



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

Minutes of MWFRA General Meeting Monday, 15 April 2019

Venue	Cromer Park Clubhouse
Time	7:00pm
Committee Members	Toby Williams (TW), Trevor Croal (TC), Wayne Plant (WP), Jack Morales (JM), Ethan Ryan (ER), Nick Beaugeard (NB), Frank Maiuolo (FM), Craig McBurnie (CM), Richard Socratous (RS)
Members	Robert Brennan, Robert Iacono, Hayden Smith, Frank Best, Andrew Best, John Barnes, Rhett Butler, Paul Franklin, Colin Stocks, John Sussaino, Avedis Fesdekjian, Ryan Berlee, Simon Burchett, Gus, Mawein, Geoff Hunt, Rebecca Mackie, Ivica Covic, John Haslam, Jackson Mackie, Alex Socratous, Cormac O'Donnell, Mia Alcock, Andrew Gill, Ken Lewis, Kevin Martin
Other	Sigrid Mulherin (SM) – Administrative Assistant
Apologies	Jonathon Taylor, Luciane Lauffer, Josh Courts

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1.0	Opening and Welcome
	TW opened meeting at 7:10pm and welcomed attendees, noted apologies and acknowledged life members that were in attendance. TW was disappointed by the small number of members in attendance and highlighted the committee's objective to encourage as many members as possible to attend the general meeting. Two rounds of the competition have been completed. Also acknowledged the first year referees and the importance of the new Temporary Dismissal rules to help clean up our game from dissent to match officials.
2.0	Apologies
	Apologies recorded as per above.
3.0	Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting
3.1	The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated. Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2019 be accepted. Moved WP/ Seconded NB – CARRIED.
4.0	Business Arising
	Nil
5.0	Technical Session
	TW introduced Andrew Best who did a presentation on his career as a referee and his approach to refereeing. Presentation was well received by the members and TW thanked Andrew for his time and commitment to improving the standard of referee within the association.



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6.0	Committee Reports				
6.1	<p>President TW commented on how impressed he is with the dedication of the committee members to volunteer their time to improve our association. TW advised of the Tombsy Cup and thanked the volunteer referees who officiated and represented the MWFRA. These referees were presented with a certificate of appreciation.</p> <p>Vice President's JM did a presentation on the modified rules for under 12, 13 and 14 competitions and he also provided an update on the new mentoring program which has been a success to date with 93% of first year referees having a mentor for their first game.</p> <p>Treasurer The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement has been circulated and the Treasurer provided an update on the financials. NB advised e will be servicing the communication gear and to contact him in need. NB presented a short fun quiz involving statistics on our referees.</p> <p>Floor Member CB provided an update on the judiciary to date and some statistics on number of red cards and their reasons. Overall reports submitted to date have been of good quality.</p> <p>Branch Coach FM advised of the Parent referee night which was well received, and he thanked Ethan Ryan for his assistance. FM discussed the temporary dismissal rules and when it should be used. Discussed other relevant law changes.</p> <p>Moved that the Committee reports be accepted. Moved Paul Franklin/ Seconded FM. CARRIED.</p>				
7.0	Notices of Motions				
7.1	<p>Accompanying the Agenda, this is a notice to voting members of the Association of a motion proposed to amend the By-Laws of the Association at the Regular General Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2019. Rule 38(2) states, "The By-Laws of the Association may be altered, rescinded or added to only by a simple majority of members present at an Annual, Special or Regular general meeting of the Association".</p>				
7.2	Fees for Life Members of the Association				
	<p>ITEM 7.2 MOTION</p> <p>That By-Law 5 of the Association be amended as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 1816 1520 1989"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="236 1816 470 1899">delete</td> <td data-bbox="470 1816 1520 1899">(2) For Rule 8(1)(h) – fees imposed unequally – fees may not be imposed unequally upon members</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="236 1899 470 1989">substitute</td> <td data-bbox="470 1899 1520 1989">(2) For Rule 8(1)(h) – fees imposed unequally – Life Members are not required to pay fees other than fees under Rule 8(1)(e) – deductions from match fees.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	delete	(2) For Rule 8(1)(h) – fees imposed unequally – fees may not be imposed unequally upon members	substitute	(2) For Rule 8(1)(h) – fees imposed unequally – Life Members are not required to pay fees other than fees under Rule 8(1)(e) – deductions from match fees.
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	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The Committee considers that it is appropriate that Life Members – who have been elected as such due to many years of significant service to the Association – not be required to continue to pay any registration fees or FNSW or FFA fees to participate in the activities of the Association.</p> <p>Moved CM / Seconded Paul Franklin – CARRIED.</p>
8.0	General Business
	<p>Rob Brennan advised he is keen to see an investment in junior referee development in addition to paying for mentors, such as a mandatory practical training session and other initiatives that will engage and motivate our juniors.</p>
9.0	Close
	<p>TW thanked all Members for their participation and closed the meeting at 8.55pm. Following the meeting, FM held a fun quiz on the Laws of the Game.</p>

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