

Manly Warringah Football Referees Association

Minutes of Regular General Meeting held at 8:00 pm on Monday 27 May 2024 at Manly Warringah Football Club, 101 South Creek Road, Cromer.

1. Opening and welcome

The President, Toby Williams, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

He was sad to report the passing of Kevin Martin OAM, a Life Member of the Association. He invited Colin Stocks to reflect on Kevin's contribution to the Association, following which a moment of silence was observed.

2. Apologies

As noted at the end of the minutes.

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Moved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 22 April 2024 be accepted.

Colin Stocks / James Barnes – Carried

4. Business arising

None

5. Report from the Management Committee

President and Registrar – Toby Williams

Toby was pleased to report that he and members of the Management Committee were generally satisfied with the Association's activities so far. He thanked all members for their respective contributions and requested they keep up the good work.

Sigrid had received a significant amount of individual appointment requests. Toby requested that members refrain from making such requests, explaining the pressure it placed on Sigrid during the appointments process.

Toby confirmed the senior referees' dinner would be held on Tuesday 18 June 2024.

On registrations, Toby provided the following update:

Category	2024 Approved	2023 Approved
New Junior	110	123
Junior	147	150
New Senior	9	16
Senior	112	134
New Team	107	84
Team	181	201
Transferring	6	0
Life Members	3	3
Total	675	711

Vice President Seniors – Colin Stocks

Colin was pleased to report the Veo Sports Camera had successfully been utilised for several assessments, with copies of the footage shared with individual referees.

He acknowledged members who'd been appointed to Challenge Cup finals:

Men's: Alex Cowdery (R), Jesse Reveyrand (AR) and Samantha Menzies (AR)
Women's: Hannah Sheridan (R), Caitlyn Robinson (AR), Adelaide Williams (AR) and Mia Velarde (4th)

Vice President Juniors – Jackson Mackie

Jackson thanked all mentors who had contributed towards the mentoring of 62 first year referees on their first (or second) appointments.

Jackson confirmed that goalkeepers in the Under 12 competition were not permitted to kick or dropkick the ball from their hands upon gaining possession and that all opponents should be 10m from the penalty area until the goalkeeper released the ball. He acknowledged the confusion surrounding this rule but highlighted that Manly Warringah Football Association had changed the rule after the start of the season. He confirmed he would send a clarifying email to mentors and referees.

Treasurer – David Page

As of 20 May 2024, the Association had a cash balance of \$177,665 and had recorded a year-to-date net profit of \$24,168. David highlighted that almost \$22,000 had been paid to members each week.

Robert Brennan asked why the match fee paid to team referees was lower than the fee paid to appointable referees on other senior matches. Toby advised these fees has been confirmed with Manly Warringah Football Association (MWFA) and reminded Robert that MWFA was ultimately responsible for approving match fee amounts.

Paul Franklin queried whether the Association was up to date with its reporting requirements to NSW Fair Trading. David responded in the affirmative.

Assessors Convenor and Course Coordinator – Robert Iacono

Robert confirmed 17 PL/PLR/AL1/AL1R referee assessments had been completed.

An email had been sent to all members regarding the Association's Level 3 Referee Course, which would be held on Sunday 16 June 2024. He advised interested members should respond to that email to register their interest but noted that members had to be at least 16 years of age and have refereed for a minimum period (two years for juniors and one year for seniors).

Disciplinary Committee Liaison Officer

For 'R7 offences' (a player receiving two cautions in a match), Craig reminded members that it was only necessary to submit the cautions in Dribl, not the send off. Craig emphasised that a send off report remained necessary and could be submitted via the Association's website.

He also reported that there had been several instances where referees had included suggestions to the Disciplinary Committee regarding penalties, in their send off reports. He requested that members refrain from making these suggestions.

Moved that all reports be accepted.

Benjamin Cramp / David Le Ban – Carried

6. General business

None

7. Close

The President thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Date of next meeting: 7:40 pm on Monday 24 June 2024 at Manly Warringah Football Club.

Attendance:

Management Committee: Toby Williams (President & Registrar), Colin Stocks (Vice President Seniors), Jackson Mackie (Vice President Juniors), Mark Pryke (Vice President Team Referees), David Le Ban (Secretary), David Page (Treasurer), Robert Iacono (Course Coordinator) and Craig McBurnie (Disciplinary Committee Liaison Officer)

Life Members: Robert Brennan and Frank Best

Members: Liam Poutney, Ed Schmidt, Paul Franklin, Rodrigo Calbiague Garcia, Tony Ruttyn, Jack Dowd, Barnaby Merrill, Yasmin Peek, James Barnes, Eduardo Briones, Daniel Kenny, Lenny Douglas, Larry Scott Stein, Stephen Logue, Peter McGee, Spencer Jones, Geoff Hunt, Toby Hunt, John Haslam, Warwick Turpin, Keith Wilson, Mario Tisano, Gus Mawein, Simon Ashari, Michael Grinbergs, Frank Maiuolo, Mark Feledy, Mic Handcock, Thomas Dale, Hannah Sheridan, Richard Illy, Benjamin Cramp, Richard Evans, Ian Clarke, Gary Siddons, Steve Marton, Kenneth Abbott

Apologies:

Management Committee: Ivica Covic (Branch Coach) and Alex Cowdery (Floor Member).

Members: