

Mid West Football League Inc



President: - Matthew Cook

Secretary:-Leanne McArdle

Vice President: - Peter Cock

MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting of Mid West Football League, held Monday 24th July 2017 at the Minnipa Hotel, commenced at 8.04pm

1. Roll call & Welcome

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| 1.1. | Present | |
| | President | Matt Cook |
| | Vice President | Peter Cock |
| | Secretary | Leanne McArdle |
| | Central Eyre | Aaron Grocke, Jared Sampson |
| | Elliston | Jay Williams |
| | West Coast Hawks | Nathan Johnson, Nick Schumann |
| | Western Districts | Allen Curtis, Wade Shepperd |
| | Wudinna United | Michael North, Dallas Waters |
| | Wirrulla | Milton Holmes, Darren Mudge |
| 1.2. | Apologies | Kelly O'Brien, Steve Paull, Andrew Taheny,
Greg Scholz, Shane Best |

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1. That the Minutes of the MWFL meeting dated 3rd April, 2017 be passed as true and correct
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| Proposed: | Jared Sampson |
| 2nd: | Jay Williams |
| CARRIED | |

3. Business Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

15.7 AGM Minutes 7th November 2016
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
P Cock advised he would make contact with A Taheny to determine if this arrangement was still available to MWFL

Response from Andrew Taheny was that each League needs to make an individual request direct to Sherrin

4. Questions on Notice

NIL

5. Financial Report

Question was raised with regard to the significant difference between 2016 and 2017 paid for SANFL Affiliation Fees.

ACTION – Seek clarification from MWFL Treasurer Leanne McArdle

6. Correspondence

All correspondence has been forwarded to clubs, delegates & League officers – unless there is a resolution or a requirement to reprint for meeting, correspondence will not be re-issued at meetings as I believe that all correspondence has been forwarded with sufficient time allocation for each club to determine if further discussion is required to place on next agenda. – If you disagree please advise me

Items of correspondence 8.7, 8.6 & 8.8 (received after Agenda distributed) from General Business

8.7 General discussion was had by delegates with regard to issue raised in letter from Western Districts

- Noted that all member clubs have “persons” that are members/supporters that fit into these “moulds” referenced in Western Districts Letter of Concern
- Sling/spear tackle – rough play tackle
 - Consensus of all delegates was that they believe the umpires already have the “power” to address this
- Matt Cook tabled a document from the AFL, specifically defining “Dangerous Tackles”, including sling and spear tackles.
- MWFL Constitution in the section Independent Tribunal Procedures identifies “Intentionally, recklessly or negligently offences against umpires, players and other offences” or also could be defined as “Unduly rough play” - Noted by several clubs that these types of tackles are “rarely seen” in our games
- MWFL office bearers, delegates and clubs NEED to support their umpires
- Feedback from umpiring panel was that umpires did not feel confident to apply “Unduly Rough Play”
- Some discussion was noted about having 3 umpires
- Consideration was given to “defining what is Unduly Rough Play” see Tribunal Pre-determined Penalties Guide

Moved that

- Umpires address players prior to games **ACTION (Umpires)**
- Delegates to go back to their clubs and strongly communicate that excessively rough play/conduct will not be tolerated and games will be umpired accordingly, Umpires will be fully supported by the League and Clubs in these situations

ACTION (Delegates)

Proposed: J Sampson

2nd: A Curtis

CARRIED

8.8 **Wirrulla Football Club Letter**

8.6 **Western Districts Letter re Behaviour towards Umpires by Spectators/Officials & players**

- Umpires do already have the guidelines to penalise this

- Suggested that Red/Yellow cards need to be clearly held aloft so timekeepers can follow their duties as per “Red/Yellow” card directive
- Delegates to take this back to their clubs and advise them that the league umpires will be fully supported in their endeavor to enforce the current guidelines with regard to verbal abuse towards the umpires** **ACTION (Delegates)**

7. Presidents Report

- MWFL ladders are now reasonably settled, the season to date has seen some closely well contested games across grades.
- Stressed that the League aims to address concerns as they arise

Advice from Newton Luscombe (Tribunal Commissioner) – Report documentation and case notes need to be correctly completed as stated per MWFL Constitution by-law below

15. REPORTING OF INCIDENTS.

(a) The following conditions shall apply to a charge laid by the umpire in respect of a breach of the “Laws of the Game” by a player. All charges shall be dealt with in terms of the Tribunal Procedure or Pre-Determined Penalty Guides

(1) Each umpire who makes a charge shall fill in duplicate, copies in respect of each Club which has a player to be reported. Such copies shall set out the name of such player and particulars of the charge. Each umpire who makes a charge shall sign both copies and if he is a boundary or goal umpire shall hand both copies to the field umpire. The field umpire shall deliver one copy of each charge to the Secretary of this League so as to reach him no later than in the afternoon of the following Monday. The reporting umpire is to advise the League secretary verbally that a report has taken place by Sunday evening 8pm.

Each Club shall be responsible for the attendance of an official at the door of the umpire’s room at the termination of the match to seek details of any reports arising from a match and where charges are made, the field umpire shall hand to the officials of the Club concerned, and the duplicate signed copy of such charges. In the case of non-attendance of an Official, the Club in default and any player concerned in a charge shall be deemed to have waived compliance with the provisions of this clause and the charge will be heard as if the Official received the copy of the charge.

ACTION (W Shepperd)

8. General Business

- 8.1. Association Football – Central Eyre
- J Sampson voiced concerns at the disappointing results from our Association participation in Mortlock
 - Success will only come from having pride in our League
 - Believed that our image was not professional and this was a contributing factor also
 - No direction from the League re trainings and organization
 - Appeared to be no structure
 - Consideration needs to be given to having an “Interleague and Mortlock Coordinator” (or could be called “Representative Football Coordinator”) elected at MWFL AGM in Oct 2017
 - Matt Cook advised that he has commenced a folder/list re Inter-League/Mortlock required procedures
 - Week night trainings will be at Wudinna
 - 2 weeks prior to May Inter-League game, start training
 - Clubs to nominate players for the squad
 - Discuss remuneration for Co-Ordinator at AGM
 - Sponsorship for League to be addressed as has lapsed
 - Jackets/Shirts/Shorts/Guernseys – professional image



Delegates to take back to their AGMs – seeking a person prepared to fulfil the role of “Interleague and Mortlock Coordinator” and advise at MWFL AGM in Oct 2017

ACTION (Delegates)

Letters to potential sponsors – possible 1 year option ACTION (M Cook/L McArdle)

8.2. SANFL Merit Awards – see attached correspondence
Central Eyre were nominating Craig Sampson and required endorsement of MWFL President & Secretary

8.3. Wirrulla Football Club 100 years 2018 – seeking permission to wear “Old Guernsey” and preference for “HOME MATCH” in program scheduling for June 30th 2018 OR July 7th 2018

- Maroon, with white V – old Guernsey colours
- Draft program indicates 23/6 as possible date – Wirrulla will make decision and advise Recorder

8.4. Colour of footballs for MWFL Finals – decision needs to be made for future purchasing

- Put to vote and by majority MWFL decision was to use RED Sherrin footballs during 2017 finals

Moved: J Sampson

CARRIED BY MAJORITY

8.4.1 Letter was received from WCH regarding Item 15.7 from AGM

- Identified that what delegates passed at this meeting is inconsistent with Constitution entry
- Delegates are all in agreeance that this item removed the reference – “with opposition approval” – however this wording has remained unchanged when looking back through recent minutes and is according to what the League Secretary recorded at the 6 March 2017 meeting. **Need to liaise with Recorder to identify correct method to re-address this and correct it as soon as possible** **ACTION (A Buckham)**

8.5. Club top 15 lists

Central Eyre - no objections

Wirrulla - no objections

West Coast Hawks - no objections

Western Districts - no objections

(nb: Elliston and Wudinna not required due to their B grade not being in finals)

8.9. Question from Elliston – Are trainers allowed to run water

Response provided was – Runners can’t carry water

To be relayed to all Umpires

ACTION (W Shepperd)

8.10. Low on umpires – Matt Cook

Clubs need to nominate two umpires

Umpires Panel is struggling to get enough umpires

AGM Agenda item

ACTION (L McArdle)

9. Umpires Report

- Junior Umpire panel – possibility
- More encouragement needed
- Abuse – won't get new umpires or retain them
- Paul Cavanagh has advised that he is considering coming to MWFL to impart some of his knowledge to our panel. A date is to be set in the near future.
- Club umpires need to do "Online Accreditations" **ACTION (Delegates)**
- **Officials – Boundary Umpires for B Grade – clubs need to be more selective – some are too young to be competent** **ACTION (Delegates)**

10. Vice-President

- Reminder Central Eyre – Secretary (Roster) required for AGM
- Reminder Treasurer will be required for AGM as retiring
- Flow Award
 - some games – no best players were nominated
 - Make sure media sheets are completed correctly
 - Goal Umpires need to ensure they get correct goal kickers

11. Club Reports

- 11.1. Central Eyre
Semi-Final will have a Minis game
- 11.2. Elliston
Not really anything to report
- 11.3. West Coast Hawks
Auskickers have final at 2nd semi final, 12 dads are assisting most weeks
- 11.4. Western Districts
Colts are out of finals, B grade travelling well, good numbers, A grade dependent on numerous injuries
Grand Final will have Minis game
- 11.5. Wirrulla
A grade more injuries than wanted, B grade struggling due to A grade injuries, colts doing okay
- 11.6. Wudinna United
Colts doing okay, seniors competitive – some close games but not that successful

12. Next Meeting (Monday 16th October 2017)

(nb: Earlier than usually held, as delegates felt that AGM held in November is too late.
Clubs will need to get their AGM's completed earlier as a result.)

13. Meeting Closed 10.35pm

