

NSW Football League
Minutes of adjourned Annual Meeting held at Sports Club, Sydney on April 12th 1920

Present:

Messrs J.F. McNeill (President), E.W. Butler, R. Browne, W. Muggivan, J. Sheehan, J. King, G. Turner, V.P. Kenny, G. Sanders, S. Barnett, H. Ryall, G. White, R. McDougall, R. Pratt (H.M.A.S. Encounter), W. Croper, D. Carnegie, W. Thompson, J. Cosgrove, E. McDonnell and J.E. Phelan

The Hon. Secretary read minutes of Annual meeting on March 22nd

Correspondence

1. From D. Carnegie, Hon. Secretary pro-tem of Railways Club making application for affiliation as a League team for the coming Season.

Mr E.W. Butler moved, Mr W Muggivan seconded, "That the Railways Club's application be granted subject to regulations re constitution etc being in order."

Mr Phelan supported the motion which was "carried"

The President extended a formal welcome to the delegates appointed from the Railway Club

2. Re Hampden Oval – Schools games
From Town Clerk, Paddington, stating Hampden Oval would be available for schools matches on Fridays during the season.
3. Narrandera Imperial Football Club
The Hon. Secretary of the club named wrote making enquiry re injured player's funds, and conveying suggestion by his club for players therewith connected.

Mr Phelan moved, Mr Ryall seconded "That the Narrandera Club be advised that this League favours the proposal to allocate percentage proceeds from gate moneys to proposed fund" and that Mr McDonnell make enquiry re Insurance premium cost and furnish Narrandera Imperial Club with such (Carried)

At this stage Mr Pratt (Captain of H.M.A.S. Encounter 1919 team) entered the meeting room and was cordially welcomed by the Chairman and members.

4. Barrier Ranges Association

From Mr J. Travers, Hon. Secretary, stating he would be leaving on a visit to Sydney on April 5th and was desirous of an interview with the Hon. Secretary of the League re football matters generally.

The Hon. Secretary said that owing to late receipt of letter he had wired Mr Travers to call on Mr E.W. Butler in the first instance. Action endorsed

5. Re Donation of Football

From Mr J. Braniff, Teacher of Petersham School, soliciting a football for Petersham Primary School. Messrs Browne, Phelan, Ryall and Sanders opposed the granting of such, as establishing a precedent which could not be maintained by the League.

The President, Mr J.F. McNeill, said he would donate a ball to the Petersham team.

6. Northern District League

From Mr I.W. Evans, Hon. Secretary making application for affiliation to the League on behalf of his League.

Application granted, on motion by Mr J.E.Phelan, seconded by Mr G. Sanders

7. Re Match footballs

Mr E.W. Butler moved, Mr W. Muggivan seconded "That the Hon. Secretary write Mr Syd. Sherrin asking him to send the League two dozen footballs the League to purchase same and re sell to clubs at cost price".

Carried

8. From Queensland League Re visit to Brisbane

Correspondence requesting a New South Wales team to visit Brisbane, previously held over, was re-opened with the appearance at meeting of Mr Becker from Queensland.

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After a lengthy address from Mr Becker as to the condition of the game in Queensland and the prospects of a return match in Sydney, the matter was dealt with by the meeting. An amendment by Mr Butler, seconded by Mr. Muggivan, and supported by Messrs Sheehan, Phelan and Turner, on a motion by Mr. Ryall, was carried the final motion being:

“That the invitation extended by the Queensland League to send a team to Brisbane “be accepted” Carried
Mr Becker thanked the meeting for its decision and then withdrew.

Re Schools Coaches

On motion by Mr W. Thompson, seconded by Mr H. Ryall the Hon. Secretary was empowered to engage a coach for schools at a maximum fee of thirty shillings per week for four months.

Permit, Umpire and Match Committee

Mr Phelan moved, Mr W. Couper seconded “That the following members be elected as Permit, Umpire and Match Committee for Season 1920: H. Ryall, J. Sheehan, D. Bullas, W. Thompson, G. Turner and G. Sanders (Carried)

Adverse Weather Committee

Messrs J.F. McNeill, J.V. Bannon and E.W. Butler were appointed Adverse Weather Committee

Opening of Season’s Competition

On motion by Mr Phelan, seconded by Mr Butler, it was decided to play the opening set of matches in the competition on May 1st.

Registration of players

Pending printed forms being available, Mr Phelan moved, Mr Barnett seconded “That a foolscap or memo form, properly drawn up with each player’s name and address thereon be accepted as registration within the required time after each match – (Carried)

Field Umpires Fees

On motion by Mr H. Ryall, seconded by Mr G. Turner it was decided that field umpires be paid at the rate of seven shillings and sixpence (7/6) per match.

Admission Charges for Season

On motion by Mr Phelan, seconded by Mr Butler, admission prices were fixed as follows:
Adults 6d plus 1/2d tax – Children 3d

Arrangements for practice matches on the 17th inst were made, also in connection with gate supervision at the grounds – Paddington and East-Sydney through their representatives, agreeing to look after matters and Hampden Oval, while Mr Phelan undertook to take charge at Erskineville throughout the season.

The next meeting night was fixed for April 27th in lieu of the 28th as booked originally.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm

J.E. Phelan
Hon. Secretary
27/4/20

J.F. McNeill