



**Captains Meeting – Monday 4 May 2026
6.30pm via Zoom**

MINUTES

- **Meeting Open**
 - **Apologies - nil**
 - **Proxies**
 - Fred Johnson for Max Ryan (Steady Eddies – season proxy)
 - Dylan Barba for Iain (Screamers – season proxy)
 - Tony Warren for Phil Morton (Kaos)
 - Frank Perkovic for Tony Johns (Buffaloes)
 - Clive for Paul Berger (knuckles)
- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Minutes for the April meeting were tabled seconded by Warren Manglesdorf
 - Online poll results: For = 18, Against = 0, Abstain = 2
 - **April minutes were accepted**
- **President's Report (Matt Harmon)**
 - AEBF AGM scheduled for May was postponed to 15 June, because a couple of positions were available but there were no nominations received. Nominations available for the Vice Presidents and the Secretaries roles. Nominations for these will close on 19 May. Two additional roles are available, The Director of Rules and Umpires and the Junior Development Officer. The agenda for the AGM will be sent out on 25 May. We might have to move our next Captains meeting as it is on the same date. **The core committee will discuss this, and we will get back to you.**
 - Matt Power – asked last meeting about honour boards instead of perpetual trophies, MH has reached out to Pat Wadsworth, she is going to get back to him with some ideas/costs etc.
- **Vice President's Report (Paul Chapelli)**
 - Nothing for the meeting, important for people to know that our roles are voluntary, not paid.
- **Secretary's Report (Matt Wilson)**
 - Minutes sent out late last week, I will be trying to get them out a bit earlier going forward.
- **Treasurer's Report (Terry McClymont)**
 - Everyday account - \$67,177
 - Term deposit matured - \$36,317
 - Nationals Account - \$12,789 will be added to the above to form a new term deposit of approx. \$49k
 - Our total balance has gone down slightly but we have recently paid for trophies.
- **Tournament Director's Report (Graham O'Connell)**
 - Checked teams' attendance.
 - No results to report.
 - Sent out details re season fees and AEBF Affiliation fees, most players are required to pay them with a handful of exceptions, i.e. ACTEBA life members only have to pay the AEBF affiliation fee. Some players paid the affiliation fee at the start of the year when attending the Junior Nationals. Reach out to Graham for a voucher code to offset this amount - due date being pushed back a week as some players did not receive the first email. A sms and an email will be sent tomorrow to any outstanding players.
 - Bill Freeman – **what happens if people don't pay by the due date?**

- Graham – they will go on the debtors list and then be ineligible to play our competitions until that has been sorted out. This will affect the teams that are in the finals and the Super League teams and finals. Anything after 15 May.
- Frank Perkovic – **what are these new fees for?**
- Graham – this has been covered at a few of the previous meetings, noting that the Buffalos have not been present at some of these. The 2 fees are not new. The entry fee has been agreed in May last year to increase from \$70 to \$90, this was not added to the Payhq entry details due to an admin error by Graham, due to the long delay between the decision and the start of the 2026 season.
- Frank – why not pay it next season?
- Graham – this would be \$90 plus \$20 so \$110, this would not suit everyone.
- Matt Harmon – this has also been discussed at length and agreed by Captains to pay it this season.
- Frank – ok, is it the same link.
- MH and Graham, it is a different link that has been sent out by email and on the fb post and our website.
- Bill Freeman – **some of our team are having problems with the website**, he will sort it out with them next Wednesday.
- Frank – **not all of our players are computer savvy.**
- MH – please let us know if support or help is required.
- GO – we had to reschedule the 2nd SOO date as we don't have the latest season rankings – probably held in July 2026. TBC
- Women's trials on 23/24 May, Anthony has setup.
- A reminder we will be running a competition in the break between this season and the next, info out shortly.
- Any questions – no
- Mark Surh is here for Team Lish
- **Assistant Tournament Director's Report (Anthony)**
 - No Graham has covered everything.
- **Webmaster's Report (Tony Warren)**
 - Put a link up on the website for the fees – **he will get it up for tomorrow.**
- **Fundraising Coordinator's Report (Lissie Chapelli)**
 - Jackpot Joker – volunteers required, reminder to look at website.
- **Junior Development Officer's Report (Lissie Chapelli)**
 - Event on at Heycan, Chris Lilley is running with Juniors, this may clash with ours, come up with new dates.
- **Assistant Junior Development Officer's Report (Paul Chapelli)**
 - Nothing to add.
- **Head Umpire's Report (Ron Farmer)**
 - overseas
- **Publicity Officer - Vacant**
- **~~State Head Coach Report~~ - Vacant**
- **General Business**
 - **MH – Phil Morton and Jack Dehm have accepted their spots for the Australian team travelling to Morocco in September, we had 5 ACT players qualify for their relevant Australian teams. ACTEBA funding (traditionally \$1500) will be voted on soon.**

- **MH** – re fees, we understand this can be challenging for some people, we try and be as transparent as possible, none of the committee are paid in any way, all Captains get a vote in any decisions that are made. MH received 2 phone calls that were quite rude, including one he had to hang up on. These players had been misinformed. **He Asks Captains to please pass on all information from these meetings to their players, especially those who are not on social media and email.**
- **Frank Percovic** – The fees are they a one off or will it happen every season? **MH** – the fees are now \$90 per season – this is set in our by-laws. The AEBF affiliation fee is paid once per year. Previously it had been paid by ACTEBA as a lump sum out of season fees. These fees help the AEBF go in the right direction from a financial point of view.
- **Anything else** – no

Main action points:

- **Captains to please pass on all information from these meetings to their players.**