

Minutes of meeting -- Held Wednesday March 20th. 1974

PRESENT Messrs. Hobbs, Wedding, McIntosh, Melbourne, Marsden, Tomlinson, Greenhalgh, Buxton, Roesler, Coggins....

APPOINTEE Messrs. Andersen, Hamilton, Avery, Carr, & Moolenaar.

The MINUTES from the previous meeting, held August 15th. 1973, were taken as read, and confirmed. MOTION CARRIED.

The MINUTES of the 1973 Annual General Meeting were read for Information

CORRESPONDENCE.... I N ---- Selection Panel Re World Series/ Selections for Referee....

---- S.A.L.A. re Season 1974

REFEREES COACH.... After a short discussion, it was moved that " a letter of appreciation for services rendered be sent to Mr. Clive Carr for his valued work as Referees Coach." MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTION :- A brief discussion ensued on a replacement for Mr. Carr. Mr. Frank Coggins was elected unopposed.

WORLD SERIES.... Mr. Hobbs gave a short talk on the operations so far re preparations for this Series. It will commence on June 30th. and finish on July 7th. 1974. It will be interspersed with a National Senior & Junior Series, which will finish on July 8th.

RULES.... Full information regarding rules for 1974 were not available at this point of time, and would not be notified until after the A.G.M. of the Australian Lacrosse Council....

TRAVEL FUND.... The Secretary raised the point of fresh authorities for deduction of monies from referees fees, for those participating in the scheme. Following further discussion it was suggested that a notice of motion be put forward for the next meeting that "only referees who are enrolled in the Travel Fund be allowed to participate in any distribution of its proceeds."

MEMBERSHIP.... It was mentioned that we had not had any new Referees for sometime, and that we should endeavour to increase our membership to a reasonable level. It was moved that "...The Secretary write to all Clubs re Old/Retired members with the view of inviting them to join A.L.R.A.(S.A.Branch) to become practicing Referees."

MOTION CARRIED....

Names and Addresses of Club Secretaries to be obtained from the Secretary of the S.A. Lacrosse Association....

TRIAL MATCHES.... It was noted that Referee participation in these matches, should be notified by Clubs/Referees to the Secretary of A.L.R.A. (S.A. Branch)....

RULES & 1974.... The Coach suggested that most important were to dress properly, possess a Loud Whistle, and continually read & re-read the rules.

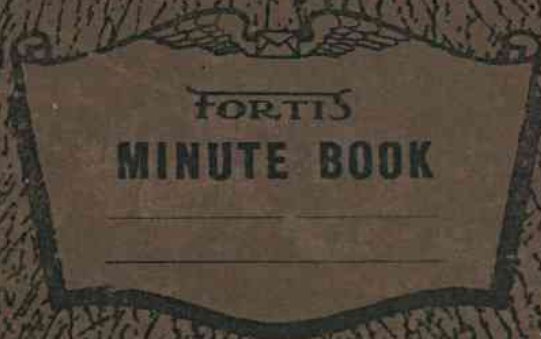
The Chairman commented that 1973 had been a good season, particularly through making good use of the Complaints Committee; That we should continue to do so with discretion and common sense.

General discussion ensued on the rules with particular emphasis on how to control the player with a reputation....

OTHER MATTERS.... Other matters for future discussion were a change in Referees Badge -- S.A. Branch taking over the National Executive of A. L. R. A.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m. (Confirmed.)

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

NOTICE TO ALL CLUB SECRETARIES !!!!

YOUR URGENT HELP IS REQUIRED TO ASSIST OUR ASSOCIATION IN MAINTAINING A REASONABLE SUPPLY OF PRACTICING REFEREES. ALTHOUGH WE ARE ENDEAVOURING, OURSELVES, TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS, THIS CAN SOMETIMES BE A DIFFICULT THING TO DO. WE FEEL THAT THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF OBLIGATION ON THE CLUBS TO ASSIST IN THIS MATTER FOR THE SAKE OF THE GAME, ESPECIALLY AS THE CURRENT BY-LAW INVITES CLUBS TO NOMINATE REFEREES/NEW MEMBERS TO OUR ASSOCIATION EACH SEASON. IF EACH CLUB WERE TO NOMINATE 2 PERSONS, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED PERSONEL ALL THE TIME, EVEN POSSIBLY DOWN TO "D" GRADE. AND PROVIDING EACH CLUB HAD 2 REPRESENTATIVES PER SEASON, THIS ASSOCIATION COULD ALWAYS BE SURE THAT PROPER TRAINING WOULD BE PROVIDED, AND THAT PROPER, EFFICIENT STAFFING OF ma MATCHES COULD BE MAINTAINED. WE URGENTLY NEED NEW MEMBERS NOW !!!! COULD YOU PLEASE HELP US IN THIS MATTER BY DRAWING THIS INVITATION TO THE NOTICE OF OLDER PLAYERS, PAST PLAYERS, OR AN ANY INTERESTED PERSON WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED AND CAPABLE TO TAKE ON ACTIVE REFEREEING. IT IS A GOOD, WHOLESOME AND INTERESTING ACTIVITY. CAN YOU HELP ???? FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR APPLICATION TO JOIN US, YOU MAY CONTACT OUR SECRETARY, MR. J. BUXTON ON 276-1058 (Home) or 223-4400 (work). Or you MAY CONTACT OUR PRESIDENT, Mr. Don HOBBS ON 56-8022 (Home) or 51-2437 (work)

WE EAGERLY AWAIT ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE US, AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING CONTACT FROM INTERESTED PERSONS, , MANY, MANY THANKS IN ANTICIPATION FOR YOUR VALUED HELP AND INTEREST, AND OF COURSE VERY BEST WISHES FOR SEASON 1974 !!!!

J.C. BUXTON

SECRETARY / TREASURER.....

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

Minutes of MEETING ---- Held Wednesday 17th, 1974

PRESENT.... Messrs. Hobbs, Hamilton, Coggins, Greenhalgh, Wedding, Buxton, McIntosh, Roesler, & Avery.

APOLOGIES.... Messrs. Andersen, Carr, & Tomlinson.

The MINUTES of the previous meeting were taken as read and confirmed.....

CORRESPONDENCE.... I N S.A.L.A. Re World Series, Copies of Rule Amendments & Match Programmes.
O U T A.L.R.A.(W.A.) Re Referee Badge & Nat. Exec.
C.CARR re Thanks for services rendered.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.....

WORLD SERIES.... Mr. Hobbs gave a further report on the planning of this event. It was noted that the 5 Australian Referees participating in this series were :- P.Reid (W.A.) P.Wedding & T.Tomlinson (S.A.) and D. Reymont & N.O'Brien (Vic.) Also there would be 2 English Referees attending. Committes fro Complaints, Referee Selection & best/Fairest had also been set up.

It was also noted that a LIST OF Field Officials for both the World Series and the National/Junior Series was required to be notified to the National Executive of A.L.R.A. by the end of May. Mr. Hobbs took a list of those available & willing for perusal by the Selection Panel, to report back to the next meeting. Queries were also raised regarding Accomodation and expenses, and these were to be looked into.

TRAVEL FUND.... After a brief discussion, it was moved that "....Only referees who are enrolled in the Travel Fund be allowed to participate in its direction, and distribution of its proceeds...." MOTION CARRIED.
Members held a brief meeting after this meeting to sort things out. The fund is being transferred to The Hindmarsh Building Society, and that each claim arising from the World / National/Junior Series would be dealt with in due course, and that each claim from that, and for the future could only be dealt with on merit, as each case arose.

MEMBERSHIP.... Fees are being collected, and these would be forwarded on to the National Executive as soon as possible. A brief discussion ensued in relation to new members. Neither the Secretary of President, had had any reply to the letter sent out to Clubs by the Secretary. It was noted that our current strength is only 11 Referees, and that more were urgently needed. It was hoped that this situation could be rectified shortly. The Secretary undertook to try and get a list printed of the current registered members of this Association.

OTHER BUSINESS....

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF A.L.R.A. It was noted that this Branch would be taking over this function as at a meeting to be held of all Branches during the World Series in July. The Secretary mentioned that it was necessary to commence thinking about this now, so that a list of those persons willing to go on the Executive could be forwarded in sufficient time to the current Executive. It was then moved that "..... this matter be discussed and finalised at the next meeting of this Association."... MOTION CARRIED.

REFEREES BADGE.... The Secretary again metnioned his fselings on the matter, and said that as yet he had not had a reply from W.A., that S.A. stocks were down to one. It was suggested that further duscussion on this also be left to the next meeting.

TROPHY VOTING & RELEGATION.... It was noted that Trophy voting would again only be in "A" Grade. It was noted that Relegation is now "IN", and that upon commencement voting would only be in "A.1". This meant that some current "A"

Grade teams would cease to receive such voting. The meeting felt that such a situation was grossly unfair, both with relegation and the effect it would have on voting. It was felt that voting would be then inefficient, therefore it should continue in all "A" Grades for the rest of the season. But it was noted that voting situations are not in A.L.R.A.'s precinct. It was then moved that ".....The Secretary write to the S.A.L.A. to clarify the voting situation, and receive advice as to what the S.A.L.A. would have A.L.R.A. do on this matter....."
MOTION CARRIED.

MEETINGS.... IT WAS NOTED THAT this meeting has clashed with a Management Committee meeting, and also a women's meeting. It is also noted that the Management Committee are meeting most Wednesday nights this year. After a short discussion, the meeting expressed a feeling that it would desire to continue meetings in the Pavilion on the 3rd. Wednesday of each month, preferably on our own. This feeling was immediately expressed to the Management Committee, who after a short discussion said that they would, as much as possible, avoid using the Pavilion on the 3rd Wednesday. To help in this regard, copies of minutes of the Management Committee would be forwarded to the Secretary for information.

COGGINS COACHING CLINIC..... Discussion ensued on the evidence of continual bad play by particular players, the habitual offender and the player with a reputation.. It was then moved that ".....A Sub-Committee be formed of 3 people, to recommend ways and means of combating Habitual Offenders...."
MOTION CARRIED. The Committee would consist of Messrs. Coggins, Hobbs, Roesler.

It was noted that a precedent was set last year when a player was suspended on the evidence of a Field Official, from a report made by the Referee on behalf of the Referee, using an S.A.L.A. Rule. But it was felt that such a Report/Complaint should be notified as soon as possible to the Officiating Referee.

REFEREE STRENGTH.... It was noted that we would only be able to run one Referee per match, so that in relation to the above, it would be almost impossible for the Referee to watch behind the scenes incidents. Therefore such use of this S.A.L.A. Rule is envisaged. It was also noted that by fine, there is no compulsion for Teams to provide an official Goal Umpire, only the whistle. It was moved that ".....All Clubs be asked to provide ALL Field Officials, particularly RESPONSIBLE Goal Umpires, to be able to watch behind the play infringements and be aware of his rights and obligations to report such infringements....."
MOTION CARRIED.....

NEXT MEETING.... The next meeting would be held on 15th. May 1974 at 7.30 P.M. SHARP!!!!

The meeting closed at 9.45 P.M.

E. & O. E.

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(Confirmed) President.

PRESENT.... Messrs. T.Tomlinson, M.Hamilton, P.Roesler, F.Coggins, D. Marsden, W. Hobbs, & P.Wedding.

APOLOGIES.... Messrs. B. Greenhalgh, & J. Buxton. *D. McCINTOSH*

The MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.....

CORRESPONDENCE....

I N

- A.L.R.A./Vic. Re New Secretary.
- A.L.R.A. (Nat. Exec.) re various matters relating to World Series and National Series....
- A. L. C. re various World Series matters.
- S.A.L.A. re Special meeting & Complaints.
- S.A.L.A. re reports & complaints / players' penalties.

O U T

- A.L.C. re various world series matters.
- A.L.R.A. (Vic.) re billets.
- A.L.R.A. (Nat. Exec.) re matters world series & National series.
- A.L.R.A. (Nat. Exec.) Take over of Nat. Exec. by S.A.
- A.L.R.A. (W.A.) Re Referee Badge.
- S.A.L.A. re Voting Cards / Meetings clash / Referee Strength.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES....

NATIONAL SERIES.... it is noted that Messrs. Coggins, Buxton & Hamilton have been appointed to represent this Branch at the National Senior Series. Concern was also expressed over the last paragraph from the Secretary of the National Executive. It was moved that ".....These Referees should be used as referees in the National Series."
MOTION CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP... Further discussion ensued on this point, and concern was expressed at the low strength on numbers of referees. It was felt that the main contributing factor to this was, the lack of concern and interest by the Clubs in general, and the lack of compulsion in the existing Referee By-Law. It was therefore moved that ".....This Association request the S.A.L.A. to re-introduce the compulsion of the previous By-Law of find alternate means or effective ways of increasing our Referee Strength."
MOTION CARRIED....

FIELD OFFICIALS... Discussion ensued on the lack of proper provision of all field officials for matches, especially in "A" Grade, and especially of suitable Goal Umpires. It was therefore moved that ".....The Secretary write to the S.A.L.A. expressing the concern of this Association, and that it is greatly disturbed by the failure of clubs to provide more Senior and responsible Goal Umpires for ALL Senior Matches; That we strongly recommend the following.....(A.) Each Club to provide 1 SENIOR Goal Umpire for each Senior Match it participates in, and that (B.) a BY-LAW to this effect be immediately instituted, to provide for a substantial fine for non-compliance of such a By-Law"
Motion Carried....
It was also noted that at times the clubs don't even provide the required TimeKeeper or Off-Side Official, and sometimes then, they aren't really suitable.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF A.L.R.A. Following a short discussion on this matter the following persons were elected by this Branch as the nominations to be the new National Executive when S.A. takes over this function in July. Those elected were Messrs. W.G. Hobbs (Chairman), J.C.Buxton (Secretary/Treasurer) and F.C. Coggins (Committeeman). The Secretary to notify the current National Executive of these nominations.....

MINUTES of meeting -- Held at Pavilion on Wednesday June 19th. 1974

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COMBINED MEETING.... The Coach, F.Coggins, made a brief report on a combined meeting, held between the Management Committee, and representatives of the various clubs, and to which our Association had been invited. Of particular interest, mention was made of the serious shortage in our referee strength.

JUNIOR LIGHTNING CARNIVAL..... The Junior Committee has requested that we supply official referees for the Carnival, to be held on the Monday holiday in June, being June 17th. The following indicated their willingness to attend, with F.Coggins being the convenor. Messrs. Coggins, Marsden, Hamilton, Roesler, Tomlinson, Greenhalgh, and Wedding.


COGGINS COACHING CLINIC..... Rules were discussed generally, but emphasis was placed on the rule regarding the Goalkeeper, off on penalty, and waiting to come back on. It was felt that it wasn't in the rules for the referee to halt the game again. So it was suggested that our interpretation should be as such, that it is up to the Goalie/team concerned to make the necessary change when they felt it possible, either during the game, if they wanted to run the risk, or at a goal change or at quarter breaks.....

NEXT MEETING..... The next meeting would be held at the Pavilion on Wednesday June 19th. 1974 at 7.30 P.M.

The meeting closed at 10.15 P.M.

E. & O. E.

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..... Confirmed.
(Chairman.)

NOTICE OF MEETING.....

W H E N ----- Wednesday JUNE 19th. 1974
W H E R E ----- Memorial Pavilion, South Parklands.
A T ----- 7 . 3 0 P . M . SHARP ! ! ! !

Do please endeavour to be there, as we will need to finalise our arrangements for the special matches against the English, and the Americans, and all possible help will be needed. So if you know of any willing helpers, it will be appreciated. Also we still badly need new referees. find someone and bring them along to this, our next meeting.....

PRESENT.. Messrs. W.G. Hobbs, D. McIntosh, T.Tomlinson, D. Marsden, M.Hamilton, F. Coggins, J.Buxton, B.Greenhalgh, &P.Roesler,,

APOLOGIES.. Mr. P. Wedding.

The MINUTES of the previous meeting were taken as read, and confirmed CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE.....

I N....

A. L. R. A. (Nat. Exec.) re various matters/ Copies of minutes.

O U T....

S.A.L.A. re Referee By*Law and Compulsion, and appointment of Field Officials to home matches particularly Goal Umpires....

A.L.R.A.(Nat. Exec.) re various matters, notification of Referees etc.

Correspondence accepted with action taken,MOTION CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP / FIELD OFFICIALS.... Following our last meeting, the Referee Secretary had written to the S.A.L.A. on these matters, but as yet no official reply has been received. Verbal comment has been that the Management Committee have considered our requests and have seen that there be a By-Law change for provision of Goal Umpires be immediate with heavy penalties, and for the Compulsion of Referees by Clubs for season 1975.....

A.L.R.A. BADGE.... Further discussion was had on this matter, and the Secretary read to the meeting copies of minutes from Victoria relating to this matter. It was resolved that we still would not re-order the current design, and that we preferred the badge to be changed to the S.A. design. It would still be an item of agenda for the combined meeting in Melbourne. It was felt the Secretary should be certain on the feeling from A.L.R.A.(W.A.) first and also seek up to date cost of a new badge.....

It was moved that ".....If costs of a new badge were comparable to the present design, then this meeting instructs its delegate to vote for S.A. Design.." MOTION CARRIED.

It was also moved that ".....ALL A.L.R.A. Badges always remain the property of A.L.R.A., except where awarded to a Referee/ Official for satisfactory service"

MOTION CARRIED...

NATIONAL/WORLD SERIES... The following arrival times of members getting to Melbourne were noted, and the Secretary would notify John Gunn on this. P.Wedding & T.Tomlinson(Friday 28th. P.M.) -- F.Coggins & M.Hamilton (Saturday 29th. P.M.) B.Greenhalgh (Saturday 29th. P.M.) P.Roesler (Sunday 30th. A.M.) J.Buxton(Monday July 1st. P.M.) ... It was resolved that P.Wedding should collect our Duty passes to both grounds from John Gunn when he arrives in Melbourne, and we would get them from him..

TOUR MATCHES... Against the English and Americans, FieldReferees have been appointed and they are :- June 23rd. Tomlinson and Wedding, June 25th. Coggins and Hamilton, June 27th. Tomlinson and Wedding, July 11th. Buxton and Wedding, July 14th. Coggins and Tomlinson. F.Coggins was appointed to convene all the other field position required for these matches. Duty passes were available to those so attending.

REPORTS... A copy of two reports was read to the meeting (from the S.A.L.A.) The circumstances surrounding one of these reports was discussed at length by the meeting. It was felt that at all future hearings, Referees concerned should attend. Further discussion ensued and it was then moved that ".....In ALL Complaints under Laws of Lacrosse. Rules and By-Laws: The Referee should be called to attend the hearing of any such complaints." MOTION CARRIED.... The Secretary is to write of the S.A.L.A. on this matter.

(S. A. BRANCH..)

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REPORTS. (Cont.) There was a further report, submitted by D. McIntosh, which was abandoned. This seems to have occurred through probable lack of communication between the S.A.L.A. and all other parties concerned..... On this particular report, the Secretary is to write to the S.A.L.A. requesting a report on this particular complaint.....

COGGIN'S COACHING CLINIC... The following rules were discussed....
8.76 -- 10.18 Face - Offs. It was noted that ALL face-offs should always be parrallel to the Centre line, except when taken at the Penalty Spot.

ASSOCIATION GROUND.... It was noted that Referees were most concerned at the condition of this ground and some were loath, to the point of rebellion, of ever refereeing there again. It was generally felt that this ground is very bad and not in the best interests of the game for matches to be played there. It was felt that this feeling should be forwarded on to the S.A.L.A.

NEXT MEETING.... The next meeting will be held at the Pavilion on Wednesday July 17th. at 7.30 P.M.

The meeting closed at 9.50 P.M.

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(Cpnfirmed-- Chairman.)

E. & O. E.

POST SCRIPT....

TRAVEL FUND.. Members of the Travel Fund who were present, met briefly after closure of the normal meeting, to decide distribution of funds to those members attending the forthcoming World/National Series Championships. It was felt that all those attending should receive some benefit. Therefore it was decided that such distribution should be on a sliding scale, and the following was decided ----

P. Wedding	\$ 50 - 00.
J. Buxton	\$ 40 - 00.
M. Hamilton	\$ 40 - 00.
B. Greenhalgh	\$ 20 - 00.
P. Roesler	\$ 20 - 00.

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PRESENT... Messrs. Marsden, Hobbs, McIntosh, Hamilton Roesler, Greenhalgh, Buxton, and Coggins....

APOLOGIES.. Messrs. Melbourne, Wedding, Avery, Tomlinson, Andersen, and Carr....

The MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE TAKEN AS READ, AND CONFIRMED.

MOTION CARRIED....

CORRESPONDENCE....

IN S.A.L.A. Re Various Matters,

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES....

REPORTING.... It is noted that the Management Committee in future will notify us of all results of any complaints. But it was also suggested that Referees, when making a report should always have both the Names and Numberx of any player/players concerned. Referees should also realise in future, that without further notification, Referees should att end the hearing on any such complaints at the Pavilion, at 5.30 P.M. on the following Thursday.

Following further discussion on other matters, it was agreed that the Secretary should write to the S.A.L.A. that when such reports/complaints are submitted by other people, the S.A.L.A. should ascertain WHO the Referee was, and write to him and Notify him, in such instances of the holding of such complaints, asking him to be present.

MEMBERSHIP/FIELD OFFICIALS.... It is noted that the S.A.L.A. intend, for the future to return to the requirement that Clubs must nominate persons to act as Referees before being able to field teams. Discussion ensued at it was felt that complete compulsion was still a problem. The Secretary mentioned that in talks with Harold Horner of W.A., he was told of the scheme in W.A. whereby a Club was fined \$100.00 if they failed to provide such nomination, and this money was used to ass. A.L.R.A. find and attract persons into refereeing. The Secretary then agreed to contact W.A. and get a copy of the By-Law currently in force in WA.

This Association is also appreciative of the S.A.L.A.'s decision to inflict fines on Clubs not providing Goal umpires as required. But it was felt that this still didn't necessarily mean provision of person both suitable and competent. It was felt then, that it was still up to the referee, who had control of the match, to comment on the result cards, seek removal etc. of any person he felt wasn't right for the job. It was also queried if the Clubs themselves had been notified of this decision to implement such a fine.

REFEREE BADGE.. The Secretary made mention of the discussion and ideas expressed at the combined A.L.R.A. meeting recently held in Melbourne. It was felt that perhaps further researsch could go in the matter, especially as it was felt something that would be suitable for the dual purpose of a badge, and blazer pocket, be designed. Consideration needed to be given to both cost and design in this research for a dual purpose badge. It was then agreed that this matter should now be left in the hands of the National Executive of A.L.R.A.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.... After a short disussion on this matter, it was then moved that "... The A.L.R.A. National Executive report back to the next meeting of the S.A. Branch as/ways and means of administering the National Executive over the next two years....."
MOTION CARRIED....

WORLD SERIES ETC. A short discussion ensued on feeling about the Series. The Chairman made mention that the next Series would be held in Manchester, England in 1978, probably late September, early October. It was mentioned that there might also be another Australian tour in 1976. Agreement seems also to have been reached on International Rules, and that for future series the dress of Referees would be as per the American Dress. Appreciation of, and respect for was expressed in relation to the American Referee, Jake Curran, a delightful

personality and character, with great ability, particularly on the field. It was felt that we should style ourselves in this fashion and particularly the American system of signals and calls..... Mention was also made of the appointment of a "Chief Referee" for the co-ordination each year for uniform interpretation of rules.... Future World Series teams would also be confined to 23 players.

It was then moved that ".....All referees present in Melbourne record their impressions of the Series, in particular refereeing and match staffing, and report same back to the next meeting."
MOTION CARRIED....

A Sub-Committee would then look at these reports and condense and collate all this information, for future use.

After the debacle of a particular report during the Junior Series, it was noted that it was hoped that in future, a Special Tribunal would be set up for ANY Championship Series, as against using the Tribunal of the home State.

The Coach, F. Coggins, Also expressed his thanks to Members for their willingness and help during the four matches against the Americans and English

ASSOCIATION GROUND.... The Secretary admitted that as yet he had not written on this matter to the S.A.L.A. It was felt that the situation was very poor and not in the best interests of Lacrosse. The ground is not level, and has some potentially dangerous holes in it. It was felt that the S.A.L.A. SHOULD AVOID USING THE GROUND AT ALL COSTS UNTIL SOMETHING CAN BE DONE, to further improve its condition and suitability for the game..

OTHER BUSINESS....

SUNDAY LACROSSE.... It was noted that a short series of Sunday matches would commence on Sunday July 21st, at the West Beach Ground. Clubs have been appointed to handle the necessary duties, but it was asked of A.L.R.A. if they would provide a Bench Official. After short discussion it was felt that this was a good idea, but that such a person should be always a Referee, and as such, he could also be the reserve referee for the match, and therefore should be entitled to a match payment.....

ACTING SECRETARY.... The Secretary notified the meeting that he would be away overseas from September and that someone else would have to be appointed to fill the position during his absence. But it was agreed to leave such appointment until the next meeting. It was also to be noted as an item for Agenda at that time.

GOALS... It was noted that some Clubs have poorly erected goals, and that in general, such goals were in poor condition. It was wondered how Clubs were notified about poor equipment. The Coach then suggested that apart from the result card, all Referees should record details of bad equipment, field markings, ground condition etc., make note of them each week, and report back to A.L.R.A. meetings so that such information can be collated/compared for our own use, such collated and relevant information and comments, to be then passed on to the S.A.L.A. This was accepted as a Motion and DULY PASSED.

COGGINS COACHING CLINIC....

SIGNALS.....It was felt that the signals used for the World Series should be implemented where possible, as soon as practicable.

TALKING..... It was felt that talking to players, and the personal approach, should not be used on the field during a match, just simply "Torrens 5" or "Burnside 10" etc., etc.

BAD PLAY.. It was felt that now that the World Series was over there could be a spate of slashing and poke checking, and referees were asked to watch for this, and keep it under strict control.

LEGAL CROSSES. The width of Crosses was mentioned, but as there was now no reference to this in the rules, it was felt that there was precious little that we could do about it. A Goalies stick should always be checked for having a legal pocket, as much as every other player in the team. In all such instances of queries they should be directed to the Referee through the team Captain.

NEXT MEETING.... To be held on Wednesday August 21st, 1974

The meeting closed at 9.30 P.M.

E. & O. E.

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[Signature]
Confirmed, CHAIRMAN.

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREES ASSOCIATION....

(S. A. BRANCH)

MINUTES of the Meeting Held at the Pavilion on Wednesday August 21st, 1974

PRESENT.... Messrs. Hobbs, Wedding, McIntosh, Greenhalgh, Roesler, Hamilton, Tomlinson, Marsden, Anderson, Coggins, Buxton, and Melbourne...

APOLOGIES.. K. Avery

The MINUTES of the previous meeting were taken as read, and confirmed....

MOTION CARRIED..

CORRESPONDENCE.... OUT S.A.L.A. Re Voting Cards & Liquor.

S.A.L.A. Re Sec's Address, Assoc. Ground, Complaints, Meeting times 1975

S.A.L.A. Re Secretary's fees.

Glenelg Club Re Complaint.

IN K. Nesbitt Re Unsportsmanlike Conduct

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES..

REPORTING..... The letter written by the Secretary, to the S.A.L.A. with regard to the incidence of liquor at matches was discussed at length. Horror was expressed that such a thing occurred. But it was felt that the whole system of reporting was at fault. It was decided to leave further discussion until "Coggins Coaching Clinic". But it was moved that ".....Any such future complaints will be officially reportable and that all Clubs be informed of this intention, through the S.A.L.A."
MOTION CARRIED.....

In discussing the letter from K. Nesbitt, it was felt that stricter control of such incidents was needed, particularly dreision of Referees and players alike. The question of Unsportsmanlike conduct arose. It was felt that the obscene language being used by players during matches and by coaches during the various addresses to players was bad, and that spectators etc., are well within hearing distance of this language. THIS, it was felt, was not doing the game any good, and it is the cause of such criticism by spectators, such as "If this type of language continues, you won't find me watching another Lacrosse match" It was felt that if the game is played by thoroughbreds, there surely isn't any place or situation where such language is at all warranted..

WORLD SERIES. There weren't sufficient Reports handed in, and it was felt that not much could be achieved until this was done.. It was decided that it should be left until the next meeting, hoping that all members involved would complete their reports by then.

ACTING SECRETARY.... The Secretary referred to the minute from last meeting, with regard to his absence overseas, and that a replacement for both the S.A. Branch and the National Executive was needed. Mr. Easil Greenhalgh, of 9 Moorong Road, O'SULLIVANS BEACH 5166, was then elected to fill this temporary vacancy. The A.L.C., S.A.L.A. and the Vic. and W.A Branches of A.L.R.A. are to be notified.

GOALS... Some reports on badly erected goals, and those in a state of disrepair, were mentioned and it was noted that some reports had gone in on the match result cards. It was then moved that ".....The Secretary write to the S.A.L.A. informing them that the Referees are noticing greater incidence of poor condition of goals, including the Assoc. Ground Goals. MOTION CARRIED..

OTHER BUSINESS....

INTERVARSITY MATCHES.... A request had been received from the University Club, seeking our assistance in providing Referees for their annual Inters- varsity matches, to be held here in Adelaide, on August 26th./27th./28th.

Drew McIntosh and Trevor Tomlinson volunteered their Services, and they will contact the University Secretary direct.

A.L.R.A. CONSTITUTION.... This matter was mentioned, from the National Executive Minutes. It was felt that this was a fairly important matter. Ralph Andersen and Malcolm Hamilton volunteered to deal with this matter, WITH the option to co-opt help as needed. A progress report to both the S.A. Branch and the National Executive will be forthcoming in due course.

COGGINS COACHING CLINIC

REPORTING.... The coach asked the referees to be sure of the correct way to report, as per the Rule Book, at the time of the incident. It was also felt that the system needed reviewing. It was then moved that "..... the Coach be empowered to carry on research regarding the system of reporting, and report back to the A.G.M. of A.L.R.A. (S.A. Branch)..." MOTION CARRIED.

It was also moved that ".....Referees each have a copy of the system of reporting on hand at matches, for use if necessary ..." MOTION CARRIED.

It was also moved that "..... A standard report form be printed for reporting purposes....." MOTION CARRIED....

It was also moved that "..... A Précis of reporting procedures in card form be printed and carried by referees during matches." MOTION CARRIED.....
F. Coggins volunteered to do this work....

REFEREEING SYSTEM.... Discussion ensued on this point, and it was felt that the "Trail System" is the best to use, with the "Trail Referee" keeping back far enough, to watch any incidents of back play.

ILLEGAL CROSSES.. It was noted that the minute from the meeting on 20th. March 1973 read as follows "An interpretation is that such crosses be outlawed for the rest of the match, following one warning (Rule 2.2) and that any cross not complying with the above interpretation should be banned for the whole match." It was noted that there still had been several incidences of such illegal crosses. The Coach requested that we enforce the terms of this past motion.

JUNIOR PLAYING TIMES.... There still seemed to be some confusion over the playing times of junior matches, especially in Major round games. There seemed to be a conflict in the S.A.L.A. rule 11(j) compared with By-Law 7. The position needs clarifying. It was then moved that ".....the Acting Secretary write to the S.A.L.A. with regard to A.L.R.A.'s interpretation of this matter...." MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion then ensued on various points raised by the President, Mr. Hobbs (as attached.)

NEXT MEETING.... The next meeting, it was noted, would be the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary noted that in contact with the S.A.L.A., we would be able to use the Pavilion on Wednesday October 2nd. Therefore it was decided that we should have our A.G.M. on that day.

The President wished the Secretary well on his overseas trip.

The meeting closed at 9.50 P.M.

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action in this matter was endorsed.)

S.A.L.A. re A.L.C. certificates of merit.
- Counting of Memorial Trophy Votes.
- Savings Bank Trophy.
- Nomination forms for S.A.L.A. A.G.M.

A.L.C. - Answer to Secretary's letter 25/9/74.
- Agenda for meeting 4/10/74.

Glennelg - Referees required for 5/10/74,
L.C. - Surrey Park visit. B. Greenhalgh and D. McIntosh volunteered.

Correspondence - Out.

S.A.L.A. re West Torrens' inability to provide referees.

It was moved and carried that all correspondence be received.

It was resolved that the Government Subsidy be divided equally between the three eligible referees of the national series. It was resolved that D. Rayment or J. Gunn of Melbourne be asked to act as the National Executive Delegate for the Council meeting.

Life Membership.

The Secretary moved by letter that Life Membership be conferred to Mr. Clive Carr for his devoted efforts to Lacrosse Referees and the game in general over a long period of time in two States of Australia. This was carried unanimously with acclaim and endorsed by all. Congratulations were freely handed to Clive who then responded with great feeling.

Notes on World Series.

Two only have been received, the balance are to be forwarded to the Secretary by 16th October, 1974.

Other Business.

C. Carr congratulated all referees for their handling of the finals. This was supported by D. Hobbs. T. Tomlinson praised the attitude of players throughout the whole year and felt that this contributed greatly to the game as a spectacle. P. Roesler and B. Greenhalgh agreed with these sentiments. A short discussion followed on P. Roesler's "Jake Curran" approach. A letter of thanks is to be written to N. Speck regarding his willingness to officiate in a semi-final and of the ability he displayed.

Meetings for 1975.

It was resolved that our meeting nights remain at the third Wednesday in the month for 1975 and to commence in March. Bookings are to be made now.

The meeting closed at 10.15 PM
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1974

It gives me great pleasure to report on Season 1974. It is my view that it has been a Season of progress, particularly in the area in which the referees are most concerned - that of carrying out the rules of Lacrosse. In making the undermentioned observations I am accepting a Chairman's prerogative to make comment on matters which have either concerned us, or been dealt with during the year. They are as under:-

1. I believe that considerable progress has been made in improving the quality of refereeing this year. I believe wider knowledge of the rules, both by players and referees, has been achieved and I consider that the gap between the referee quality of our Senior Referees and Reserve Referees, has narrowed considerably.
2. Without doubt, the World Series has indirectly created an impact on our refereeing, as it has given us standards to enable us to measure our own levels.
3. The South Australian Administration will be the nucleus of the Australian Lacrosse Referees Association for two years. I am also satisfied that both our Administration and the quality of our referees are out in front of the other two States.
4. My wish for next year is to see much more interchange of referees by the allotting of Senior Referees to "B" and "C" grades and Reserve Referees to "A" grade.
5. It is my view that acceptable standards of conduct have been achieved in "A" grade, but have not yet been achieved in "B" grade. I consider stronger action is necessary against certain habitual infringers in the "B" grade.
6. I am not satisfied that we are making the best use of the two referee situation without some further attention being given to a trail referee system.

Complaints:

On the number of complaints this year I make the following comments:-

- a) I do not think the referee should be despondent if his complaint does not succeed. Nevertheless, I do urge that he should establish his procedures correctly.
- b) Having established his procedures, the matter then passes to the Complaints Committee and the moral obligation of the referee is then finished. He has then no further duty.
It should not be of major interest that the player gets a penalty, because by experience, we find that players generally get the message after hearings and see that they do not come back again. It is the players who habitually infringe and are not brought before the Complaints Committee who continue to cause trouble.
- c) Here I make no excuses for mentioning a Glenelg player whom I consider should have been reported for an incident in the semi-final, Glenelg v University. This player has been an upset to himself and others for years, and it would be good for him to have to face up to the situations which he creates.
- d) Again I emphasize we must give special attention to "B" grade.
7. I congratulate all referees on a wonderful series of finals. I think you have all learned techniques and also the players, when we compare it with finals of just two years ago. And in the final resort, it is the acceptance by the player of the referee's decision being paramount that creates the control.

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8. I have observed Peter Roesler's approach in calling the frees as was done by American referee, Jake Curran. I think this development needs some positive research. I am of the opinion that although the acquainting of the player of the reason of the free is excellent, we should examine ways and means of achieving it without becoming too much of a spotlight.
9. It is vitally important that the referees consider to what extent they intend to insist on the Association By-Laws as to recruitment being carried out.
10. Tributes:
 - a) To the Secretary, Jerry Buxton, for his untiring work and dedication to his tasks. The time spent by him on Lacrosse work during the season must be prodigious.
 - b) To the Referees' Coach, Frank Coggins, for his study, his leadership, his cool under many trying circumstances and his unwavering dedication to the carrying out of the rules.
 - c) To Clive Carr, for his years of experience and his assistance given when called upon, and his wise contributions in the selection of referees for first class matches.
 - d) To all referees for a very successful season and your patience with me on many and varied occasions.
 - e) Finally, I would suggest some items for you to think about during the summer:-
 1. Is a grading system for referees desirable, and if so, how do we institute it?
 2. Is the expense reimbursement system in modern lacrosse relevant and adequate?
 3. What is our view of the bench referees duty and his necessity?
 4. Could you come up, before next season, with some suitable recommendations for a review of the complaints reporting system both as to simplification and uniformity.

.....*Don N. v. a.*.....
PRESIDENT

Coaches Report for 1974 Season

Mr. Chairman -

Fellow Referees.

I am grateful for the opportunity to present to you my 1st. Coache's Report, being for the 1974 Season.

After Refereeing for 6 or 7 years the opportunity to coach did at the onset seem a bit frightening, particularly so in following Ralph & Clive. All too soon did I realise that with the number of Referees, but with their Vast experience not too much coaching was needed.

I was I think, dissappointed that we did not recruit 1 new member in the past season.

Probably the greatest contribution we have all made is our consolidation of interpretation amongst ourselves. This has only been brought about by discussion at our monthly meetings, through Coggins Coaching Clinic and our 2 referees in the senior grades.

I think if this method of Standardising interpretations is to continue it is essential all Members be present. *at meetings*

I would be too Naive if I believed all our members were top referees, however in experiment this year, particularly the latter part, it has been proved that all our members are quite capable of refereeing A Grade and Major round matches with assistance.

After my interstate visit and seeing performance of other referees I am quite convinced we are the Senior State in A.L.R.A.

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I sincerely hope the S.A.L.A. take action to provide more referees next season - I think the ultimate would be for us to supply 2 Referees for each senior match.

I must in this Report thank again all those of you who so willingly helped to make the Official side of the International & Interstate Visit a success.

I might point out, as convenor of the International Officials, I always had too many Volunteers for jobs to be done. *in SA*

Next Year.

With the Referees we have if they continue, the new referees we expect, our now extensive experience with the current rules, I see nothing but success for the A.L.R.A. S.A. Branch in the coming season.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Secretary - my co selector for the Minor Round. My fellow selectors for the Major Round - Clive Carr & Don Hobbs, and my fellow Referees for what I think has been a very successful year.

Frank G. Boyer

Mr. Chairman, and fellow members of A. L. R. A. (S.A. Branch)

Another Season is past, and although I am unable to be present with you at this 1974 Annual General Meeting, for which I am truly sorry, I am still moved to submit the following report for 1974....

So much has occurred during 1974, that it is hard to know what were highlights and what were not.

WORLD SERIES....(1974) Without doubt this event will remain in everyone's mind for many a year. I think those of us who were privileged to be there, have thoughts and memories of their own, but perhaps the greatest of all, was the complete co-operation and Friendship between referees, no matter where they came from. But especially should we record 3 things. (1.) The pleasure of the company of Gary McDonald and George Anderson from the U.K. and Jake Curran from America. It was a delight to be associated with these fine Gentlemen and I'm sure we all learnt something from them -- (2.) Congratulations to Peter Wedding for his fine efforts during the Series -- (3.) Commiserations to Trevor Tomlinson, that illness prevented him from attending,... Better luck next time Trevor !!!!!

Much was achieved during the World Series and I'm sure it has done Lacrosse in Australia much good. It has given us all the incentive and drive to forge ahead and try to progress, and forge ahead we must, with all haste and effort possible. Let us ALL be a part of this road of "New Endeavour".....

MEMBERSHIP.... Unfortunately the S.A.L.A. By-Law did not have any effect this year as only ONE Club submitted any nominations. But the main point is that we did not gain ANY NEW REFEREES as members, and such a situation is quite deplorable, to say the least. I don't think any of us would deny the fact that we referee because we enjoy it, and realise that perhaps there is someone, somewhere who appreciates our efforts.

But the game as it is today and as it will develop tomorrow, emphasises more than ever the URGENT NEED to expand and improve our ranks. At best we only ever seem to manage an effective strength of 12, which is our present number. But none of us can last for ever ?? I'm sure we are doing our best to improve the situation, but this doesn't seem to be the answer. It is noted that "Compulsion" is to be re-introduced into the By-Law. This is a help, but it is by no means the Complete Answer, so what is???? But I would suggest that we must begin, NOW, to act immediately to rectify the situation and do our best, the best way we can. I would suggest in the first instance, the immediate formation of a Sub-Committee, to research into this problem, and to report back to the members, at a special meeting if necessary, their findings and recommendations. We must work toward this end and improve our strength, NOW. A special thanks is due to Keith Nesbitt, who had resigned for personal reasons, but answered our call when it was found that we were short at the beginning of the season.... Mny thanks Keith !!!!!

MEETINGS.... Again meetings have been held regularly, and we experienced the usual high attendance figure, indicating the loyalty of members. Meetings were 6 in all, although there was the combined meeting held in Melbourne..

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.... I've already mentioned the World Series. But at the same time, National Senior and Junior Matches were also played. The Juniors were successful in winning their Series, but the Seniors didn't quite make it. On the Refereeing Panel S.A. were represented by Messrs. F. Coggins, M. Hamilton and J. Buxton. Messrs. P. Roesler and B. Greenhalgh were also available for other various Field Duties, and everyone acquitted themselves well, upholding the good standards of S.A. Referees, and refereeing.

REPORTS.... It is indeed unfortunate that there seemed to be more reports this year, than previous. But whatever the reason for this, we as referees must continue at all costs to see that we make full use of the powers vested in us, to control the game the best way we can, and see that it is always safe and enjoyable to play, referee, and watch ---- To protect the player who

wants to PLAY the game, and who goes for the Ball. We must not err with regard to reportable offences. The Game must be kept clean, and as a SPORT !!

FINANCES.... This remained at \$ 3-00 per Match. I mention later the need for a review of this matter. A call was made on our Travel Fund in relation to the various Series this year in Melbourne. But with this year's addition, the fund now stands at \$ --- .. With no immediate need to call on these reserves, we will be able to build the figure up to a healthy level over the next 4 years, as the next Senior Series is to be held in Adelaide, in July 1976....

THE FUTURE.... Again the future holds the greater part of our attention, or should. Maybe we can occasionally look back into the past to see if we can learn from our mistakes, or past achievements. But the same applies to our Association as it does to the S.A.L.A., and Lacrosse in General. We MUST progress at all costs, or we might as well pack our bags and go home !!!!!

Basically I feel, in fact I'm sure, we hold a high standard in S.A., but we can't afford to rest there. It is obvious that effective control of matches is gained only by the appointment of Official Referees to those matches. It is up to us to see that the players, and the game, are given the very best we can offer. So we must continue to TRY... In no way do I feel that the By-Law is going to provide the complete and final answer that we want, and need. To finish off the season on the reasonably high note that it has, I've tried to make use in full, as much as possible, of the "A" Grade Eye team each week. Firstly I attempted to have 2 PEOPLE in each "A" Grade Match. I then found some lower grade teams were "bitching", that they were getting "lousy" refereeing all the time, and complained of certain referees. I then felt that by putting 2 Referees in each "A" Grade Match. It then meant that the lower Grades were continually having a Eye team player. I felt we were being "forced into a corner" by this poor attitude and lack of concern by the Clubs. Therefore use was made of the only means open to us, according to the current By-Law. I feel that it always takes "Two to Tango" and the Clubs (and S.A.L.A.) must be made to realize that they need us as much as we need them. I feel that we have this season, done all we can, so it is over to the Clubs and the S.A.L.A. NOW!!

I've mentioned previously about the formation of a Sub-Committee to research into the problem of Referee Strength. This is a problem which is MOST URGENT!!!!; And must be tackled NOW .. As I've said, it is a deplorable situation that we find ourselves in, and it has only been through the keenness and loyalty of our members that we have been able to carry on. Perhaps there are several things we can talk about and try (1.) It has been noted on several occasions, that players/Ex-Players won't take up refereeing due to the Low Fees. This is not the entire answer, but the more I think about it, the more I feel that it is a step we need to take. It may well attract some people that aren't suitable as referees, but it is a risk we have to take. At least we have the exam paper/coaching system, to eliminate those considered unsuitable. As to the rate of Re-Imbursement, and what it should be, I don't know. But I would think that the S.A.L.A. will need to think in the vicinity of double our present figure (I.E. Raise it to \$ 6-00 per match) In suggesting this I personally would not be a party to the grading of Referees to the extent that there would be different rates of re-imburement. We are ALL referees of equal enthusiasm and Interest, and I see no need to create Class distinction, and the possible rumblings of dissatisfaction that might come with such a move, and cause us more harm than good. But whatever rate may, or may not be decided on, I think an increase of some sort is in order. (2.) We should make even greater use of Theory/Exam Papers, and of physical Training. Any extension, or expansion of this would be up to the Referees Coach. It is also noted that at our Combined meeting in Melbourne it was suggested that a Chief Referee could be appointed, on a National basis, to unify rules application and interpretation. A worthwhile thought???? (3.) Some interested parties eventually "Ronig" due to their unwillingness to put up with the continual barrage of abuse and heckling that is evident, both on and off the Field, from both players and spectators alike, and this happens each Saturday, without fail. Some of this approach is part an parcel of the game and I think we all realise this, but it is evident that it is at a level which could in no way be considered tolerable.... Maybe we aren't looking for praise, but it is surprising how much we have all deeply appreciated the occasional "Thank You" that some players eg out of their way to extend to us after a game. I commend to members the article in our July Crosse News, by Harold Horner of West Australia. I hope that ALL members of the S.A.L.A. (Players, Officials etc. etc.)

have read this one. So the sooner the players give the poor old Referee a "better deal", and a "Fair Go", I'm sure it will make the Referee's job a lot easier and much more pleasant a task; And hence the player and the team will equally receive a "better deal" and a "Fairer Go". I'M sure though that members may have other ideas on the subject, but to the above, I would suggest a joint "Friendly Chat" between ourselves and the Management Committee of the S.A.L.A., to see if together we can come up with a progressive and satisfactory answer, and so do our best to make our end work toward a greater standard of refereeing, and so a better Class of game. As I've said, at least We 've got to try and do OUR BEST !!!!

We can only be as strong as our "Weakest Link", so it is up to each and every one of us to combine, and continue in the strong way that our Association has been able to develop. In July we assumed control of the National Executive of A.L.R.A. It consists of 3 people---- Myself, Don Hobbs, and Frank Coggins. But to be fully effective and strong, we will need the continual support of members of the S.A. Branch. So it is hoped that from time to time, when necessary, members will make themselves available to assist the National Executive with its work, and so set a cracking pace, and example that we can be proud of, and that other member Branches will look up to with loyalty and respect. This way we can be sure of the continued growth and strength of our Association on ALL levels.

I state again that we have performed well this past season, and we must continue along this path of progress. Technically we are part of a fully independent body within Lacrosse, being tied to the National Executive of A.L.R.A., which in turn is directly affiliated with the Australian Lacrosse Council. But as a State Branch we do have affiliation with the S.A. Lacrosse Association. As I've said, refereeing has done well in S.A. this year, and I think that this is largely due to our own efforts and work in liasing with the S.A.L.A. to the best of our ability. Of course it doesn't, and shouldn't end there. For the good of the game as a whole, we must continue to liase with them, and provide every avenue open to us, for co-operation, discussion and direction. I'm sure that together, Lacrosse can only forge ahead. But our continued co-operation, and the progress and obvious improvement of the game, can only be maintained, and increased by the continued operation of each body as a SEPARATE ENTITY, and greater effort on our part. This co-operation can only be strengthened by the very real individual strength of each body. I personally emphasise that A.L.R.A. MUST continue at all costs AS A SEPARATE AFFAIR, if we are to make the forward progress THAT IS NECESSARY. I'm sure that you will agree with this outlook. We aren't beyond constructive criticism, nor beyond the ability to alter and change where necessary, but I emphasise that our Success lies in our strength as a separate body....

In closing this report I again express my sincere gratitude to ALL members for the unflinching support they gave to A.L.R.A., and to me personally during the season of 1974. To have maintained the strength we had this year, we were again rendered sterling service by our Chairman, Don Hobbs. His untiring efforts on our behalf are a credit to him, and to Refereeing and Lacrosse in particular, and our deepest gratitude are extended to him for this fine work, of a fine and respected man, I have valued his help and guidance as Secretary, and I feel that we couldn't be served by a better Chairman.... This season has been Frank Coggin's first as our Coach, and I think that his efforts were much appreciated. Many thanks Frank for your fine work, and I trust that we will continue to be able to appreciate his fine work.. Obviously there are many other people who have had a hand in our operations, and thanks should be due to them too....

Of the Season ahead, we must carry on from where the enthusiasm generated by a successful 1974 on our part, has put us. We have much to gain and I'm sure ALL members will be doing their best. Especially as National Executive we have a very great opportunity to set a cracking pace and example for others to follow.

I view the past, and future, with mixed feelings, but I do so knowing the potential that we are capable of, both as individuals and as a TEAM, for that is what we are!!!! Formyself, I again express my appreciation of the support and loyalty shown me, by you all and I thank you heartily for that. I've enjoyed my work as Secretary this past year, and it has been a satisfying

"CHALLENGE", trying to do my "bit" to make something of refereeing and A. L. R. A., and I look forward to being able to render further service to you all and A.L.R.A., and Lacrosse. I wouldn't be honest with myself if I didn't express a desire to continue as Secretary and try and contribute further to the advancement of our cause. But I bow to the wishes of the Annual General Meeting. But whatever the outcome of the election, I'm grateful for the trust placed in me as Secretary. If I should be elected for the next 12 months, I signify my willingness to accept the appointment, and will endeavour to continue to the best of my ability.

I'm truly sorry, and somewhat disappointed that I can't be with you at the A. G. M., but I shall be thinking of you, and wish you well for a great, progressive, productive and satisfying meeting. While in England I'm hoping to see as much of Local Lacrosse as possible, and I've even been "threatened" with some refereeing. But what ever transpires, I'm sure there is a lot for me to see, and learn. On my return home I shall endeavour to submit a useful report to you all, hoping that any experience gained maybe of some benefit to you all and of course, A.L.R.A.

But whatever we say, or whatever we do, we MUST be honest with ourselves, for the sake of our Association, and our personal approach to our refereeing and the Game itself. As I've stated previously the season past has been really great in more ways than one. If we can continue in the same vein, Season 1975 is really going to be a memorable one !!!! It has been a real and valued pleasure working with you all this past season, and it is hoped that you can all see your way clear to be back on deck for next year, I certainly hope that you can do so. But whatever your thoughts or decision, I wish you well for now and the future. It has without doubt been a happy year for us, and 1975 can be even happier, so I truly look forward to our continued association and friendships. So I say very simply a heartfelt thank you, ONE AND ALL !!!!



Jeremy C. Buxton.....

(Honorary Secretary.)

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