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QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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NOTICE OF MEETING

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The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Rugby Club, Charlotte Street, at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd February, 1966.

BUSINESS

1. To discuss The Annual Report and Financial Statement.
2. Election of Office Bearers for the 1966 Season.
3. Any other business.

Nominations for Officers need not be in writing and may be from floor at Meeting, but no nomination will be received unless the consent of the nominee is first obtained.

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 1965 SEASON

Office Bearers

PRESIDENT	T.W. Moore	<i>Fulley</i>
VICE PRESIDENTS	J.F. Isley, W.D. Wyllie (deceased 18/10/65)	<i>Isley</i>
HONORARY SECRETARY	D.L. Duffell	<i>Moore</i>
HONORARY TREASURER	R.D. Hartland	<i>Hartland</i>
HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREAS.	J.S. Jell	<i>Jell</i>
HON. AUDITOR	Robert Morris	<i>Beames (Anderson & Co)</i>
Q.R.U. COUNCIL DELEGATES	K.J. Crowe, R.T. Burnett, J.R. Forbes, W.D. Wyllie	<i>Forbes & Duffell</i>
J.R.U. COUNCIL DELEGATE	G.P. Hogan	<i>Forbes</i>
APPOINTMENTS BOARD	W.D. Wyllie, D.L. Duffell, H.G. Clark	<i>Clark</i>
EXAMINATION BOARD	K.J. Crowe, H.G. Clark, D.L. Duffell, J.R. Forbes, T.W. Moore	<i>Moore</i>
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	T.W. Moore, D.L. Duffell, R.D. Hartland, J.R. Forbes, K.J. Crowe	<i>Fulley</i>
JUDICIARY DELEGATE	W.D. Wyllie (Deceased)	<i>Clark</i>
A.S.R.R. DELEGATE	J.R. Forbes	<i>Beames</i>
PUBLICITY OFFICER	R.T. Burnett	<i>Beames</i>
LIFE MEMBERS	P. Barnes, J.F. Isley, W.L. Wilson, T.W. Moore, W.D. Wyllie (Deceased 18/10/65)	
HONORARY MEMBER	T. McCORMACK	



Despite a substantial drop in the number of active referees, the 1965 season was possibly the Association's best ever because of the enthusiasm and co-operation of all members.

The records show that a total of five hundred and fifty matches were handled, fifty-nine of these being outside the metropolitan area. These figures exclude the numerous Saturday morning and midweek games controlled by volunteers. Your executive would like to see an Affiliated Association formed to handle Saturday morning football, as voluntary services cannot be expected to cope with any expansion of this competition.

Your committee appreciates the action of the Darling Downs Rugby Union in meeting the travelling expenses of referees for matches in Goondiwindi, Warwick and Toowoomba. The Q.R.U. on

two occasions, and also the Wide Bay Rugby Union, assisted in this regard, and on other occasions the Association was able to contribute from the Travel Fund.

Contacts were sought and maintained with referees in country centres and New Guinea, and the Association now has five financial active senior members in the Risdon Cup Zone. Your executive is prepared to support any constructive move towards the formation of a referees' association on the Downs, which can only improve the status of local referees and benefit the code considerably.

Interstate exchanges continued on a reciprocal basis during the N.S.W. v Qld. series. The referees appointed were Bob Burnett and Dr. Roger Vanderfield (N.S.W.). During his visit to Brisbane, Dr. Vanderfield, on behalf of the N.S.W. R.U. Referees' Association, presented the Qld. Referees' Association with a very fine plaque which may be seen in the Rugby Club.

An innovation this season was the decision to notify every member of the complete list of appointments for the weekend. This was arranged at no cost to the association, through the goodwill of Mr. Brian Mulherin and B.P. staff. It is hoped that this valuable service can be continued. Together with the use of the addressograph system, it is reckoned that this method of noticing members reduces the Secretary's work by three hours each week.

This year, too, the Association finally agreed on a blazer pocket, and is indebted to local architect, Mr. D.A. Nutter, for generously giving his time and talent to design the badge which may be purchased by any financial member.

The stimulating lectures arranged by Messrs. Crowe, Clark and Forbes kept attendances of meetings high, even towards the end of the season. If the scrummage seemed to be unduly emphasised perhaps it was because this facet of the game was not entirely satisfactory on the field. Certainly the hooking problems were a main topic at the meetings held between representatives of the coaches and your executive during the year.

The Association sustained a tragic loss at the end of the season through the sudden death of Mr. W.D. Wyllie. Bill had achieved Test Status as a referee and continued after his retirement as secretary, vice president, council delegate and judiciary member. He was elected a Life Member in 1962.

Messrs. Howard Clark and Brian Mulherin were most efficient liaison officers with the Springboks and N.S.W. teams respectively. John Forbes visited all Australian States on a lecture tour organised by the A.R.U. Bryan O'Callaghan was manager of the Qld. team for the N.S.W. tour and Barrie Ffrench was manager for the successful Fiji trip. The D.J.B. Minter award was won by Kevin Crowe who shared in the top number of matches, was a member of the executive and lecture committees, represented the Association on the Q.R.U. Council, and capped a fine season with his Test debut.

Your committee thanks all the office bearers for their co-operation throughout the season and looks forward to a similar effort in 1966 when the visit of the British Lions should give further impetus to the code.

On behalf of the committee.

T.W. Moore
PRESIDENT

D.L. Duffell
HONORARY SECRETARY.

APPOINTMENTS BOARD

During the season all referees were seen by the board. Although the major appointments were filled by the "old firm" the board was pleased with the progress of all members, particularly those who were most regular in attendance at meetings. Numbers were down on last year, but despite the loss of five members of 1st grade standing there was no real anxiety in finding replacements.

Although for the first time the A.R.U. directly appointed referees to the international matches, it was very pleasing that local referees were in fact appointed. The Association can have no quarrel with the rights of the A.R.U. to make these appointments, but it must insist that the experience and ability of its candidates are always fully considered by the selection committee. The board congratulates the following members who controlled the major games for the 1965 season.

K.J. Crowe	-	S.A. v Aust.(Test); N.S.W. v Qld.
R.T. Burnett	-	N.S.W. v Qld.(Syd.); Springboks v. Qld., 1st Grade Grand Final
A.K. Finlay	-	Uni.of California v Qld.; Aust.Services v Qld; City v Country.
J.R. Forbes	-	Uni. of California v Uni. of Qld. Grand Final Risdon Cup (Warwick) Grand Final Wide Bay R.U. (BDG).

Official appointments for the season were: K. Crowe (30), A. Finlay (30), R. Burnett (25), J. Forbes (24), G. Hogan (24), I. Beames (23), J. O'Connor (22), J. Walters (21), C. Menzies (19), J. Jell (19), R. Morris (18), B. Mulherin (18), R. Obren (18), J. McCarthy (18), G. Sheehan (17), S. Boydell (17), V. Childs (16), P. Lacaze (16), R. Bourke (16), L. Freney (16), I. Olsson (16), R. Hartland (15), G. Brittenden (15), J. Conroy (14), P. Mulligan (11), J. Delahunty (10), P. Fletcher (10), P. Spranklin (9), E. Heslin (8), N. Duncan (5), H. Murray (5), A. Purcell (4) (TBA) W. Petelo (4) (Gatton), D. Fielding (4), D. Duffell (3), R. Winn (2), E. Mitchell (2) (N.S.W.), R. Vanderfield (2) (N.S.W.), K. Prowse (1) (A.C.T.), A. Wallis (1) (Gwindi), B. O'Connor (1) (TBA), K. Tuxworth (1) (TBA).

EXAMINATION BOARD

Seven new members were admitted after examinations and field tests. Of these Andy Purcell and Tony Wallis travelled from Toowoomba and Goondiwindi for their tests. In addition the following transferred in from other Associations - G. Brittenden (Auckland), W. Petelo (Tonga), D. Fielding (W.A.), and E. Morgan (S.A.).

Many examinations were conducted for associate membership and Junior badges, papers supplied by the A.S.R.R. being used in some of these tests. Lectures were undertaken at various schools and at the Rugby Club to prepare candidates. Examinations present the most arduous of the Association's off-the-field activities and it seems that there will be an increased demand for the Board's services in 1966.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive for 1965 comprised Messrs. T. Moore, D. Duffield, R. Hardland, K. Crowe and J. Forbes. The Executive met formally on eight occasions and informally several times. No doubt the Executive will meet even more often in Season 1966. It was not desired to make the transition from virtual non-use of the Executive to effectual use, too abrupt.

In past years the value of consistent Executive action in helping the Association to decide its policy and administrative affairs crisply and efficiently was largely overlooked. Your present Executive felt that the growth of the Association and the necessary complexity of its role in a new and sophisticated Q.R.U. required it to assume a responsible role without delay.

In Committee it has naturally been possible to resolve more issues, more logically and rapidly than in general meetings. General meetings, in turn, have been freed from prolix, inconclusive discussions, and more time is available at them for all-important discussions of theory and practice of refereeing.

We are certain that the new system has considerably increased the value and interest of general meetings to the average member. We hope to make further improvements in 1966. We believe that all desire the "shadow" or sinecure Executive to be permanently a thing of the past.

Perhaps the Executive's most popular practical change last season was the circular appointments sheet. Apart from saving hours of the Secretary's time, this was an interesting source of information and group spirit. We thank Mr. Mulherin for considerable aid in this scheme.

Other major discussions or recommendations during the year were:-

- * Design of high quality blazer Badge.
- * The first precise and early "exchange" agreement for interstate games.
- * Liaison with club coaches.
- * Lecture programme.
- * Agreement with Country Union re qualifications of referees and movement towards affiliated Country Referees' Association.
- * Compulsory field tests for senior candidates.
- * "Information Sheet" defining qualifications for Junior, Associate and Senior badges.
- * Agreement with A.R.F.U. and Q.R.U. for direct nomination by Appointments Board of Test referee.
- * Country travelling subsidy.
- * New Constitution to be prepared.

J.R. FORBES

Secretary to Executive

QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REFEREES ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

1965 FOOTBALL SEASON

<u>1964</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>1964</u>
£26	Cash at Bank as at			Purchase of -	
	1st January 1965	22.16. 0		Badges 3.3.0	£18
39	Annual Subscriptions 40. 0.0			Rule Books 6.0.0	9. 3. 0 5
	Sale of -			Presentation to NSW Referee	1. 5. 0 4
15	Badges 10.0.0			Sub. Aust.Society of	
5	Rule Books 3.9.0	13. 9.0		Referees (2 years)	21. 0. 0
5	Barnes Benefit 9.15.0			Annual Function	38. 1. 2 46
	Donations -			Members Dinner	28. 1. 0 -
3	Sundry 2.2.0			Postages,Printing & Stationery	
4	J.Minter			Telephone calls and	
	Trophy 4.0.0	6. 2.0		sundry expenses	47. 0. 9 39
22	Sub. for Annual Funct. 26.15.0			J. Minter Trophy	6. 2. 9 5
-	Sub.for Members Din. 26.16.0			Cash at Bank as at 31st	
1	Bank Interest 16.7			December, 1965.	17. 9.11 23
	<u>Reimbursement of</u>				
	<u>Expenses</u>				
20	Operation Costs-QRU 21.14.0	145. 7. 7			
£140		£168. 3. 7			£168. 3. 7 £140

TRAVEL FUND

<u>Donations</u>		Trav.Expenses -GPS Games	3.10. 0
G.P.S. Sports Association	10.10. 0	Travel.Expenses - Darling	
Downs Rugby Union	8.11. 6	Downs Games	8.11. 6
		Balance at Bank 31st December	
		1965	7. 0. 0
(Snd.) R.D. HARTLAND			£19. 1. 6 7
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Treasurer.			

Auditors Report to the Members (Covering Statement of
Receipts and Payments previous page)

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Queensland Rugby Union Referees Association for the year ended 31st December, 1965, and report that the above Statements are in accordance with the Books.

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(Snd.) ROBERT MORRIS.

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Hon. Auditor.