



GM2008/4

Minutes of General Meeting held at Harrie Dening Football Centre on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2008.

Meeting opened at 7.35 pm

G. O'Rourke presiding

**ATTENDANCE:** G. O'Rourke, J. Jones, B. Rivett, B. Jones, T. Hill, G. di Stefano, D. McGoldrick, B. Charlton, R. Foulcher, D. Anderson, C. Rigby, S. Simonovski, S. Wackwitz  
Clubs as per Attendance Sheet

**CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** CRONULLA SEAGULLS, BOSCO

**APOLOGIES:** C. McCallum, G. Lockwood, M. Howard, P. Baker

1. **Minutes**

1.1 SGM2008/1  
M/S Minutes be taken as read. Carried.  
M/S Minutes be adopted. Carried.

1.2 GM2008/4  
M/S Minutes be taken as read. Carried.  
M/S Minutes be adopted. Carried.

2. **Operations Manager**

2.1 **Member Protection.** Information was provided to Delegates following Daniel's attendance at an MPO Course at Football NSW. Details are available at the Association office.

2.2 Information on Football NSW policies on lighting, lightning, images of children and goalpost safety are available from Football NSW and the Association.





- 2.3 Council has a lighting policy that makes it difficult to play night games. Council has asked for the Association's views which is, we would like to play night games every night. However the lux requirement for grounds to play matches is 100 and this must be uniform across the field. Training can occur with only 50 lux. Funding will be required to get grounds up to the required standard. Only Seymour Shaw 1 and Barden Ridge (when lights are fixed) have 100 lux.
- 2.4 Clubs are asked to go through the Association if wanting to play at Seymour Shaw 1. Details of the process have been sent to the Clubs on an earlier email.
- 2.5 Details on the Football NSW insurance are available from the Association. Contact Daniel if there are any questions.
- 2.6 Sponsorship is still being sought. Advice is being sought on the "branding" of the Association.
3. **Small Sided Games**
- 3.1 Most Clubs seem to have similar philosophies about SSG. It is important that all Clubs, coaches and managers enforce the rules.
- 3.2 Clubs are asked to provide some editorials to reports in Club magazines. Printing scores should be avoided whilst any form of criticism should never be printed.
- 3.3 Rules allow the regrading of Rooball, however, at this stage there will not be any regrading of sides. Clubs may swap sides/grades within their own Club. Players can also be moved between sides.
4. **Coaching Co-Ordinator**
- 4.1 Grassroots Course 26/05/08 at Bates Dr from 6.30pm to 9.30pm - registration required through the office - course is practical so participants should be dressed accordingly
- 4.2 Update/refresher with Paul Bentvelzen (FNSW High Performance Unit Manager) was held last night with around 45 coaches present. The evening centred around technical development and the U11 & U12 Development Squads were used throughout the session. Their behaviour was brilliant and enthusiasm outstanding given that some had been there since 5pm and the session did not finish until nearly 9. Thanks to all parents and players.





- 4.3 We are exploring the opportunity of using SSG Ambassadors to assist at coaching forums for SSG. The Ambassadors are current and former Sydney FC and international players
- 4.4 Congratulations to Georges River on the success of the Rooball Day last Saturday – it was much enjoyed by all who attended.
- 4.5 4-4-2 have requested some coaches involved in SSG to do an interview in relation to how it is working positives/negatives etc. As further details come to hand we will advise.
- 4.6 Recent rooball meeting outcome was the list of educational recommendations - this has been distributed to all clubs via Head Coaches, Rooball Reps and Club Secretaries for actioning. The overall view is that SSG is going very well and the continuing education process is now the critical path to ensure ongoing success – particularly through coaching.
- 4.7 One of the key areas for examination in Rooball for 2009 will be the size of the groups in each grade. To allow for movement in grades it may be simpler to create small competitions (8 teams) in Rooball to allow for more flexibility in matching like playing ability and allow an ongoing intraclub grading process throughout the year.
- 4.8 National Coaching Conference - 2 representatives from coaching committee will be attending this.
- 4.9 FFA SSG Posters are available tonight for distribution

5. **Vice President**

- 5.1 Disciplinary and Judiciary Committees - Up to and including Round 7 on 10<sup>th</sup> May there have been a total of 71 straight send off and 75 double yellows.

<u>Most offences are:</u>	Violent Conduct (R2A)	30
	Offensive or Insulting Language to Referee (R6C)	17
	Offensive Language (R6A)	11

The Panel has at times placed relatively minor swearing at a referee in the R6A category (offensive language) with resulting lesser penalties.

It remains a mystery why players risk penalties of three or more match suspensions by using offensive language or abuse to referees.





There have been only nine (9) challenges to decisions of the Disciplinary Panel with four (4) resulting in reduced penalties.

5.2 Borrowing of Players – Teams are still losing competition points and incurring fines for breaches of the borrowing rules. There rules are clearly set out in the “borrowing charts” and Clubs are requested to ensure that the Managers of all their competition teams have a copy of these Charts for their team’s age divisions.

5.3 Racist Abuse at Matches – It has been reported of instances of racist abuse by players and spectators during some matches. Clubs are requested to advise all teams that racist abuse will not be tolerated and teams can expect strong action by the Disciplinary Committee against any Clubs or teams guilty of such behaviour.

## 6. Registrar

6.1 17,587 registered players in 2008.

6.2 Some players have still not provided ID sighting forms. The Management Committee will consider further action at its next meeting. Players must be compliant within the next two (2) weeks.

## 7. SSFC

7.1 Paul Smith provided an update of what’s happening at SSFC. Clubs wanting to book Seymour Shaw 1 must ring Paul first to see if it is available and then go through the Association to book.

7.2 Under 9 and Under 10 Development Program has now commenced.

7.3 The Grassroots Academy held on Monday nights is running well.

7.4 Next game Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at Seymour Shaw 1.

## 8. President

8.1 The Management Committee has proposed that if a Club wishes to take their whole day to Seymour Shaw 1 then this will be supported by the Association who will subsidise the Club up to \$1,500, meaning the cost to the Club will be \$1,000. Clubs can run a canteen at the ground. About ten days are available during the rest of the 2008 season. Interested Clubs need to register their interest with the Association. Available dates will be published in the next few days.





- 8.2 Sutherland Titans – They are now firmly entrenched as a member of this Association. Clubs are asked to ensure that matches played against the Titans are played with the right philosophy. Players need to be aware of how the game should be played so Clubs need to talk to coaches/managers of teams involved in these matches.
- 8.3 Home of Football – Estimated cost to upgrade Harrie Dening Football Centre is around \$750,000. The Association is to engage a third party to compile a strategic policy on the future directions of the Association.
- 8.4 A meeting was held with Council last week discussing options for the future of the Association.

## 9. Appeals/Decisions

- 9.1 Barden Ridgebacks re MM2008/8 – Correspondence – 23.4.08

The decision by the Management Committee was that the 21F match v. St. Patricks played on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2008, be replayed.

Motion: That the original match result stand. The game not be replayed.

Motion Lost.

- 9.2 Miranda Magpies against Management Committee decision that the AL10 result to stand following the early finish to their game due to lightning. Game v. Gynea, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 at Seymour Shaw 3.

Motion Lost: That the match be replayed due to the fact that the decision made by the Management Committee was made in error.

Motion Lost

- 9.2.1 Comments were made about improving the policies and rules on games affected by lightning and similar events.
- 9.3 Washed out Saturday round. This will be replayed on the Monday of the long weekend and will include Rooball.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

