



Wagga Baseball Agenda

Date: 30th April 2018

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Murray St

Type of Meeting: Monthly General Meeting

Chaired by: Ben Adams

Minutes by: Sarah Bloomfield

Board Memberships: Albert Richardson (*President*), Ben Adams (*Vice President + Umpiring*), Sarah Bloomfield (*Secretary + Public Relations*), Kristy Hawkins (*Treasurer*), Tracey Clark (*Competitions*)

Club Memberships w/ voting privileges: Bulls, Giants, Jackels, Red Sox

AGENDA

1.0 Present

2.0 Apologies

3.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

3.1 March 26th 2018, General Monthly Meeting

4.0 Actions arising from previous minutes

	Action Arising	Person Responsible	Time Frame	Progress
4.1	Fee Breakdown for clubs	Sarah	30 th April	Completed
4.2	Peter Cook for Cut-outs	Sarah	30 th April	In Progress
4.3	Signatories Changeover	Sarah/Albert/Kristy	ASAP	Completed
4.4	Bendigo Bank Change	Board	Next season	
4.5	Financial Players	Sarah/Kristy	Round 6	Completed
4.6	Umpire Score Cards 321	Ben	Round 6	Completed
4.8	Umpires Clinic	Ben	April (20 th)	Completed
4.9	Chocolates Money	Kristy	ASAP	In Progress
4.10	Website Cost	Sarah	30 th April	In Progress

5.0 Correspondence In

5.1 Baseball NSW Audit

PDF email sent to all delegates – please confirm team lists, any player who has stepped onto the field will be required to pay outstanding Baseball NSW registration fees.



5.2 Wagga City Council

WCC have requested audit of players in teams to produce invoice for ground fees
 Seniors \$26
 Under 18 \$19

6.0 New Business

NIL

7.0 Board Reports

	Board Member	Attached
7.1	President	Yes
7.2	Vice President	Yes
7.3	Secretary	Yes
7.4	Treasurer	Yes
7.5	Umpiring	Yes
7.6	Public Relations	Yes
7.7	Competitions	No

8.0 Club Reports

	Club	Attached
8.1	Bulls	No
8.2	Giants	Yes
8.3	Jackels	No
8.4	Giants	No

Next Meeting: 28th May, 2018 6:30pm

We wish to create a board position for competitions, this board member would be responsible for 1. Creating the draw 2. Updating the ladder weekly 3. Player eligibility and 4. Game stats for finals and presentation evening 5. And weekly score cards are to be given to this board member promptly after each round

Voting:

Board	Y/N/A	Clubs	Y/N/A
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Tracy Clark has advised she would like to step into this position, Tracy do you accept the nomination Y/N



Attachments

7.1 President's Report

A very busy first Month for our Executive with lots of different tasks that needed to be addressed. A massive thank you to our Executive Members including Club Delegates for all your hard work over the last few weeks, it has not gone unnoticed.

7.1.1 Representative (Tamworth June Long Weekend)

Shirts

Our Shirts were decided upon for our Representative Weekend in Tamworth, we went with FlyHiSports from Melbourne for \$45.00 per shirt, hopefully we are all happy with the finished product once we take delivery. The Association is paying for this up front and we need to work out what we do with them.

Options:

- 1) Depending on sponsorship, the association may purchase the shirts – in which case they would be given to players each year for a deposit of \$45 each, which will be reimbursed following returning of the shirt in good condition
- 2) Players purchase the shirts themselves for \$45 each year

Hats

We also need to discuss Hats, I have found a Melbourne Based supplier who can make up 25 hats in various sizes that are FlexFit with our Crow Logo embroidered on the front.

This 25 includes the Purple Hat requested by Warwick Pethybridge to be handed out for Players Player of the tournament. The cost for these (Not including the Purple one) works out at \$34.00 per Hat. I believe these should be bought by the players as nobody would want to wear second hand hats next time around. The FlexFit style has been requested by most players I have spoken to about the Hat design. On the other hand, we can buy plain black hats cheaply at Kmart and get them embroidered locally if it is voted as a better option.

Options:

- A) Flexihat purchased by each player \$34.00
- B) Kmart hat (\$5) plus embroidery

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Officials

We also need to figure out who we are taking as officials for the weekend in Tamworth, we need a levelled Umpire (we should have a few after the course is completed), a competent Scorer and a Team Manager (I believe Deborah Hoogers is interested in this role but will confirm). Our Coaches for this trip are Warwick Pethybridge and Adam Hoogers, they might also be players should they make the team. We have an existing squad of 20 odd players who are interested in going that have started training, from this squad we will select our team. At this stage selections will be carried out by Warwick and Adam but if they have any disputes on the final list they will be discussed with the Executive.

Costs Breakdown

Per Player (20 ppl)		In Total	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Shirt	\$45	Shirt	\$900
Hat (21)	~\$34	Hat (21)	~\$700
Registration	\$32	Registration	\$625
Accommodation	\$210	Accommodation	\$4,200 (\$300 Bond)
Total	\$321.00	Total	\$6,425.00

We need to start chasing money from our Rep Players, the accommodation boils down to \$210 per person for the three nights working on 20 people. If we take 15-16 players, an Umpire, Scorer and Manager we won't be far off the mark.

If any player wants to bring an extra person if they pay for them I think we should be open to that up until we hit that 20 people mark. Ideally, we would be able to send the Umpire, Scorer and Manager away at the Associations cost for supplying their time and effort, but we will need to push for sponsorship to make that happen.

The idea to take a bus would have been good but we have been so far unable to source one for a realistic cost so at this stage we will be carpooling to get there. Will probably need 6 cars to make the trip comfortably, I have created a group chat and will be posting financial requirements once they are agreed upon at the meeting.



7.1.2 Code of Conduct

We need to confirm with each club that all players have signed our Code of Conduct in case of any incidents where this Code has been breached, we also need to discuss and put in place our parameters for disciplinary hearings should they need to occur. Our policy is that the Code of Conduct is signed by all players and the Clubs keep the copies until we need them as an Association, I just want to remind everybody that this is a requirement to play in this League. If players have not signed these forms we will print some out prior to the next weeks games and ensure players read, understand and sign the code prior to taking the field.

Voting: Prior to taking the field all players must have signed a copy of the association/Baseball NSW Code of Conduct

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7.1.3 Smoking on Grounds

We need to ensure all players, officials and supporters of Wagga Baseball comply with WWCC's rules regarding smoking on sports grounds. The rules are that you need to be at least 4 Metres away from the playing surface prior to smoking so on the Silver diamond the carpark is ok which is where most of our people go to. On the Black diamond we just need to make sure we get clear of our 'dugouts' and well away from the playing surface in case anyone makes a complaint to Council.

(Vice President) - Can I remind everyone that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that there is no smoking essentially inside the fence lines. People are welcome to smoke in the carpark or on the other side of the fences. This is not an Association rule, but we must enforce it to avoid any fines to smokers and/or the Association

7.1.4 Financial Players

All Clubs are aware of their list of Financial and Non-Financial players, this will continue to be checked via our Match Cards and as agreed upon at the last Meeting, all Non-Financial players taking the diamond in a game will result in that team forfeiting. All players who have taken the diamond still need to be paid for to NSW Baseball and WWCC for Insurance and Grounds Hire purposes.



7.1.5 Fields

With our two Diamonds, a lot of our members feel that the Black Diamond is safer and better to play on, the surface is a lot more even and the field is marked out correctly from Home Plate to the Backnet. The key issues at this ground are that Foul Balls go onto the road, damaging our cars as well as those of the General Public.

I am going to enquire on cost to extend the backnet further down the 1st base side as well as the height of the existing net angled in towards the field in an attempt to limit the balls going over. In the future we might also be able to look at lights for this field, with the two existing ones we believe if there were 3 or more well placed lights this might give us the option for night games, obviously this is a long way from happening but could be something to think about in the future.

7.1.6 Advertising

With regards to Advertising our name seems to be reaching a lot of new people recently with a much more active Facebook page as well as weekly reports on TV and in the Paper. If possible, I ask that any member of the Association give our posts on Facebook a like and a share, the more people we get to see it the more chance we have of improving our League with new players and supporters hopefully coming to try us out.

7.1.7 BBQ

The Jackels have done deals with Wagga Meat Supply and South Wagga Bakery to get us free bread (7 Loaves) and cheap Meat for all Association BBQs coming up for the rest of this season, a big thank you to Grant and Melanie Gonsal for organising this for us. Hopefully this is a relationship we can use next season also.

7.1. Sponsorship

Sponsorship is a must for us to really work hard on over the next Month or so as we need to generate some money if possible, unfortunately we have not had a chance at this stage to draw up the required letters to start handing them out but have heard from people that are keen.



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We need to discuss what we can offer to people to get them interested in throwing money our way. I believe we should sell our Awards at the presentation, like if we ask for:

- A) \$1500 for the MVP
- B) \$1000 for Best Batter
- C) \$1000 for Golden Glove
- D) \$500 each for Most Home Runs, Most RBI's, Most Steals, Best Pitcher (Most Wins and ERA or one each) and for Best Young Talent (Under 18).

As for what they get out of this we can supply two tickets per sponsor to our presentation night with a meal and drinks supplied by the Association as well as lots of Facebook advertising in the leadup to the presentation and afterwards, their company logos on our program for the Preso. We could also sell the Naming rights to our Grand Final with the same offer. These awards need to be discussed and voted on at this meeting, we need a list of what will be handed out so we can calculate Statistics accordingly and get ready to order trophies/prizes.

Voting: What awards do we want at this year's presentation evening?

Secretary: When do we want it to be? Where? What time? Do we want it to be a sit down meal?

Thanks again to everybody for their efforts in starting our season off in a positive way, there is plenty more work to do over the next Month or so to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible but I believe we have the right people for the job.

Sincerely

Albert Richardson
President
Wagga Baseball



7.2 Vice President's Report

There isn't too much to report since last meeting, though there are a few issues that I would like to raise.

7.2.1 Floating Players

Rules for floating players. It was agreed in principle at the General Meeting held at the Thomas Blamey prior to season start that floating players would be allowed. However, some issues have arisen.

For the interest of growing the sport in Wagga, floating players may be a necessity not only now for the Red Sox, but also for clubs in the coming seasons wishing to push their rosters further and field a second team. As it stands now, the Association is fielding 5 teams. Should floating players be disallowed there is a very high chance that either a) a team will fold or, b) there will be more forfeits, resulting in less baseball. I am sure everyone would agree that neither of those outcomes are favourable at this stage.

But to address these concerns, there will need to be some by-laws surrounding floating players to ensure everyone has a fair and enjoyable game each week. Some of the considerations may include the following:

- Limit for how many games a player may float per season
- Skill limit and how to determine that skill
- Floating players during finals
- Player advantage if the other team is short (floating up players to field a full 9 when the other team may only be able to field 7)

7.2.2 Outfield Boundary

Would finding a temporary outfield boundary option feasible? It will remove any doubt on close ground rule double/ home run calls. Some considerations:

- Size/weight
- Storage & setup
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Player safety
- Cost / Ground Rules



7.3 Secretary's Report

So far has been a whirlwind introduction to the association. I feel personally that the new executive has done amazing things organizing and helping to advance the association.

7.3.1 Financial Players

Just a visual representation of how many people were not financial before they stepped onto the diamond.

It had been agreed with Baseball NSW, that by being part of their banner, we agree that all our members will be financial before stepping onto the diamond.

Next year, I propose the following rule is enforced:

Any player that wishes to step onto the diamond, must be not only registered as an active player with Baseball NSW, but must have also paid their Baseball NSW registration and club fees prior to play. Should any player be found to be unfinancial at either an association or a Baseball NSW level – the associated club will be found to have forfeited that match 7-0.

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Moving forward next season, we as an exec will have fees available to members before start of season.

7.3.2 Club Training Nights

Can I please request club training nights and times off all delegates, so that I may confirm with council and also to advertise for new players upon request (ofcourse clubs will be told about perspective players)



7.3.3 Website

It was approved at the annual general meeting, that I was approved to create a website for the association so that rules, by laws, constitution, draws, ladders, important announcements are all easily accessible.

There are a few options that I require the association's vote on: Squarespace, GoDaddy, RevolutioniseSport

7.3.4 First Aid Officers

I believe that every club should have a nominated first aid officer, this requires each club to have a member that has completed a first aid course and holds a current first aid certificate in NSW.

Jackel's secretary Mel Gonsall is currently sourcing arm/sweat bands so that these officers are easily identifiable.

I also believe that the association should purchase a first aid kit, to be brought weekly to games.

Below are options I wish to be voted on prior to purchase:

1) Family First Aid Kit

- 2 Heavy crepe bandages – 10cm x 1.5m
- 1 Crepe bandage – 5cm x 1.5m
- 2 Crepe bandages – 7.5cm x 1.5m
- 2 Triangular bandages – 110 x 110cm
- 2 Combine dressing pads – 10 x 10cm
- 2 Eye pads – sterile (large)
- 2 Non-adherent dressings – 7.5 x 10cm
- 2 Primapore dressings – 8.3 x 6cm
- 3 Gauze swabs sterile - 7.5 x 7.5cm (pk 3)
- 1 Hypo-allergenic tape – 2.5cm x 9.1m
- 1 Adhesive strips (pk 50)
- 5 Saline steritubes – 15ml
- 1 Antiseptic wipes (pk 10)
- 1 Alcohol swabs (pk 10)
- 1 Scissors stainless steel sharp/blunt – 12.5cm
- 1 Forceps stainless steel sharp – 12.5cm
- 1 Splinter probe/remover, sterile, disposable (pk 5)
- 2 Gloves nitrile disposable – large (pk 2)
- 1 Resuscitation face shield – disposable
- 1 Emergency shock blanket
- 1 Instant cold pack – disposable
- 1 Pack safety pins – assorted (pk 12)
- 1 Biohazard specimen bag
- 2 Rapaid sachets – 3ml (pk 5)



Family First Aid Kit

\$89.87

includes GST

Product Code: #0804P

Dimensions: 300mm x 200mm x 130mm

OUT OF STOCK. PRE-ORDER NOW.

A handy first aid kit packed with supplies suitable for providing basic first aid, whether it be to treat a minor cut, sting, sprain or strain. A must-have for around the home.

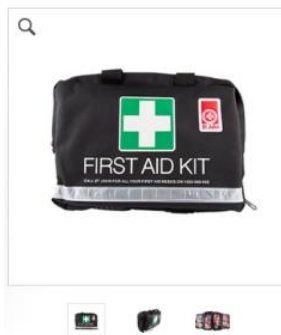
QTY:

- 2 Burn relief sachets – 3.5g
- 1 Notepad & pencil in bag
- 1 Emergency First Aid guide



2 Large Leisure Kit

- 2 Heavy crepe bandages - 10cm x 1.5m
- 1 Crepe bandage- 5cm x 1.5m
- 2 Crepe bandages - 7.5cm x 1.5m
- 2 Triangular bandages 110cm x 110cm
- 2 Combine pads 10cm x 20cm
- 2 Combine pads 10cm x 10cm
- 1 Universal dressing- small
- 2 Non-adherent pads 7.5cm x 10cm
- 2 Non-adherent pads 5cm x 5cm
- 2 Sterile eye pads
- 1 Hypo-allergenic tape 2.5cm x 9m
- 1 Zinc Oxide tape 2.5cm x 5m
- 1 Fabric dressing strip 6.3cm x 1m
- 1 Pack Fabric adhesive strips (pk of 50)
- 1 Pack Plastic adhesive strips (pk of 50)
- 1 Pack Alcohol swabs (pk of 10)
- 1 Pack Antiseptic wipes (pk 10)
- 3 Packets gauze swabs 7.5cm (pk of 3)
- 10 Saline steritubes - 15ml
- 1 Stainless steel sharp/blunt scissors 12.5cm
- 1 Stainless steel sharp/blunt forceps - 12.5cm
- 1 Universal trauma shears - 19.5cm
- 1 Pack Splinter probe/removers, sterile/disposable (pk 5)
- 5 Nitrile disposable gloves
- 1 Resuscitation face shield - disposable
- 2 Emergency Shock Blankets
- 1 Pack Safety pins (pk of 12)
- 1 Instant cold pack - disposable
- 2 Biohazard specimen bags
- 2 Rapaid sachets- 3ml (pk 5)
- 4 Sunscreen sachets (30+) 10ml
- 1 Notepad and pencil
- 1 Emergency First Aid Guide



Large Leisure Kit

\$149.49

includes GST

Product Code: #7653

Dimensions: 360mm x 250mm x 140mm

IN STOCK. 50+ AVAILABLE.

An extensive kit with fold-out pockets, the Large Leisure Kit is filled with supplies to ensure you're prepared for every situation from treating minor cuts through to heavy bleeding and trauma. This kit is perfect for the home, family activities, sporting clubs and for off-road adventures.

QTY: -

ADD TO CART

7.3.5 Finals Series

After discussion with some players and the exec it has been floated that we have a 3 weekend final series. This removes the issue of teams playing two games in one day. When speaking to council Wagga Baseball had previously only had a booking until Round 15. So we have tentatively booked until Sunday 8th July.

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Preliminary Finals - Sunday 24th June					
Game 1 @ 11:30am	Home (3rd Base)	Away (1st Base)	Umpiring	Set-Up @ 10am	BBQ
	1st Place	2nd Place	4th Place	1st Place	
Game 2 @ 2:00pm	Home (3rd Base)	Away (1st Base)	Umpiring	Pack-Up @ 4pm	
	3rd Place	4th Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	
Elimination Final - Sunday 1st July					
Game 1 @ 11:30am	Home (3rd Base)	Away (1st Base)	Umpiring	Set-Up @ 10am	BBQ
	Loser of PF (1v2)	Winner of PF (3v4)			
Grand Final - Sunday 8th July					
Game 1 @ 11:30am	Home (3rd Base)	Away (1st Base)	Umpiring	Set-Up @ 10am	BBQ
	Winner of PF (1v2)	Winner of EF			



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7.4 Treasurer's Report**7.4.1 Current Financial Position**

Outstanding Outgoings	
\$700	Umpire Clinic
1596	Waga City Council Ground fees
\$2,296	

Outstanding incomings	
\$47	Chris Butt Umpire Clinic
\$47	Ben Adams Umpire Clinic
\$47	Warrick Pethybridge
\$47	James Scott
\$47	Dan
\$1,200	Chocolate Money
\$600	Accommodation Deposit
532	Bulls fees
\$539	Jackels fees
\$3,059	

7.4.2 Daily Entries

1/01/2018	Opening Balance		4137.44
22-Feb-18	Field Marking Paint	-32.85	4104.59
26-Feb-18	Roseville apartments Deposit for accommodation @ Rep	-400	3704.59
9-Mar-18	Roseville apartments Deposit for accommodation @ Rep	-200	3504.59
12-Mar-18	BBQ takings 2017	1000	4504.59
21-Mar-18	Chocolate Fundraiser payment	-449.93	4054.66
26-Mar-18	Chocolate Fundraiser payment	-300	3754.66
3-Apr-18	Umpire shirts	-250.25	3504.41
3-Apr-18	Facebook advertising campaign for start of season	-99.99	3404.42
6-Apr-18	Giants Baseball Club 2018 fees	539	3943.42
11-Apr-18	Wagga Redsox Baseball Club 2018 fees	1020	4963.42
11-Apr-18	Wagga Redsox Baseball Club 2018 fees	16	4979.42
16-Apr-18	Steve McLean umpires clinic	47	5026.42
17-Apr-18	Chocolate money - Albert	50	5076.42
17-Apr-18	Albert Richardson umpires clinic	47	5123.42
17-Apr-18	Lydia Richardson umpires clinic	47	5170.42
17-Apr-18	Bradley Yates Umpire clinic	47	5217.42
17-Apr-18	Scott Hawkins Umpire clinic	47	5264.42
19-Apr-18	Andrew Clark Umpire Clinic	47	5311.42
19-Apr-18	Grant Gonsal Umpire Clinic	47	5358.42
19-Apr-18	Mitchell Whitton Umpire Clinic	47	5405.42
19-Apr-18	Ash Jaminson Umpire Clinic	47	5452.42
19-Apr-18	Ray Bourke Umpire Clinic	47	5499.42
20-Apr-18	David Abbott Umpire Clinic	47	5546.42
21/04/2018	Closing Balance		5546.42
	Projected position		\$6,309



7.4.3 Chocolate Money

Outstanding chocolate money to be paid ASAP

7.5 Umpire's Report

7.5.1 Umpire's Clinic

Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21st Greg and Matt came down to provide an umpiring clinic at a heavily discounted rate, attendees got a free clinic, they only had to pay for expenses. I'd like to thank them for their generosity in helping the Association.

We had 15 attendees, and as a result we now have () accredited umpires. Thankyou to those that attended, and thankyou coaches for organising them.

In the future having a clinic come here may not be feasible unless we have another large group and will not be this price again. The only sensible option may be to send those interested away to nearby clinics where they will have to pay the full rate, plus their expenses. This is unfortunate, but to grow the association we will need to have a constant supply of umpires, coaches and scorers. We will not be able to maintain this competition with the same officials, so we must continue to foster team spirit in getting more volunteers and find options if possible to subsidise these courses. Could organising a sponsor for the purpose of sending members away for training be an option?

With any extra money raised from this course, I would like to propose that it used to upgrade the current umpires gear if possible, firstly the chest guard.

The current chest guard is a protective foam guard the same as a catcher's. It does not have sufficient protection of the ribs, sternum or collar bones, in exchange for more mobility which is important to a catcher, not an umpire. I would like to purchase an umpire specific chest guard to ensure umpire safety.

Suitable, affordable buys could include the Wilson Guardian Black \$119 + shipping from fielders.net, or,

Proline Armadillo \$149.95 + shipping from ausport.com.au

If umpires should want more comprehensive, personally fitting gear they should purchase them. Greg and Matt have suggested ump-attire.com to order umpiring equipment and uniforms. Perhaps we could organise a pre-season/ mid-season group buy each year to keep freight charges down.



7.5.2 Tie Breaker

Awaiting rules on by-laws (if any) from Grant Ingram. I believe it would be a runner on second for extra innings, full innings played out. Are there any amendments should this be the case?

7.5.3 Paying Umpire's

Starting next season, I would like to begin paying umpires, to reward them for putting their hands up in their free time to help out the competition. Some things to consider would be: Where to source funds to pay them. A small fee rise of \$10-15 per person may cover it, or we could secure a sponsor just for official payment, or both.

How much to pay them, and whether to differentiate between plate or base, and accredited or non-accredited.

Whether to pay them within 7 days of umpired game, or a lump sum at the end of the season.

If payment were to go ahead, it would still be the club's responsibility to provide the umpires. Any issues regarding umpires having equal games or not, will not be to the Associations discretion. Every team should have equal opportunity to provide umpires during the regular season due to the draw.

7.5.4 Finals Umpiring

Given that the finals will have the highest stakes, and especially that Grand Final will only have one game played for the day, what are everyone's thoughts of having a four-man umpiring system, with 2 umpires from each of the non-playing teams. This would limit the opportunity for umpires being out of position for calls, and ensuring that all umpiring is as fair as possible.

7.5.5 Warnings and Ejections

Since the last General Meeting there has been one warning issued and no ejections. The warning was given to Chris Connors for arguing balls and strikes, followed by warnings to both benches. The issuing umpire was Adam Hoogers. Jackels vs Giants 15th April, 2018

Hoogers report to me is as follows:

"I was umpiring in Sunday and Chris Connors was pitching and later in the game was catching. When he was pitching was he was saying and showing his dissatisfaction to some of my calls



and this continued on when he was catching and I could actually hear what he was saying this time. This has gone on a few times when I'm umpiring there games and an official warning was issued."

The comment on the match report was:

"Adam gave Conners a warning"

The rule regarding this warning is:

9.02 Judgement Decisions

(a) Any umpire's decision which involves judgement, such as, ... whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, .. is final. No player, manager, coach or substitute shall object to any such decisions. Players leaving their position in the field or on base, or managers or coaches leaving the bench or coaches box, to argue on balls and strikes will not be permitted. They should be warned if they start for the plate to protest the call. If they continue, they will be ejected from the game.

Given this rule, I believe the warning was justified even though it may not have been directed at an umpire explicitly, and no further action should take place. I would like to remind teams to ensure that any criticism of umpires is constructive and professional. If teams have an issue with an umpire's call or application of a rule, managers should call time, wait for the umpire to grant time, and approach the umpire to discuss it. Making sly comments or arguing with umpires will not help in any way, and may result in warnings or ejections. I understand that players are competitive, but umpires are also doing their best. Both umpires and players should give each other the courtesy that they deserve.

7.6 Public Relations Report

7.6.1 Media

Albert has been writing the weekly match reports – many thanks

Win News Tv coverage by Steph muir

Matt Malone Daily advertiser

Any other ideas for increasing media exposure for baseball

8.2 Giant's Report

Concerned about clubs providing scorers for games.

