

PRESENT.. Messrs.Hobbs, Buxton, Melbourne, Hamilton, Roberts, Coggins, Avery Carr, Greenhalgh, Moolenaar, & Wedding....

APOLOGIES.. Messrs. Andersen, McIntosh, Elagrove, Tamlinson, & Nesbitt..

WELCOME.... On behalf of the members of A.L.R.A. (S.A. Branch), The Chairman, Mr. Hobbs, extended a welcome to Jim Roberts, who joins our ranks this season....

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.... Mr. Hobbs made a short review of season 1971, and mentioned that it had been his first year in the position, but felt that it had been a year of consolidation. Mr. Hobbs felt that this season should see the following :- Further Growth, Dynamic Decisions by A.L.R.A. , Justice to all Players and own Referees, Good honest decisions of strength, justice and right. the 1st. Achievement should be in increased numbers- quality- and cohesion.

CORRESPONDENCE.... I N ---- N.A.L.C. re referees for Trial Match.

It was moved that the Secretary be empowered to organise referees for Trial Matches..... MOTION CARRIED.

SEASON 1972.... OUT ---- A. ISAACHSEN , K. NESBITT (?)

IN \*\*\*\* J: ROBERTS.

BY -- LAW. A discussion was held re the omission of the By-Law. The meeting expressed its concern over the omission of this By-Law, in relation to our strength. The Secretary is to write to S.A.L.A. to express our concern at its omission from By-Law Book, and lack of notice to A.L.R.A. re its omission, and that we insist that the principles of the By-Law be maintained.

IT WAS MOVED "... This Association advise S.A.L.A. of its concern re the reported removal of the By\*Law concerning the provision of referees by Clubs, and asks the S.A.L.A. of its intentions in this field for the Season of 1972....  
Moved C.Carr, 2nd. M. Hamilton MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED "... A sub-Committee be formed to move and act when a reply to the above MOTION is received. .The Committee to consist of the President, Secretary, & C. Carr -- and if a reply is not received within 10 days, appropriate action be taken.  
Moved F.Melbourne, 2nd. K.Avery MOTION CARRIED.

After some further general discussion concerning By-Laws relating to referees,  
IT WAS MOVED. "...That A.L.R.A. contact the S.A.L.A. on the following basis :::: That if there be a "BYE" in "A" Grade this season, it is the intention of A.L.R.A.(S.A.Branch) to use players from this "BYE" Team as a "2nd." Referee -- to generate their interest in, and understanding of, the rules of Lacrosse, and for the possible recruitment of permanent referees in the future..  
Moved B. Greenhalgh, 2nd. F.Coggins. MOTION CARRIED.

A.L.R.A. (S.A. BRANCH) BY-LAWS....

Malcolm Hamilton reported on this matter, and after pointing out a query he had relating to players being members of A.L.R.A., it was decided to leave as is.

It was also decided to add to clause 9 that a Quorum be a number instead of a third.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 1972.

Clive Carr reported to the meeting, that following the recent Annual Meeting of A.L.C. A.L.R.A. has been given the power of Referee appointments for all Championship Series for 1972

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES...(Cont.)

The Senior Matches will be held in Perth, and the Junior Matches will be held in Adelaide.

Mr. Carr also stated that the Current A.L.C. By-Law re expenses for referees attending such matches (Senior) would be adhered to and such expenses paid.

REFEREE EXAMINATIONS....

Examination procedures have been temporarily held up until Rothmans help out financially with Slides for training purposes.

MEETING TIMES. After some discussion, IT WAS MOVED ".... That meeting times be altered, so that in future meeting start at 7.30 P.M. Moved F.Melbourne, 2nd. P.Wedding MOTION CARRIED....

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday April 12th. so as to allow time before the commencement of the season.

COACHING. Clive Carr explained briefly how he intended to conduct this. After discussion, he was given a "FreeHand" in terms of reference and such sessions would occur at the conclusion of the formal business at each meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 P.M.

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CARR'S COACHING CORNER THEN OCCURRED,

One point from this session. The Secretary would write to the S.A.L.A. re the availability of several copies of sets of the current S.A.L.A. By-Laws, and further spare copies of the Rule Book.

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NEXT MEETING....

WHERE. Memorial Pavilion, Goodwood Road.

WHEN. Wednesday April 12th.. 1972

AT. 7.30 P.M. SHARP!!!!

P. S. DON'T FORGET !!!!

THE \$ 1-CO Affiliation fee is NOW DUE !!!!  
COULD THIS BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE ....

12-4-72

*[Signature]*  
CONFIRMED

PRESENT.. Messrs. Hobbs, Roberts, McIntosh, Coggins, Tomlinson, Blagrove, Moolenaar, Greenhalgh, and Avery..

APOLOGIES.. Messrs. Hamilton, Melbourne, Andersen, and Carr.

It was moved that the MINUTES of the previous meeting be taken as read and, and be confirmed..... MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.....

SEASON 1972.. Keith Nesbitt has indicated that he won't be refereeing this Season as he will be coaching Juniors for the North Adelaide Club....

CORRESPONDENCE..

OUT.. S.A.L.A. re Removal of By-Law.

S.A.L.A. re "A" Bye Team and Book of their Rules and By-Laws, and extra Rule Books.

BY-LAW..

The Chairman Mr. Hobbs has had contact verbally with the S.A.L.A. who have stated that the By-Law has been withdrawn for this year, only because a suitable method of policing it has not yet been formed. It is recognised that the By-Law did result in increased numbers last season, but there has been a breakdown in communications without inviting A.L.R.A.'s comments.

It was still felt that the situation didn't alter the need to improve ourselves, and what should A.L.R.A.'s view be in this matter. In relation to the Bye teams the situation should be further watched during the season, but we should endeavour to seek the restoration of the By-Law in the future.

"BYE" TEAMS..

It was felt that under the above circumstances, we should act on these "Bye" teams. We should allow for 6 "A" Grade players to fill "D" Grade matches and/or "C" Grade Matches -- 6 "B" Grade Players to fill "A" Grade matches and "C" Grade where necessary.

IT WAS MOVED -- That the Secretary notify the S.A.L.A. THAT A.L.R.A. have decided to use 6 each from the "A" & "B" Grade Bye Teams each week to cover matches from "A" to "D" Grade.. MOTION CARRIED.

A.L.R.A. will also need to notify the Clubs on this matter. A form is to be prepared by the Secretary for this purpose, to also include a short note for the need of decent and correct attire, to include white shirt and white shorts, a good whistle and Red Cloth tag. MOTION CARRIED.

BY-LAW BOOKS..

Copies of this publication are not available from the S.A.L.A. IT WAS MOVED "---- That the parts relevant to A.L.R.A. and refereeing be extracted and copied for the Referees and A.L.R.A.'s benefit. MOTION CARRIED To be worked on by the Secretary and Coach C.Carr.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL..

The Junior Committee Chairman has contacted the Secretary in order to notify A.L.R.A. of the Carnival to be held on Monday June 12th, 1972, and would we do our usual job. The matter would be raised at a future meeting for organisation.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS..

This series is to be held in Adelaide on Tuesday and Thursday August 29th, and 31st, and Saturday Sept. 2nd. This matter will be dealt with as and when necessary, upon

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Cont.)

OFFICIAL request etc. from the National Executive of A.L.R.A.

\$ 1-00 AFFILIATION FEE..

This is with the National Executive of A.L.R.A. It is due in January, but the matter perhaps should be cleared up as soon as possible.

TRIAL MATCHES.

- MARCH 26th. Woodville vs Burnside F. COGGINS.
- April 3th. N. Adelaide vs. University R. ANDERSEN.
- April 15th. Woodville vs Glenelg "A" C. BLAGROVE  
K. AVERY }
- Woodville vs Glenelg "C" J. MOOLENAAR  
B. GREENHALGH. }
- W. Torrens vs. Sturt "A" D. McIntosh  
J. BUXTON. }
- Brighton "A" vs. "B" J. ROBERTS.

Frank Coggins reproted a Trial Match at which he was officiating where he had trouble with a Woodville player, and he is now loathe to referee such matches. It is felt the need is still there to watch any bad play, as it could still cause ill-feeling with all concerned. IT WAS MOVED "..... That ALL pre-season End of Season Matches, when controlled by a member of A.L.R.A. (S.A. Branch), be deemed to be OFFICIAL MATCHES.... MOTION CARRIED..

NEXT MEETING.... The next Meeting will be Held

24th.  
WHEN ----- Wednesday May 24th. 1972  
WHERE ----- Memorial Pavilion, Goodwood Road.  
AT ----- 7.30 P.M. SHARP !!!!!

The meeting was closed at 9.15 P.M.

E. & O. E.

CONFIRMED.

*[Signature]*  
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(CHAIRMAN)

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MINUTES OF MEETING. ---- Held at Memorial Pavilion, Wednesday May 24th. 1972

PRESENT.. Messrs. Hobbs, McIntosh, Roberts, Hamilton, Cathie, Wedding, Avery, Carr, Buxton, Moolenaar, Greenhalgh, G.Lines, Coggins, and P. Roesler..

APOLOGIES.. C. Blagrove.. H.R.F ANDERSEN

It was moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read and confirmed.. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES....

CORRESPONDENCE.. IN -- S.A.L.A. Re Referee By-Law & Various matters.

BY - LAW .. The matter regarding the By-Law its implications, removal etc. was fully discussed. Following this general discussion, the following motion was put forward :--

" ---- A.L.R.A. (S.A. Branch) requests that the S.A.L.A. urgently convenes the Sub-Committee, consisting of members of THE S.A.L.A. & A.L.R.A. (S.A. Branch); To explore methods of recruiting referees...." MOTION CARRIED....

It was also moved.. "---- That 3 members be appointed to represent this Association on any such Sub-Committee..." MOTION CARRIED....

Those so elected were, the Coach- C.Carr, The Secretary- J.Buxton, and P.Coggins.

"BYE" TEAMS.. This Paragraph of the S.A.L.A. letter was <sup>ALSO</sup> discussed, and it was felt that any moves on this matter would become an integral part of any discussions of the proposed Sub-Committee.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL & STATE TRIAL.. (June 12th.)

It was moved ".... That referees for the Senior State Trial be appointed by the A.L.R.A. Selection Committee.MOTION CARRIED.

M. Hamilton was nominated as Convener of referees for the Junior Carnival. Those present to officiate are Messrs. Hamilton, Coggins, Greenhalgh, Wedding, Roberts and Roesler.

OTHER BUSINESS....

W. A. VISIT.... The Coach C.Carr gave a short talk on his recent visit, mentioning the following subjects;--

- Hockey Referee/Player Qualifications....
- Referees Exams....
- Reports of Referees.
- Finances...

REFEREE ASSESSMENT SHEETS....

This matter was again discussed, both for and against. Following this discussion it was moved ".... That this system be instituted on a Voluntary basis/ Forms would be handled by the referees and handed each week to the teams, as desired by that referee, & consequently be forwarded on these occasions to the Referees Coach...." MOTION CARRIED.

The coach, C.Carr undertook to duplicate and institute the forms....

TRAVEL FUND... It was moved ".... That this fund be continued for the Season of 1972." MOTION CARRIED....  
It was suggested that this Sub-Committee should try and meet, if possible before the next meeting.

INTERSTATE TRIAL MATCHES..

It has been requested that A.L.R.A. supply 2 Referees for each of 2 trials, both at 10.00 a.m., at West Park. May 28th. --- Messrs. Roberts and Wedding. June 4th. --- Messrs. Greenhalgh and McIntosh.

REFEREE APPOINTMENTS..

The Secretary pointed the difficulty which he felt was evident in the present set-up, as moved at the last A.G.M. using the same panel for all matches. It was an impractical task being able to keep contact all the time with the other selectors. Following these comments the following was moved.

".... That selections/Appointments for Minor Round Matches be carried out by the Secretary and Coach, with the Selection Panel acting as advisors...." MOTION CARRIED....

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N E X T M E E T I N G . . . .

WHEN... Wednesday June 21st. 1972.  
WHERE... Memorial Pavilion, Goddwood Road.  
AT... 7.30 P.M. SHARP !!!!!

The meeting was then closed at 9.55 P.M.

CARR'S COACHING CORNER, THEN OCCURED.....

\*\*\*\* "D" GRADE MATCHES.... It is noted that these matches are now 4 Quarters of 20 minutes each. Secretary to note this on future appointments.

SUNDAY MATCH....

The Match University vs. East Torrens set down for June 17th. to be played at Payneham, will now be played on Sunday June 18th. at the same venue/.....

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CONFIRMED..

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actg CHAIRMAN) 21/4/72

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MINUTES OF MEETING. -- Held at Memorial Pavilion, Wednesday June 21st. 1972  
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PRESENT.. Messrs. Carr, Melbourne, Buxton, Avery, Roberts, Hamilton, Moolenaar, Greenhalgh, Wedding, Coggins, Andersen, & Roesler..

APOLOGIES.. Messrs. Hobbs & Elagrove..

In the absence of the Chairman. Mr. W. Hobbs, It was moved by M. Hamilton, 2nd. by J. Roberts that the VicePresident, Mr. C. Carr be acting Chairman for this meeting..... MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Carr then assumed the Chair.

It was moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read and Confirmed.... MOTION CARRIED....

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES....

CORRESPONDENCE.. IN -- S.A.L.A. (Junior Committee) re Junior Championships & availability of Referees. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED....

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES..

Following the above letter the members present signified their availability for the series/ Wedding, Andersen, Greenhalgh (Full Time.) Moolenaar, (Tuesday & Saturday) McIntosh, (Late Games Tuesday & Thursday) Avery, (Thursday & Saturday) Buxton (Tuesday & Thursday) Coggins, (Tuesday or Thursday & Saturday)

The S.A.L.A Junior Committee will be notified in due course..

BY\*LAW..

In relation to the Sub-Committee as suggested by the S.A.L.A. Management Committee, the Secretary notified the meeting that he had discussions on the Telephone with Roger McDonald, and it was decided that we would set some dates to suite us, and then notify the S.A.L.A. on the matter....

TRAVEL FUND..

No further information as yet..

REFEREE ASSESSMENT SHEETS..

These sheets are now in use and further supplies are available. But it is still taking a little time for them to be fully instituted and to be accepted, with clubs etc. being used to them being involved in the matter. The Coach C. Carr undertook to circularise the Clubs as to an explanation of the form and its use and intentions.

OTHER BUSINESS..OFF--SIDE..

The position of an Off-Side Umpire and his related efficiency was discussed at length, and it was felt that the idea of this umpire being in the Penalty Area, Above and behind the Timekeeper was excellent entirely.. It was agreed that a facility, properly constructed etc., to enable the Off-Side Umpire to operate above and behind the Timekeeper SHOULD be procured.

PLASTIC STICKS..

At Centre Draw such a stick has a distinct advantage over the conventional Stick. Such fairness was discussed at length, and what means could we within the laws of Lacrosse, institute to see that such draws were fair to both sides. After discussion it was decided that we would physically rest the ball on the Ground (not between sticks 1" apart) with the sticks the permitted 2" apart.

It was moved that we should draw this matter to the attention of A.L.R.A. (Nat. Exec.) for interpretation, and official ruling so that the matter can be properly clarified. MOTION CARRIED....

Also it was decided that we should notify the S.A.L.A. what our interim interpretation will be. C. Carr undertook to write this letter to the S.A.L.A.

RESULT CARDS..

It has been noted that in some instances, the Results Cards are not being properly filled out by Referees. It is also noted that BOTH Cards should be filled out. Also comment was made regarding late starts, and whether or not this was being noted on the cards, including any reasons for same.

STATE TRIALS -- SENIOR..

These matches are to be held at West Park on Sundays July 2nd. & 16th. at 10.00 a.m. ---- July 2nd. Messrs. Buxton and Avery  
July 16th. Messrs. Greenhalgh and McIntosh.

STATE TRIALS -- JUNIORS..

These matches are being held at the Association Grounds on Sunday Mornings and assistance from Referees has been requested....

FORFEITS..

This matter was discussed and after deliberation it was decided that in future any Referee, once a Forfeit has been notified, Don't do "Scratch Matches", but check programme book, and then go to the nearest Ground-- Whatever the Grade, and participate in a 2 Referee situation.... The S.A.L.A. have been notified on this matter.

A.L.R.A. / Club Coaches MEETING..

C.Carr mentioned this matter to the meeting following the suggestion from a Club Coach. It was decided that this matter should be pursued. It was moved that this should be handled by C.Carr (Coach) ONLY on behalf of A.L.R.A., to discuss rules and interpretations, with an independent Chairman (Mr. Hobbs) Moved by R. Andersen & 2nd. by B. Greenhalgh.  
MOTION CARRIED.....

N E X T M E E T I N G !!!!

W H E N .... Wednesday July 19th. 1972  
W H E R E .... Memorial Pavilion, Goddwood Road...  
A T ..... 7.30 P.M. S H A R P !!!!!!!!!

The meeting was closed at 8.30 P.M.

CARR'S COACHING CORNER THEN OCCURRED,....

CONFIRMED....

*[Signature]*  
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(CHAIRMAN.)

E. & O. E.

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION (S.A. BRANCH)

Minutes of meeting held at SALA Memorial Pavilion on 19th July 1972 at 7.40 p.m.

Present:- Messrs. Hobbs (Chairman), Melbourne, Carr, Avery, McIntosh, Hamilton, Greenhalgh, Tomlinson and Coggins.

Apologies:- Messrs. Buxton, Blagrove, Wedding & Moolenaar.

Minutes:- It was resolved that the minutes of meeting held 21st June 1972 be signed as a true and correct record.

Business Arising:-

1. Referees Assessment Sheets:- These are not yet satisfactory but an article by the Referees Coach in "Crosse News" may assist.
2. Both ALRA (National) and SALA have been informed of necessity of ruling on the use of plastic sticks, but no reply has been received from either body.
3. It was possible that the proposed meeting with Club Coaches would be arranged following the Championships.

Correspondence:-

1. Letter from A.U.L.C. seeking referees for Inter Varsity Championships on 15th, 16th, 17th August. Mr McIntosh indicated his availability.
2. Copy of letter written by SALA to both Woodville and West Torrens Clubs.
3. Letter from ALRA (National) requesting S.A. Branch to allocate and organise referees for Junior Championships.  
RESOLVED - That the selection committee of the SA Branch (Hobbs, Cathie and Drew) be requested to select referees for Championships.
4. Letter from ALRA (National) re A.G.M.

RESOLVED - That in respect to rules of Lacrosse it is considered that it is not the province of ALRA to sponsor any changes in the rules, and that the National Executive be advised accordingly.

RESOLVED - That consideration of any matters that may be raised of functional operations of ALRA be left in the hands of our delegate.

RESOLVED - That Mr. J. Buxton be the Delegate to represent this Branch.

RESOLVED - That this Branch endorses the principal of using two referees for Senior Matches, and in doing so recognises that it is still desirable for at least one referee to be appointed to all senior matches. Further that Branch is in accord with the method of operation as is currently used by the W.A. Branch.

Senior

Championships:- It was reported that Mr Buxton was the only referee available for duties in Perth, and had been duly accredited.

Meeting withSALA:-

A report was submitted on the meeting with members of the Management Committee, when the By-Law concerning recruitment of referees had been re-written. This basically provides for a financial reward to Clubs who satisfactorily fulfill their commitments.

RESOLVED - That the proposed By-Law re recruitment be endorsed.

Next Meeting:- Wednesday 16th August at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.50 p.m.

Confirmed.

*[Signature]*  
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Chairman

16-8-72.

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION --- S.A. BRANCH.

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MINUTES OF MEETING. --- Held at Memorial Pavilion, Wednesday August 16th. 1972  
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PRESENT. Messrs. Hobbs, Roberts, Avery, Greenhalgh, Blagrove,  
Buxton, Andersen, Coggins, and Melbourne.

APOLOGIES. Messrs. Carr, McIntosh, Wedding, Hamilton, and Moolenaar.

It was moved that the MINUTES of the previous meeting be taken as read,  
and be confirmed.... MOTION CARRIED.

THERE WAS NO BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.

OTHER BUSINESS....

JUNIOR CARNIVAL.. The appointment of referees for this Carnival not yet  
to hand, but the Secretary will be notified in time, for notification to  
both the referees concerned, and the A.L.C. for ratification.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.. Reports were given by Messrs. Hobbs and Buxton, who  
were present in Perth during this series. It was moved that these persons  
be thanked for their attendance and efforts. MOTION CARRIED.

MAJOR ROUND MATCHES.. It was asked that anyone not available to notify  
the Secretary immediately. Also it was thought advisable to check matters  
concerning official equipment with the S.A.L.A., especially an off-side  
chair and hooter.

RULES DISCUSSION.. Goal Keeper drawing ball back into Crease Area --  
This is allowable providing he is still in the area, but his stick outside  
the area is subject to checking. / Centre draw may be accomplished in any  
way, except for leaning stick onto the Ball (With-holding from play)  
Slow whistle -- Both referees should call this, even the referee watching  
back play It was RESOLVED to institute this matter, and when such a situation  
occurs, once play has been stopped the referee in Control takes charge of  
the situation. / Players running off before any penalty is signaled. This is  
an undesirable practice, and ought to be stopped, because sometimes a penalty  
might not be given. It was felt that in the future this will be played by  
"Ear", and to take each situation as it arises.  
Rule 8-97 It was moved that a discussion again be held at the next meeting  
to further talk about this rule. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING.. The next meeting will be the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,  
and will be held at the Memorial Pavilion on Wednesday  
September 27th. at 7.30 P.M. Do please endeavour to attend.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 P.M.

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*Robert*  
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(CHAIRMAN.)

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION (S.A. BRANCH).

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT MEMORIAL PAVILION - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH 1972

AT ~~8.00~~<sup>7.30</sup> P.M.

PRESENT MESSRS. W. HOBBS, J. BUXTON, C. CARR, T. TOMLINSON  
K. AVERY, M. HAMILTON, G. LINES, B. GREENHALGH  
J. MOOLENAAR, P. REID (W.A.) - P. ROESLER

APOLOGIES MESSRS. R. ANDERSEN, F. COGGINS, P. WEDDING  
P. DREW

MOVED THAT APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED - MOTION CARRIED

WELCOME THE CHAIRMAN AN HOBBS WELCOMED PETER REID  
TO THE MEETING. PETER, FROM W.A. + CHAIRMAN OF THE  
W.A. BRANCH OF A.L.R.A. WAS ON A VISIT TO BELARDE.  
IN REPLY PETER THANKED US FOR BEING INVITED AND HOPED  
HE WOULD GAIN, BY BEING PRESENT, FROM US & US FROM HIM.

THE SECRETARY THEN READ THE MINUTES OF THE  
PREVIOUS A.G.M. HELD 15 SEPT. 1971.

IT WAS MOVED THAT THESE MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS READ  
AND BE CONFIRMED - MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE THEN  
READ, AND SUBMITTED TO THE A.G.M.  
BY THE SECRETARY, CHAIRMAN, AND  
COACH RE

7th August, 1972

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON REFEREE AFFAIRS AT THE PERTH CARNIVAL  
1972.

- 1) Referees officiating - Western Australia 3  
South Australia 1  
Victoria 1
- 2) I am satisfied that Western Australian Referees are strict in their control of anything pertaining to stick swinging or body checking.
- 3) Because the fouls awarded in the first match between Victoria and South Australia were of the order of 30 against Victoria and 10 against South Australia I commented to the Victorian Referee at our Referees Meeting that it appeared that Victoria allowed far more latitude in this regard. Nevertheless in his refereeing he was just as strict as the other referees. His comment was that Victoria were strictly in line with the other two states and that in the match in question <sup>the</sup> Victorian Players got off line and allowed themselves to be carried away with their fouling.
- 4) I asked the West Australian Referees did they up-grade penalties in accordance with the Rule Book. They were adamant that they did and it was evident in their refereeing that they did. They started off with one minute penalties and as a general procedure, up-graded penalties in the second quarter if necessary.
- 5) I noted Western Australia were very strict in penalising body checking after disposal and gave three minute penalties for this offence. The cases I observed were no different to the cases some of our Referees regard as questionable but the Western Australian Referees stated that they were determined to stamp out this dangerous practice.
- 6) The Western Australian Referees appear to follow the practice of calling the playon and the fouls and it would seem to be successful.
- 7) In order to achieve the flow on game they did not seem to practice retaining the offending player on the field until after playon has been called.
- 8) A great deal of barracking took place from the Victorian Team during the first match as result of the calling of the fouls. Referees carried on notwithstanding and continued their rigid standard.
- 9) It is fair comment and possibly as a result of the above, all matches were first class exhibitions of the flow on game with very little stick swinging (except for the Victorians on the first day) and to my knowledge there were no injuries whatever over the whole of the Carnival.
- 10) It would appear that the Victorians learned their lesson on the first day because when they re-appeared in later matches they were a different team.
- 11) After seeing this Carnival hinge on the successful control maintained by the Referees I am more than ever convinced that the final education of our players and their own protection is principally in the hands of the Referees. Whilst it is a heavy responsibility this Carnival has shown that it is capable of achievement.

*Don Hobbs*

27th September, 1972

REPORT TO THE S.A. LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION ON SEASON 1972.

- 1) The season opened with the number of referees being slightly in-adequate. With the withdrawal of some teams during the year the referees on most weeks were adequate to requirements.
- 2) The Association did not assist the referees association in recruitment by their refusal to impose <sup>on</sup> all clubs an obligation to provide a proportionate referee pool, according to teams entered.
- 3) The Association ruled that two referees were not required for matches.
- 4) In the broad sense matches were played more amicably than they were in 1971. However, some players in some clubs still persisted with deliberate fouling and deliberate infringements. The continuance of this offence is a disgrace both to the game and those connected with it and absolutely unfair to the broad body of players who attempt to play within the rules.
- 5) A Lacrosse Carnival was held in Perth in July and was an outstanding success and an object lesson to players playing the game and referees control. South Australia was represented by Mr. Buxton who upheld our standards well.
- 6) The Junior Carnival held in Adelaide was also an example of what our game can be, properly controlled and players attempting to play within the rules. Another great success.
- 7) The two matches one wishes to erase from memory is the semi-final between Brighton and East Torrens and the grand-final between Brighton and East Torrens. Of all the finals matches, the former merely rough the latter a disgrace to the players and degradation to all spectators and over-all a disgrace to the game. It is my view that it was brought about by 4 players in one club not being taught by an adequate deterrent during the year to play the game without deliberate fouling. The other team retaliated by similar deliberate misconduct.
- 8) The boil over. In my opinion as I have been saying all the year and last year we have a deterrent but we are not using it. Again in my opinion the deterrent is in clause 9.53 and we are not using it. As one who sees lacrosse matches every week I have first hand knowledge of those players who deliberately misconduct themselves and in fairness to the game we must use our deterrent firmly on them. Finally, since my election two years ago to this office I have raised the question of the determined use of the deterrent and the forceful upgrading of penalties frequently. Together with dissipation of information between referees as to habitual offenders, I am satisfied I am right although I have been told on so many occasions I am wrong.

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- 9) I am satisfied I am right because if we did use our deterrent forcefully during the year we would not have had the disgraceful exhibition we saw on Saturday.
- 10) From the observations of the referee selectors we are satisfied that the gap between the senior referees and the newer referees has noticeably narrowed. In particular it would appear that many of the newer referees are now ready for top class matches.
- 11) A further observation is that the new rules provide an area of contention as to the referees opinion. This is not a bad thing and also tends to hold the spectators interest. Whilst personal criticism from the boundary can of course become objectionable it is desirable for the referee to learn to live with differences of opinion and to carry out his referees duties firmly without being antagonized by spectators comments.

I do not aspire to this office but if you nominate me I will accept appointment. However, my approach will be that the coaches will be called together before the season commences and told that the deterrent, including reporting will be used on all deliberate acts coming within the expulsion or unsportsman like conduct clauses. I will have no hesitation in informing referees of the names of players whom I consider deliberately and continually foul.



ACCEPTED

MOVED BY CARR &amp; J. BUXTON

CARRIED

S. A. BRANCH..

ANNUAL REPORT --- 1972

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Mr. Chairman, and fellow members of A.L.R.A.,

As I present this, my report for 1972, I find it hard to isolate any one incident or achievement which we as an Association have accomplished this season.

The season of course began under a "cloud", owing to the removal of the BY-Law regarding the recruitment of referees. This was of some concern to us prior to the commencement of the season, but to the credit of our members, I feel we covered our seasonal commitments very well indeed.

MEMBERSHIP..

It was unfortunate that we lost the services of Keith Nesbitt, due to Club commitments, but we wish him well, and look forward to him rejoining our ranks in the near future. Of course on the credit side, we also give a warm welcome to our ranks to Jim Roberts. It is hoped that his first season with us has been a satisfying one, and we wish him many more seasons of happy refereeing.

Our strength in practicing referees was 13. This enabled us to cover all Senior Grade Matches each Saturday or Sunday, except for one occasion when we had to call on the "A" Eye Team to assist us. As I have said, this is of great credit to our members that such coverage was possible and because of this it meant that the game of Lacrosse in S.A. received an improved standard of refereeing during 1972. The practicing Referees were Messrs. Andersen, Carr, Buxton, Coggins, Moolenaar, Avery, Elagrove, Greenhalgh, Hamilton, McIntosh, Tomlinson, Wedding, and Roberts. We were also served well by several lay members. These gentlemen were Messrs. Cathie, Hobbs, Melbourne, Drew, and Lines. But let us remember, with more practicing Referees as members, we could use two per Match and therefore give an even better coverage, A Good Idea ??

GRADINGS..

The grading of referees as a whole is something still to be acted upon, as we are still waiting for details of training aids, and examinations and procedures -- which would include all levels of "officialdom", referees, time-keepers, goal and off-side umpires. Details of these examinations etc are in the hands of Mr. P. Reid of the W.A Branch and will be available in due course. Likewise badge insignias, official uniforms etc. are in the hands of the current National executive in Victoria. At present Messrs. Andersen, Carr, and Buxton are now accredited with International Status.

MEETINGS..

Since the last A.G.M. we have had 6 General meetings and the attendance at these meetings has been above average, which is an indication of the loyalty of members to A.L.R.A. and their willingness to achieve the utmost from their refereeing. There were Special Meetings in conjunction with the S.A.L.A. Management Committee regarding referee recruitment at which A.L.R.A. was represented by The Secretary J. Buxton, The Coach C. Carr, and Mr. F. Coggins. ----- and regarding Playing Rules at which A.L.R.A. was represented by the Chairman Don Hobbs and Secretary J. Buxton..

REPORTS..

The only one concerning individual players was during a pre-season Trial Match. But as at that time, these matches were not deemed to be "Official", therefore it was impossible to achieve any satisfactory action from the Complaints Committee. The only other Report concerned 2 "A" Grade teams where their conduct was something rather undesirable and not in keeping with good sportsmanship; not for the good of Lacrosse. It is noted of course that Pre Season Trial Matches are now deemed as "Official" and therefore any reportable incident in the future, can be officially dealt with by the Complaints Committee.



CHAMPIONSHIPS..

This year the Senior Series was held in Perth, and I had the honour of representing this Branch at that Series. I felt that it was one of the best organised events that I have ever been involved in. It was well run and many thanks are due to W.A. for their efforts. S.A. did well, but W.A. were THE team of the series. The standard of refereeing was good, and was of invaluable experience to those referees participating. I, and our Chairman, and Coach are quite convinced that our standard in S.A. compares very well not only with W.A. and Victoria, but with the standard that one would expect from such a Championship Series. The Month of August saw the Junior Series conducted here in Adelaide and thanks is due to our members who officiated in that Series. Those members were Messrs. Carr, Coggins, Andersen, Greenhalgh, and Avery, and Hamilton and Blagrove.

FINANCES..

Last season the S.A.L.A. saw fit to raise our fees to \$3-00 per Match Day. This seems to be a satisfactory level of rebate and seems to have been accepted and appreciated. Concerning the Travel Fund, it is too early to tell yet its worth and general effect. But I do think it should be continued. In the long term after we have had the chance to see this fund properly established, I am sure its advantages will be appreciated, especially to assist referees attending future series interstate. It is most definitely a means of help to us to improve ourselves by assisting referees in this way, and I am personally sorry that membership of the Fund is not 100%. I will refer later in my report to the raising of finances. The Fund at present is \$ 77-00 (from the 1971 season) The amount from the 1972 season is \$ 62 --50 which will be credited to the account when received from the S.A.L.A. Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION / BY-LAWS..

We will hear tonight, shortly, the re-drafted form of our local Constitution and By-Laws of A.L.R.A. I urge each member to consider them carefully as they are read out. It is a most important document vital to our future, and it must be considered for its own value, and the strength it means to us and our efficiency as a self supporting Association, and for what it means to such future and our future service to Lacrosse. Please consider it for what it is worth and vote accordingly.

THE FUTURE..

This is something so very important to everyone of us, and as Lacrosse Referees, to our Association. I feel we have most definitely gained in stature and strength this past year, so it is most important that we continue along this path. We must therefore do everything possible as referees to further our aims and the game of Lacrosse. It is most unfortunate that certain players/Clubs don't seem to have a very good knowledge of the Rules, and accordingly don't seem to want to play a "Clean Game". But as referees it is our bounden Duty to stamp out this rough and unnecessary type of play, distasteful to us all -- of passages of conduct, on and off the field, considered unsportsmanlike, and not in keeping with the standard of a true Sportsman -- To keep our game of Lacrosse clean and a joy not only to referee, but also to play, and to watch as a spectator so that it becomes a good clean spectacle worthy of all that is good in Sport.

It is up to each and everyone of us to help ourselves for we are the only ones who can make us what we are, and what we can be. There is much we can do to improve ourselves. Therefore it would not hurt to try and accomplish something on the "Social Front", as well as on the training side of things. But all this costs money, beyond our present means and the means of the S.A.L.A., so I think we should investigate ways and means of raising finances to this end. So that we can become a little more independent, and further concentrate our efforts toward better refereeing, including various training Aids and facilities, as well as badges, official uniforms etc., etc.,

I was very impressed, from the visit to Perth, that they made use of lay members to officiate as the various field officials: And the way that these officials carried out their duties was as equally impressive. Where we are on the right path with refereeing, I feel to date, that this other side of

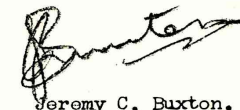
"Officialdom" has been sadly neglected. Therefore I think this is an area that needs investigation and research so that we can embark on a recruitment campaign, to encourage interested parties who, although they might not want to be referees, can become one of these various "Officials" -- To suggest they become one of our members of A.L.R.A. (S.A.Branch) (According to our Constitution and Rules). Then we can become a fully operative body, giving a greater degree of independence to the game with qualified officials.

On these points I think we can only do good, to improve our standing-- To improve the respect and relationships we have with the S.A.L.A., the Clubs, and the Players, and Lacrosse in general. Therefore I urge you all, that they be given urgent and due consideration and be acted upon accordingly.

Our improvement this year has been of worthy note, and I'm sure the year ahead will see an even greater degree of improvement in every aspect of our Association's operations. Yes it is on a sound footing indeed and now it only needs good, steady administration for it to remain on this high level, and it is inductive of our officers and members co-operation that has put us there. But I do honestly feel that no one member should be over burdened with administration, any more than he feels that he is capable of handling, as required by the position/s to which he has been elected ??

In closing this report, may I express my gratitude to all members for their assistance and co-operation throughout the past season. Of special Note, I would like to express my personal appreciation to our Chairman Don Hobbs, for his efforts as Chairman on our behalf and on behalf of Lacrosse as a whole, and to me personally. And also I wish to thank Clive Carr, our Coach, for his help and guidance, not only to me personally, but to our members generally. His help with coaching and the various weekly appointments has been invaluable, and the experience gained has been quite worthwhile to me. I look forward to working again next season with these gentlemen as I do with you all.

As I have just said, I look forward very much indeed to working again next season with a really terrific Bunch of people, and would like to take this opportunity to wish them well and happy refereeing for 1973, and the game of Lacrosse. I thank you One and ALL !!!!!

  
Jeremy C. Buxton.

E.&amp;O.E.

Honorary Secretary.

A.G.M. --Wednesday September 27th. 1972

ACCEPTED

MOVED BY B. GREENHALGH - 2ND. M. HAMILTON

CARRIED

The Honorary Secretary,  
A. L. R. A. (S. A. Branch)

Dear Sir,

Coaches Report 1972 Season

This report is submitted with somewhat mixed feelings, as at times I wonder what has been achieved in the field of coaching, when the reception and attitude of many of our players is taken into account.

One of my main policies for the season past, was to bring players and referees together so that the game of Lacrosse could be made more enjoyable for all concerned - players, officials and spectators. I felt that this policy had succeeded fairly well, but witnessing some recent matches, particularly between top ranking senior teams, I wonder if the feeling was correct. It would seem that there are some players in our game who have a blatant disregard for their fellow man, and are intent on forgetting even the basic elements of true sportsmanship. However, I will not dwell on this subject.

Coaching activities were curtailed a little early in the season, when I was absent for three weeks in Western Australia. But I did meet with our counterparts over there and was afforded the privilege of refereeing two of their Senior matches along with two leading W. A. Referees. I learnt from these fellows, and brought back some ideas which were later implemented.

Then, I visited two matches on each Saturday mainly looking for faults of technique in our members - it is very difficult to criticise actual decisions from the sidelines. These were discussed in brief with those concerned. Later, I joined with referees in a two referee set up, and found this most valuable. Of course, we had discussions around the table at each of our meetings, when views and interpretations were exchanged.

I must congratulate all of our panel on their consistency of attendance - to the best of my knowledge a "Bye" team was only called on on one Saturday to provide referees for open age matches. This is dedication, and on this point I must mention John Moolenaar, who during the petrol shortage was prepared to travel by two buses each way between his home at O'Sullivan's Beach and his appointment at Miller Reserve. Thanks, John.

No matter what we do in life we can always keep learning, and this is particularly applicable to refereeing Lacrosse. If we can remain objective in our approach we may one day achieve the goal that we seek.

But, if I may close on a serious note - surely the time is right for the Administrators of our game to make up their minds on what type of game is required. Bear in mind that the Administrators represent the players. Not long ago we were accused of being too technical, and too harsh. When the reins were relaxed even only a little, now referees are too lenient and anything is allowed to happen. I cannot agree with this latter contention, but the attitude is there.

Referees do not make the rules - they merely act as policemen - and in acting as policemen they are only doing their best to implement the rules in an impartial manner as possible, bearing in mind at all times the good of the game.

Yours sincerely,



ACCEPTED.

Moved By J. Buxton - 2nd R. AVERY

CARRIED

TRAVEL FUND

As a member of the sub-committee handling this fund, Malcolm Hamilton said that as there was no compulsion to be in the fund, we could not budget on a fixed income. - That when there was a claim, we could only work on each case as it arose.

It was moved that \$50.00 be made available to J. Buxton to cover expenses towards Perth trip. Moved by Hamilton 2nd. J. Moolenaar MOTION CARRIED  
It was thought that the account should be transferred to a Building Society where stagnant fees could accrue greater interest.  
It was moved that, in due course, the Travel Fund be now invested with the Hindmarsh Building Society. MOTION CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

A redraft of these By-Laws was read to the meeting and then discussed. The following AMENDMENTS were then discussed and instituted.

(5)-(2) From 1 - with a maximum of 5 at any one time. DELETED - MOTION CARRIED

(8)-(4) + (10)-(3) Add the words 'FINANCIAL' MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved that the By-Laws, as submitted to the A.G.M., with amendments, be adopted in place of Constitution Document (A.L.R.A.) (dated 30.3.67). MOTION CARRIED

Association S. A. Branch

1972

(1) Name

The Branch shall be called the Australian Lacrosse Referees' Association, South Australian Branch, hereinafter called the "Branch".

(2) Object

The objects of the Branch shall be:-

(1) The provision of Referees as required for all Trial, Interclub, Premiership, Interstate, Championship and International lacrosse matches as arranged by the South Australian Lacrosse Association and/or the Australian Lacrosse Council.

(11) To establish and maintain standards of refereeing the game of lacrosse in accordance with the rules as laid down by the Australian Lacrosse Council from time to time.

(3) Membership

The Branch shall consist of members who do not actively participate in a playing capacity with any Club registered with the S.A.L.A. and who are desirous of being referees, and/or field officials. Such membership may be obtained on a simple majority vote of registered members of the Branch at the time of application.

(4) Officers

The officers of the Branch shall consist of:-

- (1) Patron
- (11) Life Members (See para 5)
- (111) President
- (1V) Vice - Presidents (See para 6)
- (V) Honorary Secretary - Treasurer

These Officers, with the exception of Life Members, shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch, and shall hold office for the ensuing twelve months or until new officers are elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

Should any office fall vacant during the year, a successor may be elected by a meeting of the Branch.

(5) Life Membership

(1) Life Membership shall be strictly confined to members who have rendered sterling service to the Branch over a minimum period of ten (10) years.

(11) Not more than one Life Member may be appointed in any one year, ~~with a maximum of five (5) at any one time.~~

(111) Nominations for Life Membership shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary of the Branch at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(1V) After consideration by the President and Secretary, the nomination if approved, will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for acceptance by at least two thirds of the members present.