



President: - Tony Tree

Secretary:-Leanne McArdle

Vice President: - Peter Cock

MINUTES

Minutes of an Meeting of Mid West Football League, held Monday 25th July 2016 at the Minnipa Hotel, commenced at 8.06pm

1. Roll call & Welcome

- 1.1. Present
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| President: | Not Available |
| Vice President | Peter Cock - Chairperson |
| Treasurer | Kelly O'Brien |
| Secretary: | Leanne McArdle |
| Central Eyre: | Aaron Grocke, Jared Sampson |
| Elliston: | Chad Fleming, Steve Paul |
| West Coast Hawks: | Nathan Johnson, Paul Feltus |
| Western Districts: | Allen Curtis, Wade Shepperd |
| Wudinna United: | Greg Scholz, Dallas Waters |
| Wirrulla | Simon Webb, Shane Pittaway |
| Zone Representative | Bert Woolford (Observer) |

- 1.2. Apologies

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1. That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mid West Football League held on 21st March 2016 be passed as true and correct.

Prop: Greg Scholz (Wudinna)
2nd: Nathan Johnson (West Coast)

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

- 3.1 Error N/A Resolved at Feb 2016 meeting

- 3.2 Cooper Venning (Elliston) permit
- Did not play – went to Port Lincoln

- 3.3 Inter League Programming Zone Matches - MWFL Hosting
- Central Eyre advised that they were prepared to host the 2017 Zone matches in May
 - Will advise whether at Kyancutta or Warrambo
 - Clubs to consider 2019 & 2021 and advise MWFL asap if they wish to tender

Prop: Aaron Grocke Central Eyre)
2nd: Dallas Waters (Wudinna)

CARRIED

4. Questions on Notice

NIL

5. Financial Report

Treasurer (Kelly O'Brien) submitted a report, MWFL funds on hand \$3760.26 as at 22nd July 2016.

- however she has now been provided with the league insurance invoice in excess of \$12000
Kelly has requested that all clubs please PROMPTLY pay their insurance invoices which were sent to member clubs last week to ensure she can pay this invoice.
- Awaiting a reimbursement of expenses outlaid re Mortlock (approx. \$7200). Bert strongly suggested that ***Kelly or Peter follow up with Mortlock committee re the prompt reimbursement of these expenses.***

Prop: Kelly O'Brien
2nd: Peter Cock

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

- 6.1. Nomination for Mortlock Life Membership – Scott Feltus
Recommendation by A Buckham – MWFL Recorder
- **Acknowledged and all member clubs in agreeance, this will be taken to Mortlock Committee for ratification**
- 6.2 Don McSweeney Memorial Plaque
Quote provided to all clubs in June 2016
Recommendation by A Buckham approval be given
- **Acknowledged and all member clubs in agreeance as advised**
- 6.3 Player Payment Review Survey - SACFL
Correspondence has been emailed to all clubs along with reminders for clubs to ensure the survey is completed
- **Delegates were encouraged to strongly advise their clubs to complete this survey**
- 6.4 Wudinna United email re a league level discussion
- 2 round competition
 - General discussion was had
 - Points raised:
 - Some clubs felt the season was too long
 - Some clubs believe that this would deter some players as they would prefer to be playing more games and would possibly move elsewhere
 - Suggestions included possibility of split round where the top 4 clubs at end of previous season play each other
 - Delegates asked to consider at club level AGM and then bring those discussions to MWFL AGM in Nov 16
 - 9 a side B Grade competition
 - General discussion was had
 - Points raised:
 - Some clubs struggling to field B grade every week
 - Many players in this grade playing to make up numbers, would prefer not to be playing
 - Western Districts suggested “Cap on number of registered players at a club” – if too many, extras had to play for another member club

7. Presidents Report

Tony Tree apologized and will forward a Presidents Report for the AGM in August 2016
Peter Cock thanked all clubs, players, officials, etc for their participation in Mortlock & Kinlough events

8. General Business

- 8.1 Club Top 15s List – circularised to all clubs from A Buckham for consideration & adoption
- As per email distributed 15/7/16, all MWFL clubs were to have sent through to Bucky their lists by yesterday, has this been completed?
 - These lists need to be adopted at this meeting

All lists as presented were accepted with very little discussion required

8.2 Tribunal Review

- What pre-determined penalties should be applicable where offence is by a non-player (runner, official, etc)
 - *“Current rules do not distinguish between playing/non-playing”*

Discussion was that delegates should take this back to clubs to be discussed at their AGMs

Consensus was that “pre-determined penalties” should not apply to “non-playing offenders” and that should this occur it should be handled by the Tribunal as is the norm for most other leagues. Clubs will need to move for this to be minuted or inserted at MWFL AGM in Nov 2016 in readiness for 2017 season

8.3 Amendments for AGM?

Reminder that ALL amendments need to be submitted to Secretary MINIMUM 14 days prior to MWFL AGM for circulation

8.4 Umpires – A Buckham

- *“We have been down to 3 and more recently 4 panel umpires, which means that clubs are now providing umpires for their own home games. I have seen and also heard of abuse directed at these umpires, which is less tolerable than panel umpires given generally they have not had the opportunity of formal training and are less experienced, many have not even put their hand up to do it, rather have been seconded by their club. Matter needs to be raised for club discussion and thoughts, I am sure that we will have a report on our hands sooner or later, but better to be pro-active and have the matter on the table first. (See recent email to commence this discussion – attached)”*

All delegates were asked to emphasize, to their respective clubs, that they were expected to accept umpires decisions and to ensure respect AT ALL TIMES is shown.

8.5 Panel Umpires Finals Roster was distributed via email – copy attached

9. Umpires Report – submitted by Rick DuBois

My panel umpires list consists of

Andrew Buckham

Craig Walladge

Ian Harrowfield

Wade Shepperd

Craig Haslam – (yet to do a game but plans to)

The panel umpires are well supported by a group of club umpires

WCH Ian Montgomerie

WU Michael (Jock) North & Luke Nettle

WIRR Peter (Frog) Holmes

WD Leigh Scholz

ELL Rod Hutchison

CE Craig Waters

Please advise if there are other regular senior umpires that are consistently doing A or B grade.



I support Bucky's comments regarding supporters, players and officials attitude to umpires. On the whole our league is pretty good, however this is let down by a few that can't contain themselves. If we look back over the reports in recent years, a high proportion of reports relate to abuse of umpires. I have noticed that more and more of the younger senior players seem to think it is alright and acceptable to level abuse and derogatory comments at the umpires, not a good trend and one that needs to be monitored and controlled. Clubs need to take responsibility and set the standard for their club and the league and eliminate this antisocial and offensive behaviour from our game, before it does escalate into something bigger than we can handle.

Also – regarding Bucky. He would be well and truly eligible for MWFL life membership, consideration be given to awarding of this. Also, I suggest his record at Mortlock be investigated with the Mortlock committee, he has been a league official / delegate for approximately 10 years, and was a player for Mid-West and , I believe Port Lincoln.

I will be stepping out of the umpires coordinator role next year, suggest that it become part of the President role (it was how I got it!), for clubs consideration.

The finals schedule is below. Rates for finals have been set at A Grade \$200 (all finals) B Grade \$120 minor & \$140 grand final

Date	FAR WEST			MID WEST			EASTERN EYRE		
	Game	Venue	Officiating Panel	Game	Venue	Officiating Panel	Game	Venue	Officiating Panel
6-Aug-16	1st Semi Final	Koonibba	MW	WD/WCH	Poochera	FW X1 / MW X1	Cowell/Kimba ER/PORTS	Cowell	EE
				WIRR/Elliston	Wirrulla	FW X1 / MW X1			
				WU/CE	Wudinna	FW X1 / MW X1			
13-Aug-16	2nd Semi Final	Thevenard	EE	CE/WIRR Elliston/WD WCH/WU	Warrambo Elliston Streaky Bay	MW MW MW	1st Semi Final	Kimba	FW
20-Aug-16	Preliminary Final	Penong	MW	1st Semi Final	Wudinna	EE	2nd Semi Final	Port Neill	FW
27-Aug-16	Grand Final	Ceduna	EE	2nd Semi Final	Elliston	FW	Preliminary Final	Cowell	MW
3-Sep-16				Preliminary Final	Wirrulla	TBA	Grand Final	Rudall	MW
10-Sep-16				Grand Final	Warrambo	FW			

Discussion:

- **Mortlock**
 - Age of water boys at Mortlock
- **MWFL Finals**
 - Use common sense re age/experience of Boundary Umpires provided in Finals
 - **Water boys**
 - White shirt
 - Age (consider)
 - Take drink on AND then leave
 - ONLY 3 on oval at any time
 - Reminder names must be on TEAM SHEET – inc Water boys

10. Club Reports

- 10.1 Central Eyre
 - Reiterated that Umpires should be supported at all times
 - Brought up that there was considerable verbal abuse of players and at the last match between CE & WCH
 - Yellow footballs –general agreement it was a good initiative
 - Possible lack of communication by some clubs to ensure that ALL are aware of agreements made at league meetings as one club was unaware that league agreed to CE use of yellow footballs
- 10.2 Elliston
 - NIL
- 10.3 West Coast Hawks
 - First Semi – enquired where white boards were for medal count?
 - Wudinna were going to follow up with this
- 10.4 Western Districts
 - NIL
- 10.5 Wirrulla
 - NIL
- 10.6 Wudinna United

NIL

Bert Woolford

- 3rd year in the position,
- several meetings a year that he attends in Adelaide
- available to anyone/club that needs something addressed at SACFL level
- can “point you in the right direction”
- Great EP representation - noted that 26 players from the EP are currently playing at League level

11. AGM – Monday 7th November 2016

12. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

