



GM2008/3

Minutes of General Meeting held at Harrie Denning Football Centre on Tuesday, 11th March, 2008.

Meeting opened at 7.35 pm

G. O'Rourke presiding

ATTENDANCE: G. O'Rourke, J. Jones, B. Rivett, G. di Stefano, D. McGoldrick, B. Charlton, R. Foulcher, D. Anderson, C. Rigby, G. Lockwood, S. Simonovski
Clubs as per Attendance Sheet

CLUB NOT IN ATTENDANCE: GEORGES RIVER

APOLOGIES: T. Hill, B. Jones, C. McCallum, S. Wackwitz, C. Smoothy (Seagulls), L. Milsted (Redbacks)

BUSINESS ARISING

Minutes

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M/S Minutes be taken as read. Carried.

M/S Minutes be adopted. Carried.

1. **Operations Manager**

- 1.1 Field Allocations
- Daniel to look at all problems.
 - Cricket fields on Saturday 15th March with Sunday as a reserve
 - Council has not provided a list of dates for cricket pitches to be filled.
 - Other solutions being looked at including new procedure at Grays Point
- 1.2 Clubs are **NOT** to train on fields not allocated to them nor grounds allocated to other sports.

Review of pre-season allocations to be discussed with Council for next season.





- 1.3 Development Squads for Under 11s and Under 12s have been established. Squads are self funding. Squads are comprised of kids who just missed out on “Rep” selection.

Under 11s have 14 kids and Under 12s 16 kids. Kids are coached by members of Coaches Association.

Development squads will operate from 25th February at Bates Drive on Monday nights from 6.30pm – 800 pm to Rep. Selection Trials.

Idea of Development Squad is to look after and develop local kids with view to increasing numbers of local talent in Under 13s to Under 18s reps.

Under 9s and 10s Development Squad to be commenced in near future (April-May). Similar program to be adopted for girls.

Thanks to Frank, John and Garry for their work in getting this program up and running.

- 1.4 Daniel to look at all fields for all sports with Council to review their usage. Report to be made to see use of fields for training and competition.
- 1.5 All Development Programs available to players will be distributed to all Clubs by the office.
- 1.6 Association has relinquished sponsorship arrangement with Brazilian Soccer.
- 1.7 FFA financing was discussed by Ben Buckley at Club Menai function.
- 1.8 Insurance – Players who are unemployed etc. are still regarded as full time players. Daniel to continue discussions with Football NSW.
- 1.9 Daniel to discuss with Greg his role and responsibilities and to install a backup plan to cover Daniel in case of leave.
- 1.10 Sponsorship – Greg and Daniel looking at sponsorship with larger businesses in the Shire. Some proposals have been dropped due to Club sponsorship arrangements.

Assistance required from any people who have experience in Marketing and Sponsorship. Please see/ring either Daniel or Greg so that a meeting can be held to attract more sponsors.





2. **Disciplinary Panel**

- 2.1 Information on “new” Disciplinary Panel was distributed to all Clubs along with new sentences.
- 2.2 There will be four (4) Panels that will operate with Panels advised on Friday. Panels will be rotated.
- 2.3 Sentences for offences are in line with recommendations from FFA.
- 2.4 It is recommended that Clubs distribute new procedures and sentences to ALL players.
- 2.5 All send offs and sentences will be reported in Minutes which will be distributed to all Clubs.
- 2.6 It is highly recommended that all Clubs appoint a liaison person who should be conversant with all new procedures.
- 2.7 Increase of Appeal Fee is to cover the cost of referee attending an Appeal. Referee will be paid equivalent of his match fee for their game.
- 2.8 In view of privacy issues, the name of the player will not be listed on the website. The current arrangements will continue.

3. **Small Sided Games Update**

- 3.1 Rules have been finalised and printed.
- 3.2 SSG set up demonstration held and all Clubs attended.
- 3.3 SSG Leader and Referee Courses to be held next Monday and Wednesday evenings.
- 3.4 Roo Ball Meeting to be held prior to Round 1.
- 3.5 SSG equipment – First container has arrived containing cones and corner posts. Second container to be shipped off tomorrow.
- 3.6 FFA posters have arrived with DVD to follow.





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- 3.7 Grassroots Courses held last week with 160 participants. Junior Licence Course held last weekend with 20 people. Grassroots Courses available for Clubs – Just contact office.
- 3.8 Feedback is required from parents, coaches and managers throughout the season. With problems, please also list a solution to the problem.
- 3.9 Zones have been set with most Clubs placed in regions. Due to numbers of teams from Lilli Pilli and Gymea, there was some minor re-shuffling to allow greater distribution of teams.
- 3.10 The use of colours was in essence used to move away from competition and also due to our computer system. Our computer system will allow only one letter to be used – that is “A” can only be used by one zone. The colours will remove this problem.
- 3.11 Updates on SSG are being made continually on www.shirefootball.com.

4. **Rules and Borrowing Charts**

- 4.1 Every Club has been allocated two books per Roo Ball team. Complete Rule Books have been distributed - if you require more books, contact office.
- 4.2 No significant rule changes. Rule changes were distributed to Clubs last week.

Referee to tick box notifying that ID cards were produced in centre of field.

- 4.3 Football NSW has directed that all bike pants etc. should be the same colour as the Club shorts. Association working with Referees on that rule so that commonsense is used.

- 5.1 Registrations are at 16,400 at the moment. Be aware of birth dates, especially with Over 35s.

Players of school age residing outside the Shire registering for the first time must produce a letter from the School verifying their attendance.

ID cards have started to be printed with cards available after Easter.

Transfer forms must be used for players moving between Clubs.

- 5.2 All Age Men goes to AL16 being largest growth area. Under 18 to 21 also growing as well as Senior Women’s teams.





Female teams comprise 22% of all teams. Roo Ball and female population is 25% of our numbers each. Under 14 – 16 numbers are down.

Association numbers will probably remain static this season.

- 5.3 Approach was made to District Club to gain access to Seymour Shaw 1 for Clubs. Further report on progress of this will be provided.

Clubs with accounts over 90 days should pay these accounts immediately.

Request to review levies on Roo Ball teams.

Donation made to Salvation Army.

- 5.4 District Club – 1st Grade has won all three games to date and sit on top of table. All games for season are on website.

- 5.5 Over 45s – Bosco asked as to why this competition has been made as one competition instead of two 8 teams.

Bob Rivett discussed problems encountered by Grading Committee including team withdrawals, new players adding to teams and some Clubs still grading teams.

Over 45s had 17 teams entered with 6 'A', 9 'B' and 2 'C' requests. Original grading was 8 teams in 'A' and 9 teams in 'B'.

Miranda has not withdrawn their team.

After some 'heated' discussion it was decided that the Over 45s would have an 'A' and 'B' competition with 8 teams and 9 teams in the competitions. Grading Committee to determine teams.

5.6 **Member Protection**

Enquiry sent to Michelle Hanley at Football NSW with a reply received this afternoon. Reply received from Como West-Jannali. Further discussion to be held with Michelle. Greg to write letter to Michelle.





5.7 **Ground Allocation**

Claims were made for fields for summer allocations by Clubs and Association. Electricity accounts have been issued for these allocations.

5.8 **Titans**

Seventy kids have registered for 2008. Titans will use Nth. Sutherland No. 3 this season. Under 8 SSG to be used. Enquiries have been received from around Australia in their format and development.

Fundraising night 26th July.

Thanks to all Clubs for their support and especially to North Sutherland.

Greg thanked Committee and Clubs for their efforts and support to date.

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

