

REFEREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 21 June 2021 6.00pm

| Agenda Item | | Agenda Topic | Action Required |
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| 18.00 | 1.0 | OPENING AND PRELIMINARIES | |
| | 1.1 | Present: Dani Francis (DF), Renae Harvey (RH), Will Dundas (WD), Gregory Hunt (GH), Reachelle Beasley (RB). Apologies: Aaron Baily (AB), Derek Scales (DS), Stuart Carr (SC), Tayla Tenaglia (TT) | |
| | 1.2 | Additional Items RB informed the committee that Aaron Baily has informed VWA that his living location has changed and as such may not qualify him to continue as the Regional Referee. There was a consensus that Samantha Stewart from Busselton VC could be approached to consider an appointment if AB were unable to continue as the Regional Referee. | |
| 18.05 | 2.0 | MEETING NOTES FOR APPROVAL | |
| | 2.1 | Confirmation of Meeting Notes The Meeting Notes from the 18 January 2021 were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. | |
| | 2.2 | Actions of the previous meeting The Actions register was reviewed. | |
| 18.15 | 3.0 | VWA & VA UPDATES | |
| | 3.1 | Referee Payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RB provided a brief on the changes to how referees are paid. All referees are paid as a hobby payment. The Committee indicated they had received no additional negative feedbacks to the changes made to how referee were paid. It was noted that referees were not completing the scoresheets correctly and, on many occasions, do not write their name clearly to allow VWA to administer their payments. It has been suggested that a training day be provided pre-season for Referees and Venue Coordinators to clearly outline roles and responsibilities. | |
| | 3.2 | VA Education Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RB provided an update to the Committee about the progress of the new education platform from VA. It is unlikely that the outlined timeframes would be met by VA. VWA have completed an accreditation audit for referees and coaches. The Fortix system is now updated and should be a true reflection of VWA | |

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| | 3.3 | <p>Referee Pack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DF indicated the new contact types such as Referee 1, Referee 2 has been helpful. • RB has developed a document which is designed to clarify how individuals can become a referee with VWA. • The document will be distributed to the Committee for feedback. | |
| 18.30 | 4.0 | <p>BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION</p> <p>4.1 Referee Goals and Development Plan/Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee agreed that there is some opportunity in this area to provide additional support for referees. • There is a need to deliver regular training opportunities to referees, especially prior to the season starting. • DF suggested the Committee host 6 workshop sessions (2 per day am/pm) during the first three weeks of WAVL. Clubs should ensure they have 3 people from each team/club to attend the sessions. The purpose of the workshops is to educate the clubs, players and referees about key area such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to do complete Duties correctly. - Outline the Rules in general format. - How to start a game correctly. - How to complete the Score Card. <p>The following was identified as options to assist Venue Coordinators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a training day for all Venue Coordinators to ensure they understand their roles and responsibilities, prior to the start of the season. • The Venue Coordinator Booklet (currently being developed) should be finalised and utilised as an induction and training manual. <p>4.2 Regional Referees/Assessments</p> <p>The Committee discussed the support for Regional Referees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DF suggested a referee road trip each year to support the delivery of courses/workshops and complete assessments. • It was agreed that expecting Regions to travel to Perth for their assessments for level 2 accreditation requires an alternative option. It was proposed to that there be a mini event aimed at developing referees (supported by teams from clubs). This event can provide the assessment tools required to sign off level 2 assessments and include practical workshops. These sessions should be held March/April 2022 <p>4.3 Rule Refresher meeting preseason</p> | |

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| | 4.4 | <p>Referee Committee Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresher courses should be held each year, prior to the start of the season for both beach and indoor. These courses should be free to all accredited referees. Referee Seminars could be held throughout the year that have a particular focus, such as hand signals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Meetings per year (2022 Dates) (RB to put on calendar) RB has provided some update on the existing Terms of Reference and will distribute to the Committee for review and feedback. | |
| 18.50 | 5.0 5.1 5.2 | <p>WA STRATEGIC PLAN</p> <p>Current Statistics The Statistics were accepted as tabled.</p> <p>2022+ Goals and Objectives The Committee discussed a variety of options that could assist in developing and increasing the number of referees in WA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce Workshops aimed at improving referee skills. Introduce Referee Seminars (Free to attend). Duties Clinics (What does it mean when my team must do duties) Find ways to encourage progression to level 3 accreditation and understand how we can make this accessible. Introduce mentoring with referees who identify they would like progression. Promote Referee as a sport. Advocate to get mums and dads involved through parent/guardian workshops. RH was keen to be involved in the development of this program. Improve the stature of referees and find ways to improve their presence such as a minimum uniform requirement (VWA Referee uniform for first referees). | |
| 1915 | 6.0 6.1 6.2 | <p>PLANNING</p> <p>Development pathways There was some consensus that not all referees want to progress through a hierarchy system. The new platform with VA (supported by Sports Australia), should provide other development opportunities for sideways development.</p> <p>Education Courses 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The courses this year were timed well, noting the addition of another level 2 mid-season. It was agreed that there be an additional Level 2 course delivered at the end of the year to support Beach Referees. Need to establish local workshops into the calendar. | |

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| 1925 | 7.0 | MEETING EVALUATION The meeting covered a lot of content and there was great energy and enthusiasm to start planning activities for 2022. | |
| 19.30 | 8.0 | NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE Meeting closed 7.20pm Next Meeting Monday 22 November 2021. | |