

Manly Warringah Football Referees Association

Minutes of Regular General Meeting

held at 7.00 pm on Monday 25 July 2022 at Beacon Hill Public School Hall.

1. Opening and welcome

The President, Toby Williams, opened the meeting at 7.10 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Toby conducted a brief activity to highlight the officiating experience of members in attendance.

2. Apologies

Received and recorded.

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Moved that the minutes of the previous General Meetings held on 23 May 2022 be accepted.

Wayne Plant / Mark Pryke – carried.

4. Business arising

None

5. Committee reports

President – Toby Williams

Toby was pleased to confirm 65 individuals had completed two additional Level 4 Referee courses run by the Association to address the 'referee shortage' and he thanked Robert Iacono and Sigrid Mulherin for facilitating the courses.

The Management Committee hopes these new referees will receive enough officiating experience during the remainder of the 2022 season and during off season summer soccer competitions, before returning in 2023. Toby also confirmed he would be meeting with MWFA representatives after the conclusion of the season to discuss referee recruitment strategies for next year.

Members were asked to enter their availability for the following grand final dates: 12 August (junior mixed), 27 August (senior men) and 28 August (senior women). Toby reminded members that a large number of assistant referees and fourth officials will be required.

Toby was pleased to confirm Wakehurst FC and Forest Killarney FC would be engaging with the Association, once again, to provide referees for their summer soccer competitions.

Toby reminded all members that Law 4 (relating to jewellery) should be strictly enforced. A discussion ensued regarding the ability of a referee to ask a player to remove tape to prove jewellery was not being worn and it was agreed Toby would contact Football NSW to seek clarification.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Toby was pleased to report the Association had recorded a year to date net profit (October 2021 to June 2022) of \$23,847. He relayed David Page's forecast that the Association would record a break even or modest profit after Football NSW registration fees had been paid. Toby encouraged members to contact David if they had any questions (financial statement available on Association's website).

Vice President Seniors – Wayne Plant

Once again, Wayne thanked members for their efforts each week.

Vice President Team Referees – Mark Pryke

Mark advised he had observed several team referees and provided feedback, where necessary.

Robert Brennan made several remarks about the team referees in relation to the standard of training provided by the Association, the standard of officiating exhibited by team referees and querying how more team referees could be converted to senior referees.

Toby spoke highly of the training provided by Robert Iacono, which had been tailored based on feedback received from team referees and a directive from Manly Warringah Football Association to shorten the course as much as possible. Toby and other members of the Management Committee also noted it was extremely difficult to attract team referees to 'full time status' when they were not interested in refereeing in the first instance.

Registrar – Frank Maiuolo

On behalf of the Registrar, Toby provided a breakdown of the Association's membership:

Category	2022
Senior referee	119 (includes 10 new)
Junior referee	261 (includes 138 new)
Team referee	281 (includes 79 new)
Total	661

Branch Coach / Course Coordinator – Robert Iacono

Robert was pleased to report pleasing results from assessments undertaken during the year and reminded members to contact him if they were seeking assessment.

He was also pleased to comment on the additional Level 4 Referee courses held in June, remarking the participants were engaged and enthusiastic about refereeing.

Disciplinary Committee Liaison Officer – Craig McBurnie

Craig reported on the following Disciplinary Committee (DC) matters relevant to members of the Association:

- 1) MWFRA appeal against a decision of the DC – for the first time, the Association appealed a decision of the DC on the basis the DC had made an error in procedure. Craig was pleased to report the appeal was upheld.
- 2) Referee Code of Conduct violation – a player took offence to a comment made by the fourth official on a Premier League match and the fourth official was subsequently asked to appear before the DC for breaching the Code of Conduct. Craig reported no additional penalties were levied against the fourth official.

Craig highlighted the importance of referees refraining from making comments that could be misconstrued.

Toby stressed the Management Committee would support all members requesting assistance in relation to Disciplinary Committee matters.

Moved that all Committee reports be accepted.

Colin Stocks / Ben Last – carried.

6. Guest speaker – Robert Iacono

It was agreed to defer Robert's presentation to the next General Meeting.

7. General business

Rick Elenbaas expressed concern regarding the state of goalposts across.

Members in attendance collectively extended their best wishes to Peter Robson on the occasion of his 91st birthday.

8. Close

The President closed the meeting at 8.20 pm and invited members to enjoy the refreshments that had been arranged by the Management Committee.

Attendance

Toby Williams, Mark Pryke, Wayne Plant, Robert Iacono, Ryan Berlee, Bean Last, Warwick Turpin, Michael Grinsbergs, Blake Bartram, Bernd Krause, Marcus Krause, Philip Sarkies, Jeremy Denham, Robert Brennan, Colin Stocks, Mark Feledy, Frank Best, Thomas Dale, Mia Velarde, Rebecca Mackie, Alessandro Llana, Jackson Mackie, Ivica Covic, Rick Elenbaas, Brian Barkworth, Geoff Hunt, Josh James, Alex Cowdery, Pim Ravestyn, Stephen Logue, Gus Mawein, Peter Robson, Craig McBurnie, David Le Ban.