



**Captains Meeting – Monday 7 September 2026
6.30pm via Zoom**

Minutes

- **Meeting Open**

- Apologies
- Proxies
 - Fred Johnson for Max Ryan (Steady Eddies – season proxy)
 - Dylan Barba for Iain (Screamers – season proxy)
 - Tony Warren for Phil Morton (Kaos – season proxy)
 - Glen Prowse for Tony (Buffalo Bistro)

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes for the July meeting were tabled seconded by Warren Manglesdorf
- Online poll results: For = 26, Against = 0, Abstain = 2
- **August meeting minutes were accepted**

- **President's Report (Matt Harmon)**

- Volunteers are needed to join a subcommittee to elect captains and vice captains for various teams, with Ron Farmer, Matt Power, and Vanessa agreeing to participate.
- The group discussed the open team manager position, which received no expressions of interest, and decided that the core executive would appoint remaining team managers based on expressions of interest received, with deadlines set for the following weeks to allow for shirt ordering in September.
- Matt proposed a new selection process for Australian Cup teams, suggesting a subcommittee of core committee members and captains select players for two evenly matched teams of six, with consideration for player conflicts. The group agreed with this approach, focusing on providing equal experience opportunities rather than creating A and B teams based on ability rankings.
- Matt noted this change comes from member feedback and would be implemented immediately after trials conclude, with selected players having limited time to accept offers due to the tournament timeline.
- Matt announced that Australia Cup players will have five days to accept their positions after trials, with offers going out the Monday after trials and decisions due by Friday. He noted that uniform orders are the main reason for the tight timeline, aiming for at least six weeks before nationals to ensure uniform delivery.
- Matt also updated on team status, mentioning that the under-23s team has been finalised with four players accepted, and Masters team letters of offers were sent out, though some decisions are pending until after the over 60s weekend.
- Matt mentioned that uniform design is complete and ready to order once sizes and names are collected, and that the upcoming Nationals will feature 80 tables plus additional events like Big Guns and a Hay Ball event.
- Matt also informed the group that the ABF requires executive committee members to complete online anti-doping education modules by October 31st to align with NSO requirements.

- **Vice President's Report (Paul Chapelli)**

- Nothing to report

- **Secretary's Report (Matt Wilson)**

- Matt asked Lissie to contact Chris Jeffrey about potential junior team extras, which she agreed to do.

- **Treasurer's Report (Terry McClymont)**

- Terry reported current bank figures and mentioned he would follow up on the accountant's report before the upcoming AGM on October 12th.
- **Tournament Director's Report (Graham O'Connell)**
 - Graham provided updates on upcoming events including 60-plus trials and Australia Cup trials and sought input on handling situations when players leave trials early.
 - The committee discussed inappropriate behaviour during trials, with participants expressing that leaving early after playing a single game was poor form. Graham sought guidance on appropriate consequences, with Matt Power suggesting a stern warning to all participants about future incidents. The committee agreed to add back a tab with rules to the adjudicator's score sheet and address issues including earbuds usage during play, which had been previously discussed but removed from the current documentation.
 - The group discussed rules around noise-cancelling devices during matches, agreeing that players with legitimate needs could use them if approved beforehand, though playing music would not be allowed. They addressed a situation where a player walked away during a match, deciding to provide better communication about by-laws and issue a warning.
- **Assistant Tournament Director's Report (Anthony)**
 - Anthony reported that the Masters Trials concluded successfully over three weekends, thank you to the adjudicators that helped out, with the top five players identified. Mongrel, Phil, Sid, Matt Connor and Jack Dehm.
- **Webmaster's Report (Tony Warren)**
 - Tony updated on Hall of Fame website updates and mentioned plans to notify the upcoming AGM on the website, while also preparing to launch the Richard Taliaferro Award process.
- **Fundraising Coordinator's Report (Lissie Chapelli)**
 - Zac is doing Jackpot Joker next Tuesday, put your name on the fb page if you are interested.
- **Junior Development Officer's Report (Lissie Chapelli)**
 - Lissy discussed upcoming junior trials scheduled for October 10-11, with two training weekends before, and requested help promoting them through flyers and social media.
 - The group agreed to use PlayHQ for registrations and set fees at \$15 per person per category.
- **Assistant Junior Development Officer's Report (Paul Chapelli)**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Head Umpire's Report (Ron Farmer)**
 - Ron reported on the over 70s Annual tournament happening Thursday afternoon and mentioned a new functionality in their adjudication spreadsheet that could display scores online, requiring Graham or Tony's involvement to set up an account for Matt. The conversation ended with Ron preparing to discuss and potentially vote on implementing an extension in weekly leagues.
 - The meeting discussed Ron's proposal to implement a **15-second shot clock extension** per player or team per frame in weekly league matches, aligning with Nationals. Ron explained that the extension would be optional and available to teams, not mandatory. The group discussed concerns about app usage, implementation, and potential issues with extensions, with Ron and others clarifying that teams could work out issues themselves or seek assistance if needed. The proposal received positive feedback, with the majority supporting the idea, and the group agreed to provide guidance on how to use the extension if it passes.
 - The meeting focused on implementing a 15-second time extension feature, which was approved with 28 votes in favour and 4 against, with implementation starting the following Wednesday. Ron agreed to create guidance documentation about how to use and reset the extension feature when issues arise.
- **Publicity Officer - Vacant**

- ~~State Head Coach Report - Vacant~~

- **General Business**

- Nil

Meeting finished at 7.35pm

Main Action Items:

- **Matt Harmon** to close expressions of interest for two team manager positions next Monday and the last one by 21st September.
- Provide five days for Australia Cup players to accept their position after trials, with two weeks to pay deposit.
- Create a poster for junior trials and training based on Lissy Chapelli's email.
- Check with Graham O'Connell about setting up PlayHQ registration for junior trials.
- Arrange a quick Zoom meeting with Ron, Matt Power, and Vanessa to finalise the next lot of captains when teams are finalised.
- **Graham O'Connell**
- Open entries for the Australia Cup trials later tonight.
- Find an adjudicator for the 60-plus trials on Saturday.
- Add back the one-pager with rules (e.g., no headphones, no coaching) to be read out by adjudicators at the start of events.
- **Lissy Chapelli**
- Contact Chris Jeffrey regarding extras for the junior team.
- Get a flyer up and promote junior trials and training sessions.
- Arrange for refs to help at junior trials.
- **Matt Wilson**
- Ensure all committee positions undertake the online anti-doping education modules by 31st October.
- **Ron Farmer**
- Put together guidance on the 15-second extension implementation, including what to do if something goes wrong, before Wednesday.
- **Terry McClymont**
- Chase up the accountant's report before the AGM next month.
- **Tony Warren**
- Investigate and action the requirement to publish AGM notification on the web.
- Kick off the Richard Taliaferro Award before the next meeting.

Note the complete recording of this meeting is available on request to the Secretary of the ACTEBA.

