the association. Frank provided his thoughts on the “culture of blame” and inappropriate behaviour towards referees. Applauded all the referees for their efforts throughout the season and thought the standard is very good.

SM presented the 2018 award winners (from the August 2018 general meeting) with their trophies. Presented to them by the life members that were in attendance.

SM announced and presented certificates for the Service Awards for members who have provide service for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 40 years Rob recognised David Hill for his 40 years of service.

RB acknowledged and thanked Jeremy Denham for his photography throughout the 2018 season.

RB reflected on his time on the committee (over the past decade). In 2018 we received \$50k from the MWFA towards initiatives for our association. A great achievement. One initiative is the communication kits and the benefit it provides our referees and the game. Rob asked for a member to be the caretaker of the communication kits in 2019.

We have managed to have a stronger relationship with the MWFA. Many challenges over the years but RB believes the relationship is as strong as ever. RB discussed the proposed Y2 sin bin rule change and the support we have given to the MWFA to accept for all appointable games in 2019.

The professionalism of appointing a paid administration officer which was brought in seven years ago. Another great initiative. RB wanted to thank SM for her dedication and professionalism.



The exchange program (for premier league games) with the KDFRA has been running for 4 years and has been a useful initiative for external learning and we need to do more with other associations.

RB thanked the judiciary, players and coaches for their full support.

Appointment system is still not 100% right but we have spent a lot of time and money to be more efficient in the way we communicate with our members.

Retention and promotion of junior referees. Very heartening to see the junior referees evolve into very good senior referees 'Rebirth' tension on how we push the juniors continues to be a focus point.

On a sad but positive note. Ewan Donald lost his mother this year. The response by Chris Senior and his friends from this associations on how they rallied around him and the support network from Ivica, Josh, Alex has been great. Also great to see the culture (human spirit) and support from our referees to our fellow members and the community.

In conclusion, RB wanted to thank everyone on the committee. It hasn't always been easy but the support received has been fantastic. RB thanked his family for their support in allowing him to volunteer his time to the association.

We need to be doing more for mental health for our referees who encounter issues (Referenced Chris Senior and Sigrid for their assistance in this area).

WP and SM presented a gift of appreciation for his contribution to the association.

WP presented Chris Senior (retiring Junior VP) and thanked her for her contributions, compassion and support to the association and the junior referees over the past 4 years. Chris said a few words. Chris thanked everyone and said it was hard work but she really enjoyed it. Chris said she has made some great friendships and acknowledged the work of the committee.

WP advised that the Council of Clubs have determined that in 2019 the game of the rounds is now on Saturday night (Youth 1st division at 2pm, PL-R's at 4pm and PL's at 6pm)

Jack Morales decided (as new Junior VP) that Mark Pryke will be the new MPIO. Mark accepted the position.

Toby Williams addressed the floor as newly elected President and closed the meeting.

Order of business	<i>j) the chairperson shall close the meeting</i>
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Toby Williams closed the meeting at 9:22pm.