

Manly Warringah Football Referees Association

Minutes of Regular General Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 9 August 2023 at Manly Warringah Football Club, 101 South Creek Road, Cromer.

1. Opening and welcome

The President, Toby Williams, opened the meeting at 7.08 pm and welcomed members, Life Members and guests in attendance.

He was delighted to welcome everyone to what he described as one of the “most enjoyable” meetings of the year, where the emphasis was less on administrative matters and more on celebrating members.

Although a relatively small number of members would receive awards and finals appointments, Toby thanked all members for their contributions throughout the season.

2. Apologies

As noted at the end of the minutes.

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The Draft Minutes of the previous General Meeting had been available to members on the Association’s website.

Moved that the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 26 June 2023 be accepted.

James Barnes / Brian Barkworth – Carried

4. Business arising

None

5. Committee reports

President – Toby Williams

The senior referees’ dinner had been held on 2 August 2023, with 35 members in attendance. Toby remarked on the success of the evening and confirmed it would remain an annual fixture in the future. He also

A Level 3 Theory course was facilitated by Robert Iacono, Course Coordinator, on Sunday 29 July and attended by eight members. Toby thanked Rob for preparing and delivering the course and encouraged members interested in gaining their Level 3 Theory qualification to talk to Rob.

Toby passed on information relating to insurance, recently announced by Football NSW. Members with any queries regarding insurance should visit the new Football NSW/Gow Gates webpage (<https://football-nsw.gowgatesports.com.au>) for all information relating to submitting a claim, certificates of currency, policy documents, insurance brochures, etc.

A training session had been held on 3 July. Toby thanked Jackson Mackie for running the session.

Manly Warringah Football Association hosted the 2023 State Cup Finals, and Manly Warringah Football Association was asked to appoint referees to the U13 Girls and All Age Men’s finals. Toby congratulated the referees appointed to these matches:

WU13 – Liliana Fiedler, Caitlyn Robinson and Adelaide Williams

AAM – Alex Cowdery, Toby Williams and Mark Feledy

Toby confirmed the following information regarding finals days:

- Junior finals will be held on Saturday 19 August.
- Senior men's finals will be held on Saturday 26 August.
- Junior and senior women's finals will be held on Sunday 27 August.
- The Association's 'headquarters for the day would be the first corporate box in the Lucas Neil stand.
- All referees must report to Sigrid or a member of the Management Committee before their first final.
- In 2023, referees will receive a commemorative coin prior to their match, to be presented by Sigrid or a member of the Management Committee.
- Manly Warringah Football Association had requested all referees attend the presentation marquee after their sole match, or after their last game if officiating multiple matches in a row, to be acknowledged.

Vice President Seniors – Colin Stocks

Colin confirmed there had been no major incidents since his last report in June. He thanked all referees for their efforts throughout the season and highlighted the continued positive feedback that had been received relating to the performance of junior assistant referees.

Vice President Juniors – Jackson Mackie

Jackson thanked junior members for making themselves available throughout the season and also thanked mentors for ensuring they had been supported throughout the year. He confirmed there would be no more mentoring for the remainder of the season and requested that mentors and other senior referees make themselves available to act as fourth officials on junior match semis and finals.

Jackson was pleased to report that the training session held on 3 July had been well attended by around 40 junior and senior referees.

Vice President Team Referees – Mark Pryke

Mark was pleased to confirm six team referees had also made themselves available to officiate appointable matches throughout the year, and that he had noticed an improvement in the appearance of team referees in 2023.

Treasurer – David Page

David was pleased to report the Association remained in a solid financial position.

Members were reminded that they could request a copy of the Association's financial statements (Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss) at any time.

As at 7 August 2023, the Association had recorded a net profit of \$64,279. This result was inflated, however, because the following expenses are yet to be paid: \$2800 to Football NSW for accreditation fees, \$14,000 to members for match fees for 31/7 to 6/8, and \$3000 to members for mentoring fees.

Registrar – Frank Maiuolo

Frank reported there had been no change to registration figures since his last report in June. He reminded members that although registration figures had improved from the 'COVID years', further increases were necessary to bring the Association to a sustainable level.

As an aside, Frank remarked on how wonderful it had been to see a growing emphasis on women's football, in light of the Women's World Cup. He thanked those members who spent years refereeing the Women's Premier League (and Reserves) competitions when the emphasis was not as strong.

Moved that all reports be accepted.

Mark Pryke / Brian Barkworth – Carried

6. Announcement of awards and finals appointments

Jackson presented a slideshow on procedures relating to semi and grand final matches. Questions were taken throughout the presentation, which would be distributed to all members via email.

The Association's 2023 referee awards were announced by Toby, Colin, Jackson and Sigrid, and presented to the following members:

Rookie of the Year:	Toby Hall
2 nd Year Junior Referee of the Year:	Daniel Kenny
3 rd Year Junior Referee of the Year:	Liliana Fiedler
VP Junior's Encouragement Award:	Adelaide Williams
U18 Referee of the Year:	Bailey Foster
U21 Referee of the Year:	Callum Eason
U25 Referee of the Year:	Jackson Mackie
Level 3 Referee of the Year:	Ryan Berlee
Senior Referee of the Year:	Frank Maiuolo
Assistant Referee of the Year:	Michael Aiello
Referee of the Year:	Alex Cowdery

Sigrid Mulherin then announced the finals appointments for 2023.

7. General business

Steve Marton spoke about his successful experience using mobile phone communication in lieu of communications.

Ben Last announced he would shortly be relocating to Canberra. He thanked members for their friendship and support throughout his time as a member of the Association.

Peter Robson remarked on the high standard of refereeing on display throughout the Women's World Cup.

8. Close

The President thanked members for the attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

Attendance:

Toby Williams (President), Colin Stocks (Vice President Seniors), Jackson Mackie (Vice President Juniors), Mark Pryke (Vice President Team Referees), David Page (Treasurer), Alex Cowdrey (Floor Member) Frank Maiuolo (Registrar), Rocky Falvo, Michael Hajakian, Perri Keenlyside, Liam Poutney, Gary Siddons, Steve Hill, Ed Schmidt, Frank Best, Stephen Logue, Aliaksandr Valodzin, Tony Ruttyn, Brian Barkworth, Michael Aiello, Steve Marton, Daniel Duran, Daniel Kenny, Ivan Jones, Callum Eason, Ryan Berlee, Noah Kasman, Toby Hall, Hannah Sheridan, John Haslam, Graeme Gibson, Joshua James, Mario Tisano, Benjamin Cramp, Yasmin Peek, David Khoshkho, James Barnes, Jeremy Denham, Don Gale, Peter Robson, Trevor Croal, Bernard Crosweller, Max Shacklock, Alex Kosack, Bailey Foster, Xander Roperti, Eduardo Briones, Mark Feledy, Chris Melville, Liliana Fiedler.

Apologies:

David Le Ban (Secretary), Robert Iacono (Branch Coach and Course Coordinator), Craig McBurnie (Disciplinary Committee Liaison Officer), Adrian Barlow, Daniel Millikan, Jamie Griffiths, Malcolm Olsen, Daniel Wheeler, Tahnee ?, Jack Dowd, Anthony Lo Surdo, Andrew Best, Paul Franklin, Jimmy Bartels, Cameron Tizzar, Simon Burchett, Alicia Fiedler, Ari Goodsr, Hayden Moran, Robert Brennan, Sinead Fisk, Charles Elliott, Sam Menzies, Seb Brennan, Sunny Uncend.

