



GM2008/7

Minutes of General Meeting held at Harrie Denning Football Centre on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

Meeting opened at 7.35 pm

J. Jones presiding

**ATTENDANCE:** J. Jones, B. Rivett, T. Hill, B. Jones, G. di Stefano, B. Charlton, R. Foulcher, D. Anderson, C. Rigby, C. McCallum, G. MacFarlane, G. Lockwood, S. Simonovski, S. Wackwitz  
Clubs as per Attendance Sheet  
P. Smith – SSFC  
J. Simnett - Futsal

**CLUB NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** BANGOR, BARDEN RIDGEBACKS, ENGADINE EAGLES, HEATHCOTE, KIRRAWEE, MARTON, MIRANDA

**APOLOGIES:** G. O'Rourke (LOA), D. McGoldrick, J. Hankins, G. Burvill, S. Teal, G. Anderson, J. Pisani, Miranda, Kirrawee

M/S Suspension of Standing Orders. Carried.

1. Jonathan Simnett spoke to the meeting on the upcoming Futsal season. Mr. Simnett provided flyers to Clubs present.

M/S Resumption of Standing Orders. Carried.

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

### 2. **Appeals**

2.1 Appeal from Cronulla Seagulls on Management Committee decision to award a forfeit to Heathcote on 10B game played on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2008.

M/S That the Management Committee decision be reversed. Motion Lost.

2.2 Appeal from GyMEA on MM2008/11 decision to award a forfeit to Loftus Yarrowarra on 21A match played on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

M/S That the Management Committee decision be reversed. Motion Carried.





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3. **Minutes**

3.1 GM2008/6

M/S Minutes be taken as read. Carried.  
M/S Minutes be adopted. Carried.

4. **SSFC**

4.1 Paul Smith spoke about Seymour Shaw and the latest results of the first grade side who are into the semi finals of the Tiger Cup. The match against Sydney FC resulted in a 2-1 win. The side are now five points clear at the top of the competition.

5. **Vice President**

5.1 The number of red and double yellow cards has increased since Round 1. Players are still getting an extra four (4) matches for abusing a referee after getting their second yellow.

6. **Secretary**

6.1 Congratulations to the following sides who have made the Finals of the State and Robertson Cups:

Under 16	Loftus Yarrawarrah	Under 18	Sylvania Heights
Under 21	Menai 1	Under 21	St. Patricks
Over 35	Engadine Eagles	W14	Georges River
W16	Miranda	W18	Kirrawee

7. **Treasurer**

7.1 Financials have now gone out to the Clubs including a copy of the Association Budget.

7.2 Finals accounts for registrations will be out by the end of the week.

8. **Registrar**

8.1 Thank you to all Clubs who have returned their Registrars Manuals. Other Clubs need to do so as soon as possible.





9. **Referees**

- 9.1 The Referees Information Night will be held tomorrow.
- 9.2 Games should not start if there is no visible Ground Control.
- 9.3 Bobby pins, rubber rings are classed as jewellery. Jewellery cannot be covered over and if it is then the referee may refuse a player to play the match.

10. **Competition Secretary**

- 10.1 Grounds for Semi Finals are being finalised at the present time.

11. **Senior Vice President**

- 11.1 Meeting with Referees – A meeting with the Referees Association was planned to discuss issues regarding communication, feedback and other matters but was postponed due to unavailability of the Association President. Another meeting date will be arranged.
- 11.2 Small Sided Games – The Coaches Committee and Gary Lockwood will be reporting to the Executive Committee with a recommendation for 2009 on 29<sup>th</sup> July, and, following a review by the Executive Committee, will be referred back to Clubs for feedback.
- 11.3 A paper with guidelines for the conduct of finals games, including Grand Final presentations, will be forwarded to Clubs within two weeks.
- 11.4 In preparation for the Finals, Clubs are requested to ensure that Ground Controllers, with orange vests, are present and Team Managers are wearing the yellow vests for all matches for the remainder of the season.
- 11.5 Roping of Fields – Clubs are also requested to ensure they have ropes and stakes available for their grounds. The increasing encroachment of spectators close to, or even on fields, is causing increasing problems for referees and endangering players and spectators. Duty of care issues are also involved.
- 11.6 Disciplinary Matters – Total send offs after 14 Rounds are:

Straight Red	171	)	
Double Yellow	145	)	Total 316





The number of instances of abuse to referees is 41 with many cases occurring after a double yellow was shown, a very disturbing statistic. There were six R6-C for Round 15.

## 12. **General Business**

- 12.1 Clubs can contact the office if they want a summary of yellow cards.
- 12.2 The Association is still waiting for clarification on the No Alcohol Policy of Football NSW.
- 12.3 Bosco FC thanked the Clubs who have supported the Breast Cancer Awareness initiative.
- 12.4 All Clubs must have a copy of the Association rule book in Ground Control. All officials of teams should also have a rule book. This is especially important for teams in semi finals, especially when borrowing players.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

