

Penrith Referees Association Adjourned AGM
10/02/2014

Meeting opened 7.37 pm

Minutes: Previous AGM are available at the door. Taken as read.

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Apologies in writing: Brad Peters, Rickey McFarlane, Thomas Aylett, Daniel Olford

Apologies from the floor: Jim Kelly, Fred Lucas, Kylie Aylett, Richard Bailey, George Jankowski, Joshua Tolley, Kieren Stubbs

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Correspondence:

As written with the following additions:

21 – Incoming, Apology from Daniel Olford

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Director of Finance and Sponsorship: Phil Haines

St George Freedom Account \$61,849.61c

Commonwealth Bank \$2971.89

Investment Account \$51846

Phil advised copies of financial statements are available at the front of the room.

Breakdown of Income for 2014

Channel 9:	\$18,175
Panthers Group:	\$11,000 Development Grant
Penrith Home Maker Centre:	\$10,000 Major Sponsor
First National Glenmore Park:	\$2000 Shorts Sponsor – new in 2014 welcome aboard

In principal contra business arrangements are in place with the following local businesses:

- Nepean Cross-fit – responsibility of training and education of the 2014 Referees Development Squad. All members are offered discounted membership to join Nepean Cross-fit with specialized education and training in fitness fundamentals.
- AMART Sports – is new to the Association in 2014 and welcome aboard. We have entered a community kickback program with AMART sports where members on presentation of their ID Card will receive heavily discounted product mainly shoes and boots (essential for Refereeing), with 5% of the amount spent coming back to the Association. This is explained in the procedures manual, and the Season Launch is the commencement date of this deal, running for approximately 28 days.
- Thought Design – are in the final stages of submitting the new website design and Association Facebook Page. This has been a contra deal where TD has been displayed on all association apparel for the past 12 months and for Season 2014.
- Bakers Delight Springwood – Dayne and his team will continue to provide the Association all bakery requirements for Association BBQ's and fundraiser events as has been done for the past 2 years, with no cost to the Association. Bakers Delight Springwood is displayed on our trailer.

If members could promote these business by way of shopping within the business our by promotion in any way, I'm sure the Association would benefit.

Phil advised we have \$61,849.00 in the bank.

Advised of the 5 sponsors we have for 2014 – Penrith Homemakers Centre; Channel 9; Nepean Cross fit coming on board with New Dimensions no longer a sponsor; Amart Sports Penrith and Bakers Delight Springwood.

Phil advised that the Association will receive a members discount on all sporting items purchased at Amart Sports for a period of time commencing from 17/03/2014. There will be a policy and procedures document to outline the conditions of the discount for all members to follow.

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Election of officials

Brett Lynch declared all positions vacant.

Appointments Board: Barry Beveridge, John Jordan and Jim Kelly

Elected: all elected unopposed

Advisory Panel:

Nominations: Sarah Ford, Katina Geale, Stephen Bourke, Mitchell Hall, Joshua Burton, Amber Fitzgerald, Thomas Stindl, Michael Signoretti, Casey Wouters, Cameron Turner, John Nematalla, Col Smith, Trista Walker, Luke Burton, Adam O'Keefe, Joshua Vernon, Mark Bohan

Elected: Sarah Ford, Katina Geale, Stephen Bourke, Mitchell Hall, Joshua Burton, Amber Fitzgerald, Thomas Stindl, Michael Signoretti, Cameron Turner, John Nematalla, Col Smith, Luke Burton, Adam O'Keefe, Joshua Vernon, Mark Bohan

Declined: Casey Wouters, Trista Walker

Coaching Officers:

Nominations: Stephen Bourke, John Jordan, Mark Bohan

Elected: John Jordan and Mark Bohan

Declined: Stephen Bourke

Life Membership Committee:

Nominations: Thomas Aylett, Luke Evans, Gary Haines, Barry Beveridge, Jim Kelly, Casey Wouters

Elected: Thomas Aylett, Casey Wouters, Gary Haines

Disciplinary Committee:

Nominations: John Robinson, Casey Wouters, Don Courts

Elected: John Robinson, Casey Wouters, Don Courts elected unopposed

Internal Auditors:

Nominations: Thomas Stindl

Elected: Thomas Stindl with the second auditor to be nominated at the March monthly meeting

Merit Award Committee:

Nominations: Luke Evans, Rohan Best, Brett Lynch, Phil Haines

Elected: Luke Evans, Rohan Best, Brett Lynch

Declined: Phil Haines

Gear Steward:

Nominations: Luke Burton

Elected: Luke Burton elected unopposed

Social Committee: Sarah Ford read out an email from Rickey McFarlane

Hello members I hope you are all well and pumped for another huge season for the leading referees Association as we continue our high standard professionalism.

We have confirmed the venue for Life members' presentation/presentation night which will be at held at The Chairman's lounge, Sportingbet stadium on Saturday 4th October 2014. The entertainment is TBC but will take a different approach from the past two years. You will be asked tonight to vote on your preferred choice of menu for the night. Tonight we will also be calling nominations for the Social Committee. This role plays an important part in the social running's and functions of the Association and takes some pressure off me by spreading the work load but this hasn't always being the case, In previous seasons we always get good numbers for this committee but when your called upon to do some work all I get is excuses of unavailability and its left to the same 3 or 4 to do the work. This

places more workload on myself and the board. I understand that we all have commitments and this is a voluntary role so at times you won't make it, that's fine but please consider these before you nominate yourself or someone else. It's a fun role that I know the members and I appreciate. We will be having our first BBQ of the year at the season launch which will take place at Super A-Mart Sports, Henry St Penrith on 17th March. This is opportunity to sign off any final documents, pick up your on-field/training gear and be introduced to our newest sponsor. A-Mart Sports will have be providing discounts to our members for all your refereeing seasons' requirements. Should you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.
Cheers Rick

Nominations: Luke Evans, Jim Kelly, Blake Shepherd, Stephen Bourke, Mitch Robinson, Sarah Ford, Katina Geale, Amber Fitzgerald, Luke Burton, Tim Hannon, Michael Signoretti
Elected: Luke Evans, Jim Kelly, Blake Shepherd, Stephen Bourke, Mitch Robinson, Sarah Ford, Katina Geale, Amber Fitzgerald, Luke Burton, Tim Hannon, Michael Signoretti elected unopposed

Junior League Report:

Frank Weber advised that with the trials approaching it has been decided that suspended players are not allowed to participate in trial matches. They will receive a concession that the two official Junior League trial matches will count towards their suspension.

During the trials sin binned or sent off players can be replaced by the coaches and that the referees are not to call time to pull the players off the field.

Judiciary for 2014 will have its first night prior to the season commencing will be on the 23rd April for players who do not take the early guilty plea during the trial matches.

There will be some minor changes with regards to the points system seeing a difference of 600 points between a Grade 1 and a Grade 2 charge.

St Clair has asked the Junior League to share their concerns with regards to "grass cutting / ankle tackles". Phil Haines defined this as a 3rd man. Brett Lynch advised that this will be based on the NRL and NSW level of a 3rd man in tackle having to be above the knee for initial point of contact

Director of Coaching and Development Officer: Gary Haines

Level 1 face-to-face course will be held on Saturday 15 March at Sportingbet Stadium commencing at 9am. All candidates must register for the course at www.playrugbyleague.com.au/referee and complete the online tutorials.

Training commences on Tuesday 11 March at Jamison Park No 5. All active referees are encouraged to attend training.

A CMO course will be held at Sydney Olympic Park on Tuesday night 25 February commencing at 7pm. The course will provide an overview of the structure for recruiting of referees.

Members wishing to do the level 2 course should advise me as soon as possible as the NRAS Manager is planning to conduct a course shortly. Details will be provided as soon as they are known.

Interpretation Guidelines to assist clubs with referees' rulings will be prepared and made available to the Junior League. For example, Shoulder Charge: will be penalised when a defending player does not make a genuine attempt to tackle the man in possession; 10m: will be measured from the centre of the ruck. When the PTB is taking place on a line of demarcation, the referee will mark the 10m at the next line.

The level 1 course will be held on 15/03/2014 at the Hunter Room at Panthers.
Advised that training will commence 05/03/2014 at Jamison Park number 5
CMO course will be held on 25/02/2014 at 7:00pm

Doug Keen has advised that the level 2 course will be held at Homebush on 16/03/2014 all referees wanting to participate are to email their request to Gary.

John Woods and Gary Haines will be meeting prior to the season commencing to have the interpretation guidelines completed with a copy being sent to Yvonne Purtell.

The advisory board will be having a meeting with Gary prior to the season commencing to go through how they are to assess the referees for their reports. Gary Haines will advise of the date shortly.

Board of Management Report: Sarah Ford

Membership registration: as with 2013 it will be done online again. At the moment the online form is not ready but members will be sent out instructions on how to register as soon as it becomes available.

2014 Calendar of Events will be emailed to all members shortly and be available on the website.

Important dates to take note of are:

- Training commences on 11 March at Jamison Park
- Trials start on 22 March
- Season Launch is on 17 April at Amart
- Junior League Competition starts on 26 April
- Life Membership Presentation will be on 4 October at Chairman's Lounge

General Business:

Brett Lynch moved for a motion to destroy all ballot papers. Motion Seconded by Gary Haines. Motion carried

Brett Lynch congratulated Rohan Best for being selected into the Graded Squad. Rohan is the 32nd Penrith Referee to make grade since the Association was formed. Brett acknowledged Reg Newsom for having founded the Graded Squad to which Reg thanked Brett. Brett advised the members that since he made Grade in 1995 16 members have since been graded.

Brett advised that all of the Sydney Presidents met a few weeks ago and that you can now become a referee from the age of 13, however, you can only referee non-competitive games and touch judge up to mod level until you turn 14 and this is NRAs policy Australia wide.

Don Courts asked that all shirts still to be handed out to life members be sent out.

Phil Haines advised that he is in the process of getting the shirts from Rickey McFarlane and will be posting them out to the life members. Brett Lynch advised that this was addressed at the last BOM meeting and was organised for Phil to send them.

Don Courts asked for position of Registrar to be considered to maintain historical records of members' achievements and service within and outside of the Association. Brett Lynch advised that he will add this to the next BOM meeting agenda.

Don Courts asked if the Board, Media Officer / Webmaster and Assistant Treasurer positions could be read out:

Media Officer: Webmaster: Rohan Best

Assistant Treasurer: Russell Turner – Brett Lynch acknowledged Russel Turners nomination was late, however, the only nomination on time was withdrawn by that member and as such given Russel Turners experience in the role the Executive are happy for him to fill the position for 2014.

Social Secretary: Rickey McFarlane

Minute Secretary: Trista Walker

Junior League Delegates: Phil Haines and Luke Burton; Proxy: Brett Lynch

Welfare Officer: Casey Wouters

Jeff Mizzi requested to be a late nomination for Advisory panel

Opened / Elected / Closed

John Woods provided a report on the Cricket Day in support of Dave Fidler. NSW referees versed Blacktown workers and Grade versed Junior Reps. All funds raised were donated to Dave Fidler's family in his honour with approximately \$1000 being raised. Mark Bohan asked who won the match. Brett Lynch advised that Junior Reps won.

New South Wales Rugby League Referees Association hold an annual Cricket Day and raise funds for various referees who may be in need. For 2014 they decided to raise funds for Dave Fidler's family after his sudden passing late last year. Approximately \$1,000 was raised. Phil Haines advised Penrith agreed to match what was raised by NSWRLRA dollar for dollar. Sarah Ford advised that Claire Fidler had expressed her gratitude to the association and NSWRLRA for their generosity.

Don Courts asked how the Junior branch meeting went. Sarah Ford advised that like the AGM there was again no quorum for the second time. Don Courts asked what would be happening with the Junior Branch. Brett Lynch advised it was on the agenda for the Board meeting in a week's time.

Meeting closed 8:20pm