

Manly Warringah Football Referees Association
Minutes of Regular General Meeting
held at 7.30 pm on Monday 20 March 2023 at MWFA Club House

1. Opening and welcome

The acting chair, Colin Stocks, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed those in attendance to the Association's first General Meeting of the year

Colin welcomed the close to 130 attendees, and remarked it was easily the best turn out we've had to a meeting in a long time, and he hoped all referees get something out of the night.

Colin welcomes all referees including new branch entrants (senior and junior), returning juniors and seniors and team referees. He also welcomed our only Life Member in attendance – Peter Robson.

2. Apologies

As per the attendance book

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

We were unable to locate the minutes of the previous meeting, so these were not carried, nor discussed.

4. Business arising

N/A

5. Committee reports

All present members of the committee were introduced and spoke of their roles and what their focus will be this year. This included, Colin Stocks, Jackson Mackie, Mark Pryke, Frank Maiuolo, David Page and Sigrid Mulherin.

Vice President Seniors – Colin Stocks

Colin spoke of the work we have done pre-season by attending 9/17 clubs, the Mens PL Forum and Women's PL forum, to discuss law changes, MWFA Areas of focus and some "Did you know?" scenarios. These sessions were well received and appreciated by the attendees.

Vice President Juniors – Jackson Mackie

Jackson spoke of some communication channels he will set up to be interactive with junior referees. He also spoke to the juniors about the importance of mentoring and training session, and also how the seniors can assist with mentoring.

Vice President Team Referees – Mark Pryke

Mark reiterated his commitment to assist any team referee seeking mentoring or guidance. He also spoke of his role, and the importance of the MPIO

Registrar – Frank Maiuolo

Frank provided a breakdown of the Association's membership and the processes he goes through in the pre-season rush to get all registered

Branch Coach / Course Coordinator – Robert Iacono

Rob presented an in depth look at the changes to laws this year, but also the laws where IFAB have provided more clarity or explanation to assist referees implementing them such as offside and handball.

Administrative Officer – Sigrid Mulherin

Sigrid spoke on the new reporting process for the offence of “Further offence after send off”, and clarified that send-off reports are to be done via the MWFRAs website and not on Dribl. The attendees were shown a slide explaining “special reporting situations”.

Sigrid also spoke at length, and via a presentation on how to use the Dribl app, specifically around making yourself available. A separate note on deadlines for availability for the following week will be sent out. Referees also need to go into Dribl to accept or decline the appointment. Sigrid stressed the need to contact her directly rather than just relying on Dribl if you decline an appointment.

6. General business

Toby Williams arrived at the meeting, he was introduced and welcomed.

Peter Robson addressed the attendees in regards to the dedication of Toby to the MWFRAs, and spoke glowingly of his commitment to us all. Peter again thanked Toby and this was carried with applause.

Toby Williams addressed the attendees and introduced himself to those that he hadn’t met. He particularly made mention of welcoming all of our new 1st year referees and those that participated in the female only course.

7. Close

The acting chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm

8. Attendance

As per the attendance book