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**President:** - Matt Cook

**Secretary:-**Leanne McArdle

**Vice President:** - Peter Cock

## MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting of Mid West Football League, held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Minnipa Hotel, commenced at 8.10pm

### 1. Roll call & Welcome

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|------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.1. | Present                       |                                       |
|      | President                     | Matt Cook                             |
|      | Secretary                     | Leanne McArdle                        |
|      | Central Eyre                  | Aaron Grocke, Jarrod Sampson          |
|      | Elliston                      | Jay Williams, Stephen Paul            |
|      | West Coast Hawks              | Nathan Johnson, Paul Feltus           |
|      | Western Districts:            | Allen Curtis, Wade Shepperd           |
|      | Wudinna United                | Michael North, Dallas Waters          |
|      | Wirrulla                      | Milton Holmes, Darren Mudge           |
|      | Western Regional Co-ordinator | Andrew Taheny (invited)               |
|      | Commissioner                  | Ned Luscombe (invited)                |
| 1.2. | Apologies                     | Peter Cock, Kelly O'Brien, Shane Best |

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1. That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mid West Football League held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 be passed as true and correct.

**Proposed:** Jay Williams

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Wade Shepperd

**CARRIED**

### 3. Business Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

#### 8.2 Tribunal Review (under 3 – Business Arising)

*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*

**Proposed: No "pre-determined penalties" should apply for non-playing offenders and that should this occur it should be handled by the Tribunal**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**A Grocke**

**Wade Shepperd**

**CARRIED**

*Andrew Buckham response - This is a confusing minute given the question asked of delegates. The League should be setting outlines of what is expected in terms of penalties here, irrespective of whether the Tribunal or Executive handle the issue. The Tribunal acts on behalf of the League. Guidance is sought on the penalties expected.*

**Ned Luscombe asked permission to speak to this item**

The Commissioner is the “MWFL servant” – the role of his office is to arbitrate & adjudicate, to uphold & enforce rules set by the MWFL. He then went on to elaborate his views on some of the issues that arose in the 2016 season in football in MWFL especially.

- Sledging – although commonly known as having been a part of sport for eons, seems to have now taken to being “personal”. As the Commissioner, should this come to his “court”, it will be considered in a very “dim light”.
- The “red/yellow” card system seems to have been very effective.
- Club officials appearing before the Commissioner is a very disappointing issue in his view.
- Non-playing officials – penalising them does not penalise the team.
- Drugs – they do exist in our league, he implored ALL clubs that ZERO TOLERANCE is needed

Clubs then had a discussion. Suggestions included:

- Anyone on teamsheet found guilty – 5 games/round (Wudinna United)
- Believe Commissioner should have final decision on penalty but would like to see club penalised (Central Eyre)
- Club should be penalised (WCH)

**Proposed: No pre-determined penalties should apply for non-playing officials. Should this occur, it is to be handled by the Commissioner, who at their discretion (if found guilty), may impose a penalty, which may include a deduction of premiership points up to a maximum of TWO games/FOUR premiership points**

Aaron Grocke

2<sup>nd</sup>

Jarred Sampson

**CARRIED**

8.10 Junior Coordinator role – Wirrulla Football Club to name their office bearer

**Advised position filled by Shane Best**

**Noted that MWFL missed the Zone meeting, would be preferable to stay with same person if possible to ensure consistency of information**

15.2 Proposed: MWFL Association place a similar reminder to the content in the September 2016 memos in the FIRST 2017 BUDGET

A Curtis

2<sup>nd</sup>

A Grocke

**CARRIED**

**The letter is to be reviewed and then sent to all clubs requesting that it be included in their Budgets**

**ACTION – to be reviewed**

**Matt Cook/Andrew Buckham**

15.3 MWFL Program 2017 Draft in Progress

- A Buckham

West Coast Hawks have NOT yet decided on where games will be conducted, advised this will be decided at their meeting and A Buckham will be advised prior to MWFL 2017 Program being finalized

**WCH advised that recorder has been informed. Three games to be played at Piednippie.**

15.4 Forfeit Penalty - The 20 goal penalty will need to be formulated into a By Law,  
*I will do this for tabling – A Buckham*

**ACTION - to be tabled for next meeting**

**Andrew Buckham**

15.7 Yellow Footballs – pros and cons - Central Eyre

**Prop A Grade – All MWFL Clubs be allowed the choice (with opposition approval) of using either yellow or red Sherrin Kangaroo brand MAC footballs**

J Sampson

2<sup>nd</sup>

A Curtis

**CARRIED**

*This is no change to current practice or rules of football, where the game ball is to be agreed upon by visiting captain. Red/ Yellow doesn't matter (or any other colour) Is it the intention of the delegates to stipulate use of Sherrin only footballs? – A Buckham*

**Correct – Sherrin Kangaroo Brand ONLY. Colour doesn't matter.**

**A Taheny advised that there used to be a “deal” / agreement with Sherrin**

**ACTION – Follow-up to determine if this is still available**

**Matt Cook**

15.8 Current Finals umpiring roster exchange  
Discussion re MWFL umpires not being utilized at MWFL finals due to Roster Exchange with neighbouring leagues – are we committed to this exchange?  
Delegates are to take this back to their clubs for discussion and will need to have suggestions/amendments tabled at MWFL Feb 2017 meeting if required.

**Discussion:**

- **CE – would like to see a mix of all Leagues' umpires**
- **Wirrulla – would like impartial**
- **WD – would like impartial**

**ACTION – Take to umpires panel for their thoughts are, bring back to next meeting  
Wade Shepperd**

**4. Questions on Notice**

Nil

**5. Financial Report**

Nil

**6. Correspondence**

All correspondence has been forwarded to clubs, delegates & League offices

**7. Presidents Report**

7.1 Mortlock AGM Report 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Marquee players MWFL was discussed, could this bring more spectators to the game

- could be beneficial
- would also mean “an upcomer” would lose their spot in the team

Far North – Roxby entered, KI no further participation

Life memberships proposed have been approved

Western Zone meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

U17 & U15 nominations

Zone affiliation fees – requested that they be paid EARLY due to funds being required for EP sides flights to Murray Bridge, July 6-9.

Newton Luscombe agreed to be MWFL League Commissioner for Western Zone

7.2 Player Payment System

- person(s) completing the spreadsheet is encouraged to utilize Gill Masters services, as from 2017 fines will be imposed if these sheets are NOT SUBMITTED ON TIME as per reporting dates
- no sign on fee – don't do it as you WILL be questioned hard by SANFL

7.3 AGM – very late in 2016, noted that Constitution states that AGM needs to be held “NO LATER THAN 14<sup>th</sup> November” – look at scheduling for October

7.4 Central Eyre advised the Inter-League game will be played at Warramboos on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**8. General Business**

Andrew Taheny have a verbal report on Zone in conjunction with Matt Cook

- Positives of Auskick Program & Women's Footy
- MAC seminars – 2/year, this year Elliston/Wudinna by SAPOL-training nights
- Grants benefits – work with SANFL as numerous grants available that clubs are unaware of
- Contact Sarah Neale @ SANFL if receiving junk emails thru SANFL webmail (L McArdle)
- Coaches accreditation
- Auskick – age structures, packs handed to all clubs, WCH commended on their Auskick
- Sports Trainers Course – Thevenard 5<sup>th</sup> & Whyalla 19th
- Women's footy - > 14 years – can't play, waiver to keep playing, suggestion Carnival Day – each League submit a “girls team” – to be played @ Wudinna – thoughts?

**9. Umpires Report**



Nothing to report at this stage

## **10. Club Reports**

- 10.1 Central Eyre  
Ash May – A Grade coach, may require a permit for a player
- 10.2 Elliston  
similar numbers to 2016
- 10.3 West Coast Hawks  
Mark Dolling - A Grade coach, 3 games @ Piednippie
- 10.4 Western Districts  
Gained & lost players, S Feltus – A Grade coach
- 10.5 Wirrulla  
D Lawrie – A Grade coach, Lost 7 As, gained 2 - struggling
- 10.6 Wudinna United  
D Marshall – A Grade coach  
**Discussion raised re time of team forfeit notification – further discussion at end of 2017 season and prior to AGM if changes required**

## **11. Next Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 @ Minnipa Hotel**

## **12. Meeting Close**

Meeting closed at 10.40 pm