

# EASTERN REGION JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

21 September 2009

### **Opening:**

The meeting of the Eastern Region Junior Soccer Association General Committee was called to order at 1935hrs on 21/09/2009 in the Phoenix Park club rooms by Peter Alexander.

### **Present:**

Peter Alexander, Daniel Boddy, Barry Hardwick (from item D), Jason Grandfield, Roxanne McIntyre, Brad Try, Fiona Breen (from item D), Cathy Ransom, Adrian McMullen, Stuart Allan, Bill Hanlay, Wendy Dickson (for 2009 Season and ERJSA Website Administrator items only).

### **Apologies:**

Mark Jablonski, Rick Dorling, Tim Donnelly.

### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous General Committee meeting (17/08/09) were submitted for approval.

Proposed: Brad Try

Seconded: Adrian McMullen

Approved

### **C. Correspondence**

Copies of official correspondence in and out were tabled for noting and/or discussion:

- In: from Clarence City Council by mail (copy with Peter Alexander), re return of ground keys and thanks for cleaning Cambridge change rooms.
- In: from Clarence City Council by mail, re schedule of ground hire fees for 2010 (refer Treasurer's Report).
- In: from FFA by email, re National Facilities Audit and the need to register clubs.
- Out: to Mr. Lech Ostrowski (souvenir collector from Poland) by mail, cloth ERJSA badge and covering note.

### **D. Open Issues**

\* Treasurer's Report. It was noted that: -

- ERJSA was tracking well against the revised budget figures, with more income having been banked in September. At present the figures showed a positive variance of around \$19,000 against budget, but there were around \$10,000 - \$15,000 of known costs still to come. Ground hire costs were lower than budget due to the wet weather cancellations.
- Ground charges should decrease next year, as the Council had revised the fee schedules to take small pitches into account. Alternatively, spare ground capacity might be taken up to allow for the possible need to rest some pitches.

The August financial reports were put forward for approval.

Proposed: Adrian McMullen

Seconded: Brad Try

Approved

The August payment list and an additional invoice from the NTJSA for Launceston Cup entry were put forward for approval.

Proposed: Adrian McMullen

Seconded: Stuart Allan

Approved

\* 2009 Season. The following points were noted: -

- The season had run well, considering the weather necessitating alternative arrangements for training and extra running around. Kangaroo Bay and Old Cambridge had proved to be the worst drained grounds.
- The regional games had highlighted slight inconsistencies in rules between the regions, which might require some negotiations to iron out. The goalkeeping rule for bringing the ball back in did not seem to add anything to the games.
- The fact that U12 games would stay on full size grounds next year might require some discussion with CUFC re Wentworth Park.
- U11 grounds should probably be larger, and offside play should be discouraged.
- The Hobart Cup would be moved forward to August next year, and the regional teams would need to be assembled earlier.
- It was felt that divisions were useful where there were more than 20 teams in an age group. The possibility of clubs putting forward 'A' & 'B' teams etc. was raised. Game rules could also be modified by referees and coaches to decrease margins.
- Syringes had been found on grounds during the year, and a reminder was in order that ground should be checked by coaches at the start of each session/day. Syringes should not be picked up without protection.

\* Director of Coaching. Roxanne McIntyre reported that: -

- Only 1 clinic had been run during the school holidays, due to lack of numbers.
- The draft coaching newsletter was with Barry Hardwick for review.
- Sarah Fitzgerald would not be available to assist with ERJSA programs next year, although it was possible that Lauren Griffiths might be interested. The possibility of committing more money for a full-time or near full-time position (with sponsorship?) was mentioned.
- Suggestions for early next year included holding a 'gala day' for all clubs to gather registrations, and a 1-day girls' competition in school time.
- As there were a number of parents without cars in the Rokeby/Clarendon Vale region, the possibility of a team/teams, playing all home games at Rokeby, was raised.

\* Registrations Process/MyFootballClub. It was not known whether the registration of Lauderdale players had been finalised.

\* Regional Program. Daniel Boddy reported that: -

- The program had run smoothly this year with selections, team conduct and the new U9 arrangements. ERJSA teams had improved during the year and been very competitive.
- Thanks were in order to the NTJSA for running a good tournament.

- The possibility of a barbeque to thank coaches, volunteers and Committee delegates was raised.
- Preparations for 2010 needed to be sorted/in hand by January.
- Items for the Regional Subcommittee(s) to consider included the U9 program, the girls program, uniforms, liaison with other regions (including Huon/Channel?) for consistency and the role of the Junior Standing Committee.
- At least 4 or 5 members were needed for the Subcommittee(s). Daniel Boddy, Peter Alexander and Stuart Allan all volunteered, and other names mentioned were James Ashmore, Felix Goward, Rod Fazackerley and Michelle Castle. A representative of the girls' regional program would be desirable.

It was proposed that a Subcommittee be formed by Daniel Boddy in accordance with the above to review the regional program and liaise with other regions.

Proposed: Daniel Boddy

Seconded: Cathy Ransom

Approved

- \* Club & Regional strips. It was proposed that the old Regional strips be used for training.

Proposed: Barry Hardwick

Seconded: Daniel Boddy

Approved

- \* Grassroots Football Facilities Fund. It was noted that Clarence City Council was slowly moving to improve ground facilities, and that Peter Alexander would get in touch with Clarence Cricket Club re Wirksworth.

\*ERJSA Website Administrator. Wendy Dickson was thanked for her attendance. It was noted that: -

- Wendy could put up club pages, links, sponsor information, etc in a variety of formats, including PDF files;
- late cancellations were displayed on the FFT website;
- Wendy was happy to continue as Website Administrator for 2010; and
- the ERJSA website attracted over 600 views per month.

## **E. New Business**

\* Items noted: -

- FFA National Facilities Audit. Refer Correspondence.
- Ground keys to be returned as per Correspondence.
- Agreement for Peter Alexander to ask Clarence City Council to renew the Cambridge licence.
- CUFC would need the Phoenix Park storeroom for a paying client in January & February. Stuart Allan mentioned that he would be hiring a storage container at Cambridge and that there would be room for ERJSA equipment (help with transport needed).
- Cathy Ransom would not be able to take much of an active role in ERJSA programs next year.
- A reminder was issued that there were no tryouts for U13 teams. It was agreed that this could be mentioned in the website and the coaching newsletter.
- Agreement that club sponsors could be mentioned on a club's page on the ERJSA website if requested.

- U11 Regional boys training shirts were presented for viewing – very smart & with sponsor logos.
- Barry Hardwick queried whether insurance might be required for ERJSA equipment (laptop, nets, Regional gear, etc.).
- The new ANZ bank account had been set up, and the account package had recently been upgraded to allow for credit card receipts and unlimited transactions.
- There was a new FFT Technical Director (Roxanne McIntyre to arrange meeting for Daniel Boddy?). There were also some changes to coaching development and licensing coming – it was felt that ERJSA should be proactive and move to bring the new program over to the Eastern Shore early next year.

**F. Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 2125hrs by Peter Alexander. The Annual General Meeting was scheduled for 1930hrs on 16/11/2009 at the Phoenix Park clubrooms, to be followed by the first meeting of the new General Committee.

Minutes submitted by:

Jason Grandfield