

Minutes of the General Meeting, held at the Memorial Pavilion 19 - 2 - 75.

PRESENT.. Messrs. Hobbs, McIntosh, Greenhalgh, Roesler, Marsden, Buxton, Melbourne, and Avery.....

APOLOGIES.. Messrs. Hamilton, Nesbitt, Carr & Wedding....

The MINUTES of the previous meeting, held on 21 - 8 - 74 were read and Confirmed.....

REFEREE IN CHIEF.... The main purpose of calling this meeting was to discuss, and select a nominee to the A.L.C., from A.L.R.A. (S.A. Branch) and business arising from the minutes was therefore deferred.

The guidelines for the appointment had not been laid down by Council, but the prime task will be the uniformity of interpretation of the rules and Laws of Lacrosse by referees.

Seven names were listed for discussion under the following headings.

1. Analytical mind ----
2. Knowledge of the rules ----
3. Enthusiasm.
4. Decisiveness with decision making ----
5. Grasp of the English language and the ability to express himself, in writing.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. H.R.F. Andersen was selected as the S.A. Branch Nomination. The acting Secretary is to confirm that Mr. Andersen would accept such an appointment, but if not then Mr. F. Melbourne was to be the nominee.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.....

REPORTING .. Mr. J. Buxton mentioned an English "Black Book" system for habitual offenders. This was to be referred to the next Coaches Corner.

JUNIOR PLAYING TIMES.... The Acting Secretary is to write to the S.A.L.A. on the matter of playing times for Junior Finals matches.

CORRESPONDENCE.... IN A.L.C. re Aust. Coat of arms-use thereof.

****M. HAMILTON Re apology & Cheques from S.A.L.A. re referees in Melbourne, July 1974.....

**** CHEQUE DISBURSEMENT,... It was moved that....." The Acting Secretary bank the cheque in his personal account and draw 3 cheques for the participants.....MOTION CARRIED.... Mr. Buxton requested that his share be paid into the Travel Fund Account....., and was thanked for this donation.

IN (Cont.) K. Nesbitt re resignation

S.A.L.A. Re meeting times for 1975 & Combined meeting....

K. NESBITT.. The Acting Secretary is to write to Mr. Nesbitt in appreciation for his past efforts and stating that he will be placed on the reserve list and that he will remain a member until subscriptions are not paid...

S.A.L.A./A.L.R.A. COMBINED MEETING... 4 Delegates were elected to meet with members of the S.A.L.A. Management Committee. They were the President, Secretary, Acting Secretary, and the Coach. A date was set for March 5th.

GENERAL BUSINESS....

ASSOCIATION GROUNDS.... The Acting Secretary mentioned the condition of these grounds, which obviously had not been tneded & watered by the Council. Discussion ensued and it was decided that Mr. V. Ellis should be contacted, & if no response then the S.A.L.A Secretary.....

NEW REFEREES.... The Acting Secretary was asked to write to the following persons and invite them to our next meeting.

Messrs. K. Masson, E. Barton, E. Battams, and M. Muxlow....

NEXT MEETING.... To be held at th Pavilion on Wednesday 19 - 3 0 75.

The meeting closed at 10.00 P.M.

19-3-75

Confirmed

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(CHAIRMAN)

Minutes of the General Meeting, held at the Memorial Pavilion on 19 - 3 - 75

PRESENT. Messrs. Hobbs, Buxton, Greenhalgh, McIntosh, Barton, Battams, Tomlinson, Franklin, Aeslor, Coggins, & Marsden.....

APOLOGIES. Messrs. Carr, Wedding, Masson(season), Anderson, Melbourne, & Hamilton.....

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed the Administrative Officer of the S.A.L.A. to the meeting, and wished him well in his new job, and for his willingness to attend, and liase with A.L.R.A. The Chairman also Welcomed 2 new referees to our Ranks-- Messrs. Barton & Battams, trusting that they will enjoy their future time as referees...

SECRETARY.... This meeting takes note that the Secretary, Mr. J.Buxton has returned, and is now taken the position back. Thanks were extended to the valuable work done by Mr. Greenhalgh during the last five months....

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.....

REFEREE IN CHIEF.... It was noted that Mr. Andersen accepted the nomination from A.L.R.A. (S.A.), but the final election from the A.L.C. saw Mr. D. Reymont of Victoria being appointed to the position....

ASSOCIATION GROUND.... It seems that any work on these grounds is financially impossible. It could perhaps be graded, but apparently the A.C.C. feels its financially impossible and don't provide such facilities for Clubs etc. who lease Parklands....

COMBINED MEETINGS....(A.L.R.A.*S.A.L.A.-----and A.L.R.A.*S.A./VIC./WA.)

The minutes of both these combined meetings were read to the meeting by the Acting Secretary.. The following points are from those meetings....

W.A. seem to have many problems, administration etc., but they are quite internal and theirs to work out.

It was too late to introduce the compulsory By-Law re referees for 1975, and the S.A.L.A. felt thatit couldn't really force the Clubs to provide referees as such. But the S.AL.A. have amended the current By-Law to read that a \$40.00 rebate will be given to each club where they provide the nomination of a NEW Referee each season.

FINES as per the particular By-Law have generally been increased especially the non supply of referees by the "Eye" team. But there was some concern in relation to provision of Goal Umpires, as it was noted that there was no provision for this in the list of fines.

REFEREE FEES for 1975 are to be \$ 6.00 per match, presumably also for "Eye" Team players used. A Query was raised whether these players' Clubs also received \$6.00, or a lesser figure as in the past (in relation to the fees at that time) and the method of notification to the S.AL.A. by A.L.R.A. of these particular appointments.

1. S.A.L.A./A.L.R.A. --- RefereeReport formsbe re-instated.

BLACK BOOK SYSTEM -- The S.AL.A. favoured a trial of this Scheme, which has been referred to its By-Laws Committee.

THE 2 REFERENCE SYSTEM is favoured both by the S.A.L.A. & A.L.R.A. and it was felt that it should be tried as far as possible in ALL Senior Grades, with the use of the "Eye" Team each week.

It was also felt that with a 2 referee System, the Trail Referee could be used to Police Off-Side, & the Controlling Referee, at each end, police Goals and crease area....

THE S.A.L.A. is obtaining a copy of the U.S.A. vs. Aust. Game for general showing.

TRIAL MATCHES were official where there was an Official Referee appointed, and the serving of penalties by Players re trial games etc. being included....

BLACK BOOK EXPERIMENT.. A discussion was held & it was felt that it should be a completely confidential system where only 1 person has full knowledge of these "reports". It should be conducted for one complete round of matches, and then discuss the value/statistics of the experiment....

It was moved that ".... A 'Black Book' System of recording Habitual Offenders be experimented with for one complete round with the view of implementing a By-Law in this regard in all Senior Grades...." MOTION CARRIED....

It was moved that ".... that all offences of 3 minutes and over be recorded"...
AMENDMENT " to read 5, not 3" Amendment lost

MOTION CARRIED....

It was moved that ".... Mr. Hobbs be appointed to control and maintain the details recorded during the Black Book Experiment." MOTION CARRIED....

It was moved that ".... The name of the player, plus number, plus reason for penalty and penalty time MUST be recorded." MOTION CARRIED.

2 REFEREE SYSTEM.... After a short discussion it was moved that ".... A full and proper use of the trail system be instituted, inclusive of Off-Side and Goal umpiring responsibilities.." MOTION CARRIED....

It was moved that "....The S.A.L.A. be informed that A.L.R.A. does not consider it necessary to provide Goal or Off-Side Umpires where 2 Referees are supplied to a Match..." MOTION CARRIED....

REFEREE ASSESSMENT FORMS.. After a short discussion, and a word from our Coach, it was decided not to proceed with the matter....

REFEREE STANDARDS.... It was felt that standards between the states did differ, although between S.A. & Vic. wasn't too bad, but W.A. further "away". But diplomacy and standard ruled out the use of W.A. Referees at the forthcoming of "Hobart Match"... But it was felt that we could invite W.A. Referees to assist in matches, held during "Knockout Series". It was then moved that "....W.A. Referees be invited to assist in this regard if these Matches occurred...." MOTION CARRIED....

REFEREE STRENGTH.... It was moved that "....A.L.R.A. express disappointment to the S.A.L.A. re non implementation of the Compulsory By-Law and that increases in fees, although acceptable, is not the entire answer concerning the satisfactory level of Referee Strength....." MOTION CARRIED....

Owen Franklin said he would personally record this, but explained that it was to late for it to be instituted for the coming season.

For 1975 we have lost one (K.Nesbitt) and gained 2 (Messrs. Battams and Barton) Owen Franklin also said that he would get a notice put into Crosse News re the provision of NEW REFEREES....

LETTER OF THANKS.... It was moved that " A letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Val Ellis for the use of his home for a combined Referees meeting on March 14th.." MOTION CARRIED....

BY-LAW 14 C (S.A.L.A.).... It was noted that this was continually being contravened and needs tidying up re correct and full uniforms and numbers. S.A.L.A. should be notified.

THANKS.... Thanks were extended to Owen Franklin for attending our meeting, and it was felt that the invitation should always be open to him to attend if he desires. It was noted that there ought be a Liason Officer from the S.A.L.A. Therefore if Owen Franklin couldn't attend, the invitation be extended to a member of the S.A.L.A. Management Committee. Owen Franklin thanked us for allowing him to attend, and felt that it would create better relationships between the 2 Committees. He also mentioned that the S.A.L.A. was still looking for a Publicity Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE... OUT S.A.L.A. Re Major Round in Junior Grades.
A.L.R.A. (Nat. Exec.) Re Referee in Chief.
S.A.L.A. Re A.L.R.A. (S.A) Office Bearers.
R.Cathie re being A.L.R.A Patron.
K. Nesbitt Re Resignation
IN R. Andersen re Referee in Chief Nomination and election as Vice-President.

WORLD SERIES... Matters re various reports. Matter deferred.

METRIC CONVERSION.. A full list of the official A.L.C. amendments of A.L.C. Rules/Laws are available to ALL Referees, especially does it relate to illegal sticks (Box Lacrosse sticks...)

TRIAL MATCHES.... It was noted that Mr. Andersen would be officiating on March 22nd, and Mr. Coggins on April 12th.

COGGINS COACHING CLINIC. The Coach again urged members to continually read, and re-read the Rule Book.

"Slow Whistle" ---- call foul in such situations as well as throwing up flag.

"Centre Face Off" ---- Call possession when gained as well as using vidual signals...

"Slow Whistle" ---- Let go too long. Once attack on goal, on original play, is stopped --- IT'S OFF....

THANKS.... This meeting records it thanks to Mr. Basil Greenhalgh for his valued work and efforts as Acting Secretary over the last 6 months. Acclamation was shown visually....

NEXT MEETING... To be held on Wednesday April 16th.

The meeting closed at 10.00 P.M.

E. & O. E.

Confirmed (Date 18-4-75) *[Signature]*
(Chairman.)

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE REFEREE ASSOCIATION (S.A. BRANCH)

Minutes of the general meeting, held at the Memorial Pavilion --- 19-4
16th. April 1975

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

APOLOGIES... Messrs. Andersen, Hamilton, & Carr.

The MINUTES of the previous meeting, 19-3-75, were taken as read & confirmed...
MOTION CARRIED.....

The PRESIDENT, Mr. Hobbs, then moved that "..... the business from the minutes,
be deferred, and the meeting be chaired by the Coach, Mr. Coggins, so as to allow
a complete and uninterrupted discussion, etc. of the new International Rules."

MOTION CARRIED...

The Coach, Mr. Coggins, then assumed the chair, and conducted, the next part
of the meeting, at which the International Rules were fully discussed, including
various interpretations, and matters relevant to the application of these rules,
and the conduct of the various matches under the control of this association....

It was noted that there was a requirement for an official scorer, and bench
Judge. It was also felt that there was a need for somebody to keep Penalty time.
It was therefore suggested that perhaps the Official Scorer could also look after
the penalty time, and that the Timekeeper could also be the chief bench Judge. But
it was noticed that these personnel were not allowed for in the S.A.L.A. By-laws.

It was then moved that "..... The secretary write to the S.A.L.A., REQUESTING
them to alter the By-Laws relating to This Bench Official & his warning device,
and proper provision of an official Scorer, as required by the International Rules..2

MOTION CARRIED.....

It was moved that "..... The Secretary write to the A.L.C., and seek
clarification re the Referees uniforms...." MOTION CARRIED...

It was moved that "..... The Secretary contact the S.A.L.A. Secretary,
re the proposed experiment of the BLACK BOOK SYSTEM..2" MOTION CARRIED....

ACTING SECRETARY.. Mr. Greenhalgh agreed to take the minutes etc. for the next
meeting in the absence of the Secretary....

NEXT MEETING.... Take note that the next meeting will be held in the Pavilion,
at 7.30 P.M. SHARP !!!! on Wednesday May 21st. 1975 (there will be no further
notice sent out on this matter...)

The meeting closed at 10.30 P.M.

Confirmed... *A. L. B. ...*
Vice (PRESIDENT.)

MINUTES of the meeting-- Held (Memorial Pavilion) ---- 21st. May 1975

PRESENT.... Messrs. Melbourns, Greenhalgh, Barton, Wedding, Avery, Coggins,
Tomlinson.....

APOLOGIES.... Messrs. McIntosh, Buxton, Hobbs, Roesler, Hamilton, Carr.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Acting Secretary reported that all letters had been written.

CORRESPONDENCE.... IN Coach's Circular to all Referees (For filing)
K. NESBITT Re availability for 1975
F. COGGINS Re election as Vice-President.
R. CATHIE Re election as Patron
S.A.L.A. Re News sheet (26-4-75)
Lacrosse Budget.
S.A.L.A. Re News Sheet ((15-5-75)

OUT.... M. HAMILTON Re Cheque
N.A. Lacrosse Club, Sturt Lacrosse Club, ETP Lacrosse Club,
Burnside Lacrosse Club, West Torrens Lacrosse Club, all Re
Referee Requirements.
S.A.L.A. Re Black Book System,
A.L.C. Re Referee Uniforms...

LIASON OFFICER... The S.A.L.A. requested a member of A.L.R.A. to attend their meetings
and W. Barton was elected unopposed to fill the position.

A.L.R.A./S.A.L.A. MEETING.... This meeting, along with coaches--- The S.A.L.A.
requested a general meeting to discuss interpretation of rules etc.
It was moved that "....The Coach attend this meeting on June 4th.
MOTION CARRIED....
Any other referee was invited to attend as an observer.

REPORT FORMS.. It was agreed that an S.A.N.F.L. Umpires report form be sent to
the S.A.L.A. for consideration.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.. The Acting Secretary reminded members that 4 still had not paid
their dues...

TRAVEL FUND.. Because of the small attendance, it was decided to postpone this
meeting until June 18th.

VOTING CARDS.. The Acting Secretary reminded members that these cards MUST
be sent in to the Secretary within 3 days. A number of cards are
still outstanding...

REFEREE SELECTION.. The Coach stated that a Referee had contacted him regarding
appointments. It was moved that ".... All new Referees and less
experienced ones, be appointed regularly to A Grade matches, with
More experienced referees..." MOTION CARRIED...
It was moved that "..... A Grade players from the Bye Team
officials in C Grade matches where required to facilitate the
previous motion."..... MOTION CARRIED...

MATCH CANCELLATIONS It is noted that the S.A.L.A. By-Laws still regulate the minimum
number of players required before a forfeit is necessary. For
Juniors it is 7 Players and for Seniors it is 8 Players.

KNOCKOUT CUP MATCHES.. The Secretary is to write to the S.A.L.A. regarding the
courtesy of receiving advice concerning the numbers of teams,
the times of play-- and where the matches will be played. The
Programme book did not cover much of this

NEW REFEREE.. The Secretary is to write to the S.A.L.A. to correct the rebate to

West Torrens regarding new referee W. Barton. Woodville Club should receive this rebate....

JUNIOR LIGHTING CARNIVAL.. It was noted that the Junior Committee had not as yet contacted A.L.R.A. asking for supply of referees-- The Requirements of Referee for the June Holiday weekend, But referees available would proceed as per normal...

NEXT MEETING... The next meeting would be held at the Pavilion on Wednesday June 18th. 1975 at 7.30 P.M.

18-6-75

~~Agreed~~
Confirmed


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(President.)

E. A. O. E.

Memorial Pavilion..... Wednesday June 18th. 1975

PRESENT ... Messrs. Melbourne, Marsden, Hamilton, Wedding, Greenhalgh, Buxton, Avery, Carr, McIntosh, Hobbs, and Coggins....

APOLOGIES... Messrs. Andersen, Tomlinson, Roesler, and Barton...

The Minutes of the Previous meeting, were taken as read, and confirmed....

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES..

VOTING CARDS.. The Secretary ~~mentioned~~ mentioned in rather strong terms, at the lack of co-operation at the return of the "A" Grade voting cards each week. Some were still outstanding from May 24th. He mentioned that it was imperative that these cards be returned each week, within 3 days after the matches being played, and asked that members please comply with this request.

REFEREE SELECTION.. There was a lengthy discussion about the weekly appointment of members to various matches. It was agreed unaminously that as the 1st. motion from the previous minutes on this matter noted all referees should be rotated regularly through all grades. But on the second motion strong views were expressed on the great need to have an official referee in all grades, ~~especially~~ especially in "C" Grade, because it was felt that this is where "bad habits" were forced, and where discipline was most needed. Therefore it was moved that "...the 2nd motion on this matter from the previous minutes(21-5-75) be ~~rescinded~~ rescinded, and that there be at least one official referee in all Senior Grade matches..." MOTION CARRIED...

CORRESPONDENCE... IN S.A.L.A. Circular re various matters, and research papers nos. 4 & 5

It was moved that the Secretary write to the S.A.L.A. seeking that sufficient copies of these papers be sent to A.L.R.A. for distribution to all members..." MOTION CARRIED...

OUT S.A.L.A. re Knockout Cup, information re Bye Team Referees, various...

Clubs re referee provisions.

A.L.R.A./ S.A.L.A. MEETING..... The Coach, Frank Coggins, attended... He reported that it was very poorly attended, through lack of communication. Rules generally were discussed. A point was made on Referee recruitment. The S.A.L.A. asked whether A.L.R.A. would work on a 2 year and a 5 year plan on this matter, or would the S.A.L.A. do it--- to improve both the quantity of referees and the quality of refereeing. After a short discussion it was moved that "....A.L.R.A. (S.A. Branch) formulate the 2/5 year plans as requested by the S.A.L.A. " MOTION CARRIED....

It was also moved that a Sub Committee of 3 be appointed to investigate same, and report back to the next meeting....." MOTION CARRIED..
The three persons so selected were Messrs. Coggins, Hobbs, & Greenhalgh....

It was ~~asked~~ whether there should be a referees conrer for "Crosse News". It was then moved that "....Notes from Coggins coaching clinic be forwarded to the Editor of "Crosse News 2 "....." MOTION CARRIED....

The Coach stated that he had agreed that contacts could be made to him, as Coach, by Clubs/Teams in relation to Rule interpretation information....
ACTION ENDORSED...

JUNIOR CARNIVAL.... Basil Greenhalgh reported that there were 6 members in attendance, and that the event was well controlled, an enjoyable day, with good organisation...

REPORTS... Various results from various reports made by referees were read to the meeting by Mr. Hobbs..

CROSSE NEWS... P. Wedding reported that he was now a CO-Editor of this magazine, and that any news for inclusion would be appreciated. J. Buxton agreed to write a short report on his impression of Lacrosse in England.

REFEREE UNIFORMS. This matter was discussed at length, and there were thoughts, for and against a change, as listed in the International Rules now being played. It was moved that ".....The Secretary write to the National Executive of A.L.R.A., to write to the A.L.C. for the removal of the Rule relating to uniforms for Referees, from the International Rules, and to be left at the current Referees Uniform, for domestic matches only."

MOTION CARRIED.....

REFEREE NOMINATION. The payment of rebate to West Torrens (payment made-re 1974 ???) Basil Greenhalgh to check on this matter...

COGGINS COACHING CLINIC.

Slow whistle procedures (Flax thrown up ??)
9' in any direction.
Call "Shot" on Goal Shot.
Stick checking (Indian Check??)
Tripping-- Be sure of positive action.
Injuries. How to handle them.
Referees physical contact out. Do not even touch or push. Deliberate striking....EXPULSION.
Disciplining of referees---Referee Experience.

NEXT MEETING... Wednesday July 16th. 1975 at 7.30 P.M. SHARP !!

Meeting Closed at 1020 P.M.

16-7-75. Confirmed..

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(President.)

S. & O. S.

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

Minutes of meeting held at Pavilion ----- Wednesday July 16th. 1975

PRESIDENT.... Messrs. Hobbs, Roesler, Wedding, Avery, Hamilton, Melbourne, Barton, Greenhalgh, Burton, & Coggins.....

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, and Confirmed.....

CORRESPONDENCE.....

OUT.. Various to Clubs re Supply bye team players as referees.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL.... It was noted that there was to be a Junior Carnival, "B" & "G" Grades, on Sunday August 3rd. Messrs. Roesler, Wedding, Barton, Greenhalgh, Avery & Coggins were available, with Basil Greenhalgh to convene appointments.

REPORT SHEETS.... A verbal reply on the matter of printed report forms was received from the S.A.L.A.. They agreed to using such a form, but not at their expense. A.L.R.A. was permitted to make use of it, only if at A.L.R.A.'s own expense.

2 - 5 YEAR PLAN.... Nothing further to report at this stage. Still in the hands of special committee.

USAGE OF BYE TEAM PLAYERS.... On discussing this matter, it was felt that some players aren't very good, as referees, and in such cases members would probably be better off without them. It was then decided that the present system be continued, at least for this season, dependent on the outcome of research into the 2 - 5 year plan situation.

MATCH FORFEITURES... The matter of late forfeitures by teams, especially in "B" & "C" Grades, was to be condoned. It was noted that this had particularly happened six with Burnside "B" and University "C". Points from the Coach's letter to the S.A.L.A. were read to the meeting, in relation to placement of referees and their subsequent "inactivity" fees resulting from such forfeitures, and the possible difficulty arising in enthusiasm and continued membership of A.L.R.A. and refereeing. It was felt that any such forfeitures could quite easily be notified within a reasonable time before a match so that a re-allocation could be made.

RESULT CARDS... It was noted that in several instances, there were teams turning up for matches, sometimes with cards not filled out, and sometimes with no cards at all. In these cases, it was noted that the S.A.L.A. were out of stock, or the particular club was. It was moved that ".... a report be made by the referees to A.L.R.A. re the non availability of match result cards."
MOTION CARRIED....

COGGINS COACHING CLINIC.... This session was then held with discussion on various rules, in interpretations etc. But it was particularly noted that members should call out, AND signal when there were team time outs during matches. The first list of Rule interpretations was also read, and handed out.

NEXT MEETING... MEMORIAL PAVILION..... WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20TH. at 7.30 P.M.

The meeting closed at 9.00 P.M.

(\$55.00 was awarded from the Travel Fund to P.Wedding for Hobart Trip.)

20-8-75.

CONFIRMED.....

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PRESIDENT.....

S.O.S.

Minutes of meeting held at Pavilion ----- Wednesday August 20th. 1975

PRESENT... Messrs. Hobbs, Wedding, Avery, Coggins, Tomlinson, Marsden, Ruxton, Greenhalgh, & Andersen.....

APOLOGIES.. Messrs. McIntosh, Hamilton, Roessler & Carr.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, & Confirmed....

CORRESPONDENCE.... IN E.T.P. Lacrosse Club, Re Bob Gregg... S.A.L.A. Re various matters.

REFEREE USAGE. It was noted that the usage of "Bye" team players was not completely effective, but nevertheless necessary. It was thought that perhaps too much was being expected of the "Club" Referee. The Coach suggested that the Proper Referee in each case, make the major decisions, with the "Club" Referee making minor decisions, if it was felt that the "Club" Referee was not good enough.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.. Following discussion of this point in the S.A.L.A. letter, it was moved that "..... the Secretary of A.L.R.A. (S.A. BRANCH) should be a member of this Committee, and that the S.A.L.A. be so notified of this decision, and willing offer in this regard.." MOTION CARRIED....

LIASON OFFICER... It has been particularly noted that for quite some time, that the communication level between our two Associations (A.L.R.A. & S.A.L.A. hasn't been the best, through the fault of no person in particular. It was felt that this liason, and communication was very important and needed to be improved. Therefore it was moved that "..... A.L.R.A. (S.A. BRANCH) appoint a suitable member as liason officer on the M.C. and that meetings of the two Associations do not clash." MOTION CARRIED....

Mr. T. Tomlinson was then elected as our representative on the M.C.

OFF SEASON COMMITTEES... It is the intention of the S.A.L.A. to set up various Committees for the purpose of research, work etc. on the future ~~marketing~~ planning and growth of Lacrosse in S.A.. A.L.R.A. was requested to assist in this regard during the off season. The Liason Officer was asked to ascertain the nature of this work, ~~marketing~~ required by the S.A.L.A.

Another matter was the future supply, and subsequent control of a Junior Referee scheme.

JUNIOR FINALS.... Strong comments were made, particularly by the Secretary re various matters concerning the planning and control of these matches. After discussion it was decided the Secretary should write to the S.A.L.A. re the venues of Junior Finals and the extreme lateness of notification thereof, and request that these venues be so nominated at the beginning of a season.. It was also strongly suggested that there should be far better clarification of match times of ALL Junior Matches, with particular emphasis for major Round matches, and so updating all relevant By-Laws etc. It was suggested that a letter dated 27-2-75 written to the S.A.L.A. and not yet replied too, be also mentioned.

JUNIOR CARNIVAL... It was noted that at the Carnival held on August 3rd. Mr B. Greenhalgh was the only official referee in attendance. It was felt that letters should be written to P. Hobbs (GLG.), G. Shaw (WDV.) and B. Gomer (Sturt) thanking them for their assistance, and a letter to the S.A.L.A. re match payments to the 3 Clubs concerned.

A.G.M. It was decided that a September meeting wasn't necessary, and that the next meeting would be the A.G.M. on October 15th.

C's C.C. WAS THEN HELD.....The meeting closed at 9.20 P.M.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1975 -----HELD Wednesday October 15th. 1975

PRESENT.... Messrs. Melbourne, Avery, Ruxton, Marsden, Hobbs, Coggins...

APOLOGIES.... Messrs. Carr, Greenhalgh, Tomlinson.....

The MINUTES of the A. G. M. of 1974 were taken as read, and confirmed....

ELECTIONS... A point was then made that, people "elected unopposed", weren't really elected until fully confirmed by the meeting. The wording of the Constitution was accepted by the meeting as the guideline to any such Nomination/Election....

CORRESPONDENCE.... IN ?..... C. CARR Re apology and non-availability for Committee positions.....

R E P O R T S

SECRETARY... This was read, and the President expressed thanks on the depth of the report and efforts during the year...
COMMENTS... The Official affiliation of A.L.R.A. (S.A.) TO the S.A.L.A.----- Discussion by Executive of A.L.R.A. (S.A.) during coming months..... Assistance to Referees attending Championship Matches (see Report.)

PRESIDENT.... This was read, and accepted with thanks by the meeting.
COMMENTS... Referee recruitment was important-----Some form of Grading of referees was desirable....

COACH... This was read, and he was thanked for his efforts during 1975.
COMMENTS... It was felt aht a non-practicing coach was needed.... Referee recruitment/staffing important. Staffing preference would be, in order,... Sufficient Referees/Use of "Bye" Team/one referee (LAST CHOICE)---- Referee Efficiency and standard and failure to adhere to discussed and agreed interpretations...

"BYE" TEAM... Following the point raised by the Coach in his ~~next~~ report, it was suggested tha the "Bye" Team could be(should be ??) used to do "D" Grade Matches as it was felt that a proper and uniform standard of refereeing in this Grade was most important.. On this point it was also suggested that the whole of the "BYE" Team shoujld be on deck and available each week...

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS...

The President for 1975, Mr. Hobbs, declared all positions vacant, and ~~point~~ called for nominations for 1976. The Following were nominated, and elected unopposed, confirmed also by the meeting.....

PATRON..... Mr. R. Cathie/

LIFE MEMBERS.... Messrs. R. Cathie, C. Carr

PRESIDENT..... Mr. W. Hobbs

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR SEASON 1975

I make the following observations on Season 1975.

1. This is, of course, an epoch making year, being the first year in which international rules became a part of our lacrosse scene. It could be expected to have some problems. In relation to the steps forward being taken, it could be said to have been achieved very smoothly indeed. The biggest headache would appear to have been the control of the poke check which did attract our close attention earlier.
2. The year was also epoch making in that in spite of some objection by referees, a considerable increase in match honorariums was made by the S.A.L.A. Whilst this did not appear to have the desired effect to increase the number of referees, I believe that it was of some encouragement to practising referees.
3. I am very proud of referee performances this year, and I believe all round improvement since last year has continued. Gaps of quality between referees is narrowing noticeably with development of confidence by younger or newly admitted referees.
4. We did not overcome our internal problems in the extent of our interchanges of referees between the grades. I hope next year we do better than we did in this regard.
5. We did not overcome our shortage of numbers. We must do more to pressure the S.A.L.A. into understanding that this problem is also their problem.

COMPLAINTS:

1. The complaint system now operating is much smoother than it was in earlier years. Results in this area will never reach perfection but referees must ensure that if reportable incidents occur that they are reported. Again, I repeat that if the referee has given his evidence his responsibility is at an end and he should in no way develop any feelings on the outcome. That is the Complaints Committee's prerogative.
2. It has been a stimulating series of finals and the referees are to be congratulated on their outstanding contribution to this result.

I am of the view that the two referee system free of the fetters of goal umpires and off-side umpires has worked well. I give credit to the S.A.L.A. for suggesting this development.

TRIBUTES:

- a. Again, to the Secretary, Jerry Buxton, on his dedication and industrious and conscientious services. We know he thoroughly has the job at heart even though he gets exasperated at times at the lack of support from others. Also our thanks to Basil Greenhalgh for his assistance to Jerry Buxton when called upon.
- b. To the Referees Coach, Frank Coggins. He has been an inspiration to us all and showed his leadership and ability to all referees in the grand final. As with us all, he has also been through some discouraging periods through the year.
- c. To all referees for your continuing performances and above all control and your striving for betterment. I am very proud of your achievements in the face of the continuing changing rules over the last few years.

Two of the comments I made last year are still valid - How do we increase referee numbers, and do we need the institution of a grading system for referees?

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Chairman

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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS?.... (Cont.)

VICE-PRESIDENTS.... Messrs. Coggins,
Andersen,
Melbourne,
Ruxton,
Hamilton.

SECRETARY/TREASURER.. Mr. B. Greenhalgh.

COACH..... Mr. F. Coggins.

WEEKLY APPOINTMENTS... The Secretary, & Coach.

"SPECIAL" APPOINTMENTS After due thought and discussion, it was felt that the meeting coldn't come up with a satisfactory solution to this particular problem. Therefore it was moved that ".....Clarification of this Sub-Committee, be left until the first meeting in 1976...."

MOTION CARRIED.....

"NOTE"..... It was felt, that in future, Referee appointments for any finals matches should be publicised, along with other relevant match publicity, in Newspapers etc., etc.

REFEREE APPOINTMENTS..... It was decided that a fair rotation of Referees, through all Grades to be reviewed early next year....(1976)

THANK YOU.... It was moved that ".....Letters of Thanks be sent to C. Carr for Services rendered over past years, and to N. Speck for services rendered during the finals matches....." MOTION CARRIED....

MEETING ATTENDANCE.... It was noted with very great regret, the POOR ATTENDANCE at this 1975 Annual General meeting taking into consideration, apart from the 6 in attendance, the 3 who sent apologies. It meant there were at least 9 not accounted for. The meeting only just "made" the required quorum..

2/5 YEAR PLAN.. this was discussed, but not in great detail, due to the lack of numbers... It was decided to ask T. Tomlinson to attend the next Sub-Committee meeting and/or be given full details for communication with the S.A.L.A.

MEETING TIMES FOR 1976.... it was decided that meeting times would continue on the third Wednesday of each month during 1976, to begin in February. The Secretary to contact the S.A.L.A. on this matter....

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45 P.M.

E. & O. E. 20-10-76. Confirmed.....

Mr. President, and fellow members of A.L.R.A. (S.A. BRANCH)

Perhaps there hasn't been as much happening this past Lacrosse Season, as happened in 1974, but I would feel that the season past, has nevertheless, been just as important, and it is hoped, the experience gained by us all, auger well for the future.

I would consider efforts at consolidation the most important. Maybe we haven't done as well as we would have liked, but I think we can't be faulted for trying.. It would seem that most of our "problems" have arisen from lack of proper communication with the S.A.L.A.. That Committee in itself, has had a fair amount of worry, so we aren't alone in our efforts to improve that standard and stature of our game.

FINANCE.

I deal with this point first, because it isn't the important factor in our own personal efforts toward the game, it has nevertheless a very important bearing in the general end results. Of our Travel Fund the figure at present stands at \$ 305.38... For those participants in the scheme the future looks bright. The only drawings to the account were for P. Wedding attending the match in Hobart. With the next senior series being held here in Adelaide in 1976, there will be no need to "touch" the account for perhaps 2 or 3 years. By that time the balance should be "A.1", and the consequent availability for financial assistance should be considerable.

But more importantly, whether we like it or not, finance does ~~play~~ play a fairly major role in our game, whatever our interest. I know it can be said of all our present members, that we referee for the love of it, not for monetary gain, and such a fine approach is very much appreciated. But as we seemed to be having trouble in gaining new members, I did mention in ~~my~~ my 1974 report, that perhaps a step in the right direction, although not the complete answer, was to raise the rate of re-imbusement to referees to \$ 6.00. At the time it was only a suggestion, and subsequent discussions with the S.A.L.A. it was still a suggestion. At no time did we ask for a raise, it was granted to us, I think we can be grateful for this, in these days of high inflation, but it is by no means, nor will it ever be the final or only answer. For those of us who enjoy the game, whatever our interest may be, a greater degree of loyalty and dejection must become evident in us all. But for the cause of refereeing, I don't think there is much else that we can do personally. But somehow or other it must be greatly impressed, on all associated with Lacrosse, that some pretty serious thinking has to be done, with improved attitudes, particularly from Club administration, and players.

Having received the increase to \$6.00, I don't think we can expect more, not yet anyway. Can it be said that the increase to \$6.00 was a sufficient attraction to prospective referees ?? Personally I don't think so. But I don't think either that a further increase in the fees at this stage is the answer. ~~But~~ I again emphasise, that I don't think monetary gain should be the main reason behind referee recruitment, because if that is all prospective referees are interested in, I have grave doubts about the future standard and efficiency of refereeing in S.A. and its administration too. I personally would not entertain another increase in re-imbusement at this time. Beside that I believe that the S.A.L.A. isn't exactly financially flush, and therefore if we have the overall future of the game at heart, we should do our bit to help them in whatever way we can. But we should nevertheless expect a reasonable, and sympathetic encouragement back from the S.A.L.A.

On this point, there are ways and means that the S.A.L.A. (& the A.L.C.) can help. Where we do it for the love of the game, there is a point, where we can go no further financially. I speak of Championship series. On the Senior level, travel expenses are available from the A.L.C., where we travel interstate, besides what may be forthcoming from our Travel fund. Recently we have seen some financial support for our sport, in various ways, from the Federal Government. I wonder how this will affect re-imbusement to a Senior Series. But to other Series ~~(Colts & Junior)~~ (Colts & Junior) there is nothing for referees. Such support has been limited to teams and certain officials. The Referees have been left high and dry on this level. Yet it has been seen that it is just as important that there be reasonable representation from all states at these particular series. Maybe because of these financial state, the S.A.L.A. were unbending on this point this year, in relation to the colts series in Perth, consequently there was no representative from S.A.. The same could be said of the match in Hobart, and it is only through dedication of our members in this instance (Peter Wedding) that S.A. helped to staff this particular match.

So, although our personal week by week efforts will go on in our usual undaunted and dedicated fashion, an increase in financial considerations in those other "special" areas is very much needed. With expenses on the increase, we can't be expected to continue to foot the bill on our own, when other sections of the game are getting some of this financial assistance. I think the aforementioned speaks both of the past, and what must be done to improve the future too.

REPORTS... The unsavoury point of our game still haunts us all, and none of us like doing it, do we ?? Yet we must if we are to continue to ~~uphold~~ uphold the high standard of the game that we desire. In general I think approaches to reporting have improved, but I do think a far more streamlined and simpler system should be devised. Either a player is guilty or not when he is reported. It is for the commissioner (Complaints Committee) to decide this point, and they can only do it on the evidence so presented. It is a "fight" between the player and the referee reporting him, nobody else. And those two people are the only ones who should be allowed to call witnesses. There should be none of this biased support, particularly for the player whereby he can have some form of "legal" representation. I believe this aspect has been eliminated now, and must never be allowed to return. The disturbing aspect though, is the seemingly different standards of penalties administered during this season. The severity of penalty should depend entirely on what the report was about, and not on anything else. I think a code of penalties should be established, so that we don't find, as has happened a player getting 3 matches for bad language, yet another ~~player~~ getting only one match for deliberately striking. To me there is no rhyme or reason for such a decision. It not only must be fair and just, but it also must seem to be fair and just. As indicated by Basil Greenhalgh, in his report which will be read to the meeting tonight I think this list of grading penalties is a must, as do I think a standard and simple form for reporting be introduced. But whatever the outcome of these suggestions, I know that we will still continue to enact these provisions of the Rules and S.A. By-Laws where we feel it is necessary. Another important point is that the reporting provisions must be re-instituted into the Laws of Lacrosse by the A.L.C. as soon as possible. We are lucky that there is an S.A.L.A. By-Law that allows us to inflict this point.

MEMBERSHIP.... We are most grateful to both Bill Barton and Barry Battams for joining our ranks. I trust that they have gained experience and enjoyment from the first year with us. Also we hope that this will encourage them to continue for sometime yet. It has made our strength for the year to 14, although we haven't often been able to be at this strength on many occasions. This highlights very much the need for improvement in referee recruitment. This point has been thrashed so often it isn't funny. We must do our damndest, which I think we have. But I'm afraid the same can't be said for either the S.A.L.A. or the Clubs. Basically I don't think the Clubs could care less, and support on this point from the S.A.L.A. hasn't been very exciting to say the least. It must be a concerted effort by all of us to achieve the necessary quantity in membership. But mostly the Clubs must be made to realise that referees are just as important and necessary to the game as it is for them to be playing it, and unless they are prepared to show some concern, instead of their "couldn't care less" attitude, I'm ~~afraid~~ afraid that their sense of loyalty/concern for the game doesn't rate very high, and I pity them for their unfortunate selfishness. I do trust that they can soon make amends Nevertheless I do trust that all present members are sufficiently enthused to continue on into the future, and lots of luck in doing it.

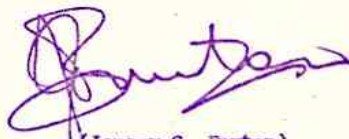
COMMUNICATION/CO-OPERATION... I mention this point as I believe it to be very important to the future success both of our game and our particular association. I may have criticised the S.A.L.A. and the Clubs, and I don't regret having done this. But if we want this line to improve to the necessary level, it is extremely important that we do our bit to help. I think we know that the S.A.L.A. itself is doing its best for the game, and we must help them/ Already the Secretary has been "dubbed" to be on the Programme Committee, and I know that there are other various committees that require our help, particularly during the forthcoming summer months. Please do your best to offer in this regard. Our own administration has always been strong, and I know it has been so again this year. Lets keep it this way. The old S.A.L.R.A. was affiliated officially with the S.A.L.A., but since the formation of A.L.R.A., the S.A. branch has not had this official contact with the S.A.L.A. I think that this point should be rectified immediately. Therefore I am suggesting, that apart from the \$ 1.00 paid to A.L.R.A. (Nat. Exes.) we should increase this to \$2.00, the other dollar being a minimal fee payable to the S.A.L.A. for affiliation purposes, to make it completely an official line of affiliation and communication, after all we do rely on them for our "bread and butter"

THE FUTURE.... I won't delve too deeply into the future, for I believe that the final outcome of our efforts will reflect in our own personal approach to the game, and the result will show too in the hoped for improvement in the game, not only from the players, the referees, and the administrators, but even the spectators too, and we mustn't forget them. I won't delve too deeply, for the reason that I think I've touched sufficiently on the necessary points that I believe in, during the context of this report. Words will never be able to provide the complete answer. Of course it must be always dedicated and positive action from us all.

For the season past I must express my personal thanks to several people. Firstly I must mention Don Hobbs, our President. His efforts on our behalf have been much appreciated, and in thanking him on your behalf, I hope he will continue to enjoy good health and happiness in the future, and most certainly not be lost to our game or our cause. I also must thank Basil for his assistance, particularly during my absence overseas.

For myself personally, I thank you all for your continued support and loyalty. A Secretary's job isn't an easy one, and at times, as you can imagine, can be a "headache". The problems can be many and varied, and it could never be achieved without this support. I've been Secretary (etc.) for 8 years now, and it is hard to really provide the answer of "why". One can only do his best, and I hope that I've done this. But nevertheless there comes a point where one can go "stale", and not do as well. Whether or not I've reached this point, I can't answer for myself. But I believe that I've reached a point where I must call it "quits". I've enjoyed the past 8 years, because I've always felt that flair for administrative work. Nevertheless, I think a change is in order, and its time for somebody else to have a go. I don't regret the past 8 years for one minute, and it would be too much a task to thank all those people who have helped me in that time. Maybe I might take it on again sometime in the future, but for now I feel a break from the Secretary's job is needed. I don't want to leave the game or A.L.R.A., because I feel that administration is what I know best. So if there is anything else of which you feel I am capable of tackling, I'm only too willing to accept such responsibilities. They say that a change is as good as a holiday, so I look forward to serving A.L.R.A. and the game of Lacrosse in the years ahead.

As far as relinquishing the Secretary's job is concerned, it has been a hard decision, but a necessary one, and I believe the right one. But I wouldn't be honest with myself if I didn't believe otherwise. I take this opportunity of again thanking you all. To the incoming Secretary, I wish him all the best for the future, and pledge to him all my support and any help he may feel that I can give. I pledge this too, to you all and A.L.R.A. in the future. The resultant feeling is hard to express, but may I perhaps, say it simply by saying "Thank You" to you all



(Jeremy C. Ruxton)

(Honorary Secretary.)

COACHES REPORT 1975.

Mr. Chairman,
Gentlemen.

It is with some Misgivings that I present my report for 1975.

I would be telling a lie if I were to say 1975 was from a coaching point of view successful.

I was most disappointed this season to find that although we spent a lot of valuable time in discussion of rules and endeavored to standardise interpretations it was quite apparent that some referees had their own ideas and intended to carry them out. *Some method of discipline must be adopted to prevent this.*

On a more pleasant side of the year's efforts it is most noticeable that the referee image has improved a great deal. This I feel is due to the efforts of our Chairmen and in fact all our referees. With emphasis upon uniform decisions this image can only improve.

It was pleasing to obtain the services of Two New referees this season, unfortunately your Coach was unable to referee more than one match with them.

This of course raises another point - It is completely useless to have a referees coach who referees each week. I pointed this out at the beginning of the season but due to the rules now played and the lack of referees it was almost impossible for me to meet let alone coach the referees as I should.

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The whole problem is lack of numbers. Until our Association or the S.A.L.A. find some way of recruiting an adequate number of referees for the Matches scheduled then we will have this problem. - I would point out here that in my opinion the use of the Bye Team to referee is a failure.

In closing this brief report I would like to thank our Chairman Don Hobl for his assistance, our Secretary and my fellow selector Jerry Buxton, Basil Greenhalgh for filling in so well when Jerry was holidaying and all the referees for their efforts this season.

I would like to especially congratulate Peter Wedding on his selection for the Robert Match.

Catch.



Frank C. Coppins.