# Minutes for MWFRA General Meeting

**Monday, 18 March 2019**

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| Venue | | Beacon Hill Primary School Multi-purpose Hall |
| Time | | 7:30pm |
| Committee Members | | Toby Williams (TW), Trevor Croal (TC), Wayne Plant (WP), Jonathon Taylor (JT), Ethan Ryan (ER), Nick Beaugeard (NB), Frank Maiuolo (FM), Jack Morales (JM), Craig McBurnie (CM), Luciane Lauffer (LL), Kevin Martin (KM), Ivica Covic (IC) Richard Socratous (RS), Sigrid Mulherin (SM) – Administrative Assistant |
| Members | | Michael Hooton, Thomas Salmon, Kim Hall, Jaz Hill, Zac Stanwell, Gary Siddons, Daniel Sestanovich, Brian Skyum, Emily O’Donnell, Jack Panetta, Anthony Tassone, Mattis Wochnowski, Salman Shah, Gus Mawein, Thomas Dale, Anton Buchner, Jet Baker, Noah Kasmar, Timothy Wood, Samuel Marov, Jackson Mackie, Bec Mackie, Jamie Sellar, Samuel Carnell, Robert Iacono, Peter Carnell, Tom Irwin, Luke Irwin, Aaron Perisich, Daniel Flewin, Jarrod Lucas, Avedis Feskekjian, Mike Donald, Phil Watson, David McLean, Anthony Ruttyn, Bruno Jackson, Callum Eason, Zahra Chew, William Sewell, Jayden Hazell, Callum Gamper, Steve Marton, Matthew Jackson, Samuel Callow, Anton Callow, Alex Bowry, Lucas Martinez, Scott Greuter, Alexander Pate, Bridget Williams, Lilian Knox, Noah Fielder, Zack Trisic, Glenn Watson, Ashton Salmons, Matthew Booker, Mike Cornwell, Cormac O’Donnell, Alex Socratous, Ellie Warrington, Jess Bryant, Sophie Warrington, Gonzalo Velarte, Daniel Chambers, Zac Downs, Bond Schmidt, James Saunders, Gautheir Sanchez, James Condon, Jayden Harris, Nathaniel Van Beelan, Roderick Van Beelan, Damien Bury, Tian Stanwell, Brendan Giuffrida, Peter Varano, Ken Lewis, Jake Jaric, Robert Jaric, Alex Dokic, Ethan Robb, Riley Hailstone, Sachi Dickerson, Daniel Keeler, Geoffrey Peterson, Henry Dewar, Hannah Lovlin, Torin Mulherin. Will Taylor, Marcus Powell, Conor Carroll, Frank Best, Tom Martinez, Carl Constantin, Ryan Berlee, Thomas Silvas, Harry Fletcher, David Page, Rhett Douglas, Michael Femia, Caleb Chen, Tim Richard, Alec Garnder, Samantha Menzies, Cameron Smit, Mariano Llana, Massimo Llana, Luke Peterson, Owen Johns, Darren Johns, Kevin Martin, Toby Williams, Nick Beaugeard, Mark Pryke, Craig McBurnie, Richard Socratous, Sanel Kuduzovic, Paul Markarian, Shaun Denham, tom Watson, Ethan Langridge, Jesse Malaber, Andrew Logue, Brett Griffiths, Millie Ford, John Haslam, Sebastien Brennan, Stephen Logue, Jonathon Taylor, Michael Grinbergs, Jeremy Denham, Michael O’Shannassy, Cerise Brooks, Mia Verlade, Rhett Butler, Colm Holmes, Jesse Amoah, Gully Downs, Zac Orton, Jake Penny, Callum McIntosh, Phillip Condon, Naomi Peterson, Sam Kelly, Charlie Dickerson, Lola Hunt, Anthonhy Keeler, Carl Watson, Roy Halberstadt, Nic Seale, Charlie Wilson, Kade Olsen, Liam Chappell, Amelie Letchford, Lachlan Adams, Jorja Boon, Mathis Susselbach, James MacDonald, Steve McCarthy, Stuart Reid, Riley Williams, Luca Cipri, Steve Callow, Sara Callow, Loeby Lovato, Anja Maritz, Ben Last, Kota Aruga, Kenta Aruga, Flynn Valentine, Leighton Shaw, Ryan Dempsey, Jeurgen Heina, Aden Crawford, Sebastian Bradley,Elandra Quayle, Peter Robson, Michael Heneghan, Larry Scott Stein, Mark Feledy, Steve Smit, Andrew Best, Ryan Shepheard, Lea Hartley, Alex Newman, Jaedon Marr, Jamie Griffiths, Andrew Jones, Ethan Ryan, Michelle Cole, Sigrid Mulherin, Alicia Fielder, Remy Bourcier, Simon Burchett, Sam Femia, Adrian Barlow, Ryan Harmwell, Madeline Smithies, Ben McLean, Mitchell Davis, Hugh Hooghius, Liam Wall, Nicholas Fletcher, Max Coates, Lianne Stephens, Zak Lawrence, David McGhee, Mia Alcock, B. Schroeter, Alessandro Bivano, Enzo Melani, toby Morris, Lachlan Golden, Marcello Tuteri, |
| Apologies | | Malcolm Olsen, Terry Gatward, Rob Brennan, Alex Newman, Lewis Russell, Peter Yeomans, Oscar Priestman, Wayne Robinson, Wayne Nagle, Alex Wise, Gavin Nagle, Phil Couch, Ben Adams, Josh Courts, Joe Peric, Anthony Lo Surdo, David Poole, John Barnes, Ben Michell, Ricardo Haslebach, Jason Ajai, Chris Varikos, Sam Bell, Toby Van Exetel, Peter Lill, Darren Taylor, Ron Simpson, Kong Tanormsup, Brian Haslam, Chris Paul, Alex Wise, James Webber, Chad Bakker, Lachlan Mills, Jason Gow, Chris Senior, Laurel Voss, Paul Franklin, Wilson Sarkies, Gerry Lenihan, Jesse Kaye, Tian Rae, Jack Mason, Paul Obern, Chris Grey, Michael Ashbridge, James Winter, Ted Brailey, Nathan Wall, Thomas Niven, Lachlan Phillips, Ruby Greenland, Nathan Sanderson, Marco Tallarido, Nathan White. |
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| **No.** | **Minutes** | |
| 1. | TW opened meeting at 7:35pm and welcomed attendees, noted apologies and acknowledged life members and first year referees that were in attendance | |
| 2. | Reviewed minutes from previous general meeting held on 15 October 2018 and moved to accept, motioned by Mark Pryke and seconded by Wayne Plant.  TW noted our coverage rate for 2018 at 94% which was a fantastic achievement. | |
| 3. | President report  TW acknowledged and thanked Rob Brennan for contributions over the past 10 years as MWFRA President and advised that he was made a Life member at the 2018 AGM.  TW acknowledged the work and dedication that the current committee continues to provide.  We are very focused on improving our relationship with the MWFA and have had several very productive meetings over the past few months. TW advised of the most recent meeting with MWFA and some of the discussion points (as noted in the committee meeting minutes held on 11 March 2019).  TW advised of the committee’s strategy day and some of the outcomes which we continue to work through.  TW advised of the committee decision to move to new uniforms and that all appointable referees will be provided with a new uniform at no charge.  TW thanked the referees who volunteered their time for the Defib Cup and thanked the referees in advance who will volunteer for the important cause of the Richard Tombs Cup. The MWFRA will also donate $1,000 to this cause (to support Richard and his family).  TW acknowledged Mark Pryke for his 10 years of service to the MWFRA (as this was missed at the 2018 AGM)  TW introduced the committee members. | |
| 4. | 2019 Pre-Season briefing  WP presented on culture of football as a referee and the focus and support we want to provide and instill that refereeing can be fun. WP ran through some scenario’s. WP explained the importants of the three C’s…..Be confident, be dressed correctly, be consistent.  JM provided an update on a pilot mentor program for new referees, the main functions are:  - Mentor junior referees within their assigned age group.  - Assist junior referees to create short-term and achievable goals.  - Monitor progress by following up with junior referees on a regular basis.  - Answer questions relating to the Laws of the Game and provide practical referees advice.  Branch Coach update:  FM and IC provided a briefing on the LOTG changes/modifications that are applicable for 2019 season. FM focused on the temporary dismissal procedure for the 2019 season which was displayed brilliantly in a PPT presentation. Prior to the presentation, FM wanted to provide some context around its necessity towards improving decaying local football culture. The overall message was you do not have to caution dissent every time, but you do have to deal with it every time. What you allow to pass this week, affects match officials the following week. Each referee needs to think for the greater good of the entire association, this mindset should also be applied towards enforcing the ban on jewellery being worn. | |
| 5. | NB updated everyone on the MWFRA forum on facebook. Everyone is welcome to join and ask questions, have discussions etc. | |
| 6. | Committee reports  VP Juniors report  Mentors who helped last year are welcome to come back this year and any third-year senior referee if they would be interested in Mentoring, please contact JM.  Treasurers report  NB provided a state of the MWFRA finances which hare in “good shape”. We made a small profit last year and have approximately $120k in the bank. Match payments this year will be made on Wednesday’s (weekly cycle).  Branch Coach report  FM covered off how a referee should be interpreting the law towards handball. FM asked referees to be vigilant towards sneaky shirt tugs on the referee's blind side, elbows to another player's head during a jump for a high ball, stealing metres on throw-ins and interfering with a goalkeeper attempting a quick release. Referees should allow players to go off the field at the nearest boundary line for interchange and injury. A request was also made to those refereeing ladies O30 and O40 this year to show more interest and not merely camp in the centre circle. This is in response to complaints received versus the registration fees they pay.  A show of hands was asked for by those interested to attend an end of season gala dinner if there was one.  A daytime fitness test was announced for [31 March](x-apple-data-detectors://7) at Melwood.  Anyone AR'ing during winter was told that if they want to wear a long sleeve jumper, it must go under the jersey. Presentation was reiterated.  People were asked to submit ideas on how monthly general meetings could not be so dry to improve attendance.  There are two more weeks for fitness training on Thursday evenings.  Course Co-Ordinator  ER advised there is a Level 3 course on 13 April and Level 3 assessor course on 7 April. If members are interested, please contact him | |
| 7. | Administrative Assistant report  SM advised of the following:  MatchRef – technical issues with uploading referees due to the new PlayFootball system and the fact that many people now have a new FFA number. MatchRef is working to solve the issues and everyone will be notified when it is OPEN. Please remember that as per previous years, availability must be entered on a Sunday night before midnight.  EMS – also technical issues loading referees due to new PlayFootball system but we do have a solution to test. Referee’s will be emailed with log in details once we have successfully loaded the referees.  Scheduling – the MWFA is now scheduling an extra AL round on Friday nights which means we now need 21 senior referees and 42 junior referees each Friday night, so please make yourself available so we can cover these games.  Tombsy Cup – we still require volunteers to cover the games at the Tombsy Cup. Please let SM know if you are available  Uniforms – 1st years that need to swap their uniform or collect their uniform can see SM at the end of the meeting. Or please make contact with SM asap.  Other tournaments – during the season we also need to appoint to a number of Junior Gala Days which are really good practise for the 1st years so please make yourself available for these when notified. We are also required to appoint ARs to all State Cup games, and whilst the match fee for ARS on some of these games is abysmal, it is good experience.  Registration – currently 412 registered with 148 still to be approved. 42 females currently registered. If you haven’t been approved, please ensure you have uploaded a photo as this may be the reason your approval is outstanding. If you are unsure, please contact the Registrar. | |
| 8. | General Business  Peter Robson – provided some encouragement for the first-year referees.  John Haslam asked if there is a referee ID card this year. SM advised that she is trying to avoid actual cards as referee’s photos should be available within EMS (hence no need for a physical card as coaches, managers, others concerned can view in EMS).  No other general business raised. | |
| 9. | Meeting closed at 9:15pm. | |