


Minutes

Meeting: Victorian Football Umpires Association Annual General Meeting		Chairperson: Yippy Wong		
Date: Tuesday 28 January 2025	Start time: 8:30pm	End time: 9:15pm	Location: Carlton Brewhouse	

Invited

All VFUA 2024 Financial Members and Life Members

Apologies

Sam Mounajed, Greg Russo, Jessie Wilkie, Mitch Dorling (Dom Schiliro proxy), Greg Kennedy (Emily Jose proxy), Ben Rofe (Mel Sambrooks proxy), Lucinda Lopes, Shaylee Anderson, Harley Trickey, Peter Kelly (Yippy Wong proxy), Jackson Mansell (Emily Jose proxy), Lewis Spiker (Daniel Urbans proxy), Jack Kennedy

1	Verify Previous Meeting Minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 13 February 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved by Yippy Wong, seconded by Chris Doyle
2	Actions Arising
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions from the previous AGM were raised
3	President's Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good feedback has been received from the members regarding Chris Powney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Photos from the VFUA Ball couldn't be shared more publicly due to social media and privacy concerns • Mini Olympics was a great night with \$1600 fundraised for the Cancer Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unfortunately, our fundraising target was not met, members invited to source additional donations from their networks for the 2025 event • Acknowledgement of retirees Adam Bell, Adam Gardner and Matthew Mahoney • Congratulations to David Flegg on being elevated to Legend status in AFLUA Hall of Fame • Recognition of Jack Howard, Anthony Loughton and James Rizio for representing Victoria in the Gather Round State Game <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VFUA successfully negotiated a first week of finals payment for the appointed umpires, who had originally been engaged on an honorary basis • VFUA continues to work with the AFLUA to manage umpire burnout for those awarded AFLW contracts • Members encouraged to stand firm on their availability for mid-week practice matches in order to be eligible for Loss of Wages allowance if later appointed to a match in contradiction of their original availability • Members should refer to OHS protections if asked to extend number of, or length of quarters during pre-season practice matches on days of extreme heat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Such requests from clubs should be raised with the Match Manager on the day or by contacting Lucy Shaw • VFUA liaised with AFLQUA and NSWAFUA to provide a nutrition allowance for interstate VFL listed umpires • Clarification sought from SL&TP Umpiring Department with regards to the classifications between metro and regional venues

- Members are reminded not to confuse travel allowances with reimbursement for applicable kilometres travelled
- A new Strategic Plan will be developed for 2026-29 and a members' survey will be conducted to inform the ways in which the Association can best support its members in the face of changing competition structures
- Full President's Report available in the Annual Report
 - Moved by James Rizio, seconded by John Russo

4 Administrator's Report

- Members and Life Members thanked for attending the AGM and supporting the function at the Carlton Brewhouse, encouraged to provide feedback on the preferred format of meetings to improve engagement and attendance
- Executive Committee, including Yippy Wong, Andrew Talbot and David Flegg, thanked for their support during first year in the role
- Members invited to provide suggestions on activities for squad functions and membership benefits
- Full Administrator's Report available in the Annual Report
 - Moved by Yippy Wong, seconded by Connor Petrie

5 Treasurer's Report

- A deficit of \$8,500 was recorded due to the timing of honorariums from 2022-23 being paid late and falling into the 2023-24 financial year
- Full Treasurer's Report available in the Annual Report
 - Moved by Yippy Wong, seconded by Nathan Dugdale

6 Honorary Life Membership

- Andrew Talbot read the nomination for Matthew Mahoney
 - A majority vote was received in favour of the nomination, awarding Honorary Life Membership to Matthew Mahoney
- Chris Doyle read the nomination for Luke Monea
 - A majority vote was received in favour of the nomination, awarding Honorary Life Membership to Luke Monea

7 John Russo Trophy

- Luke Monea read the nomination for Jack Stammers
 - A majority vote was received in favour of the nomination, awarding the 2024 John Russo Trophy to Jack Stammers

8 VFUA Courage Award


- Chris Doyle read the nomination for Matthew Edwards on behalf of Joel Clamp and John Varker
 - Matthew Edwards received the 2024 VFUA Courage Award as determined by the Executive Committee

9 Recognition of previous award winners

- YW acknowledged the 2024 Most Improved Umpires and Best First Year Umpires, who had previously been recognised at the 2024 VFUA Ball

10	Frank Leverett Shield
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YW announced Cody Tudor as the recipient of the Frank Leverett Shield for the Overall Best First Year Umpire
11	Recognition of Grand Final umpires
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YW acknowledged the 2024 Grand Final umpires from the VFL, VFLW, Coates Boys and Coates Girls Grand Finals, who had previously been recognised at the 2024 VFUA Ball, along with the AFLW Season 9 Grand Final umpires
12	2025 Executive Committee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2025 VFUA Executive Committee was confirmed as follows, with all members elected unopposed unless otherwise indicated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President: Yippy Wong Vice President: Andrew Talbot Historian / Statistician: David Flegg Administrator: Emily Jose Events Manager: Matthew Edwards Communications Manager: Jenna Green Members' Representative: (vacant) Senior Field Track Representative: Michael Willcox Development Field Track Representative: Ian Herman Senior Boundary Track Representative: Harrison Bell Development Boundary Track Representative: Ben Tingiri Senior Goal Track Representative: Connor Petrie Development Goal Track Representative: Brady Gutbier (elected by majority vote) YW thanked outgoing members Ben Rofe, Daniel Mortlock and Brad Kellett for their contributions to the 2024 Executive Committee
13	General Business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brad Kellett asked about the structure of 2025 Membership Fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YW advised this would be addressed in the Special General Meeting immediately following the close of the AGM
14	Annual Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YW advised that the Annual Report would be available online at the conclusion of the AGM, and would follow in an email to Members along with the minutes of the meeting

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Meeting: Victorian Football Umpires Association Special General Meeting		Chairperson: Yippy Wong		
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1	2025 Budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YW presented the proposed 2025 Budget as previously shared with the members • YW explained that the budget was based on an estimate of 180 members in 2025, and that membership fees would be fixed at \$220 again this year • YW confirmed that First Year SL&TP umpires who become VFUA Members will receive a free Project backpack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved by Yippy Wong, seconded by Chris Doyle
2	General Business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No items of general business were raised