

# EASTERN REGION JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

14 December 2009

### **Opening:**

The meeting of the Eastern Region Junior Soccer Association General Committee was called to order at 1940hrs on 14/12/2009 in the Phoenix Park club rooms by Stuart Allan.

### **Present:**

Stuart Allan, Daniel Boddy, Barry Hardwick, Jason Grandfield, Brad Try, Andrew Hennessy, Michelle Castle, Roxanne McIntyre, Stephanie Leonart, George Mamacas (Hobart Olympia item only). \*No quorum\*

### **Apologies:**

Cathy Ransom, Peter Alexander, Tim Donnelly.

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

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

The minutes of the previous General Committee meetings (23/11/09) were noted.

### **C. Correspondence**

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

- In: from Clarence Council Youth Network Advisory Group by email, re Health & Wellbeing Expo 3/2/2010. It was noted that Nelson were involved with this event.
- In: from Sport and Recreation Tasmania by email, re Tasmanian Sports Awards 2010. Noted.
- In: from FFT by email, re Cottee's Schools 5-a-side Gala Day. It was noted that limited team places were available.
- In: from FFT by email, re Presenters & Assessors Workshop 10/1/2010. Noted.
- In: from FFT by email, re Recruitment Flyers and Posters 2010. Noted.
- In: from FFT by email, re MyFootballClub website in 2010. Noted.
- In: from ATO by mail, re overdue tax returns 2005 – 2008. Barry Hardwick to follow up and report next meeting.

### **D. Open Issues**

\* Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Reports for October and November and a draft Budget document were noted.

\* 2010 Season. It was noted that: -

- In order to make arrangements including the ERJSA 5-a-side term 1 matches, Clarence Council would need to know the proposed ground allocations for 2010 as soon as possible. At this stage, it was felt that the ground allocations would be the same as 2009, although possibly using Rokeby Green as backup for Old Cambridge.

- Stuart Allan would need assistance with promoting and running the 5-a-side matches. Youth and senior players would hopefully be available to referee.
  - Games at Rokeby High School might be a good initiative, although ERJSA might like to hear directly from the community groups involved to gauge their commitment and work through some of the details.
- \* Director of Coaching. It was noted that: -
- The equipment stocktaking had been completed.
  - Barry Hardwick had contacted Chris Dan from Northern Suburbs in relation to the DoC position. He was potentially interested in a shared position, and might know of someone who would be available. Barry had an appointment with Michael McIntyre of FFT on the coming Friday, and was hoping that FFT might be able to provide support for employment management (tax, super, etc.). FFT resources should also be available for school-based programs.
- \* Registrations Process/MyFootballClub. Refer Correspondence.
- \* Regional Program. It was noted that: -
- ERJSA would need to advertise the U11 coaching positions, probably on the FFT website. Applications would be needed by 17/1/10. Daniel Boddy felt too close to the program to assess applications, but would forward a flyer to Barry Hardwick.
  - A meeting of the Junior Standing Committee had been held on 12/11/2009 (Agenda & Minutes tabled by Daniel Boddy). The planned introduction of “Skills Academies” (for a few elite kids from each region) might affect regional programs. Changes to development programs would need to be discussed with FFT, particularly to ensure a continued focus on inclusiveness.
  - The U10 program would be modified in 2010 – open to more kids and with only limited grading. The rules for regional games had been standardised to prevent team stacking and other anomalies.
  - A sponsor wished to buy new shirts for the U12 boys team next year – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- \* FFT. It was noted that the rules for regional games would be set at a meeting of the Junior Standing Committee in February. These rules would be optional for club competitions, and would be circulated as soon as possible for discussion.
- \* Club & Regional strips. No progress noted.
- \* FFA. Grassroots Football Facilities Fund – it was noted that FFA wanted some further estimated details in regards to some grounds.
- \* Hobart Olympia. George Mamacas (President of Hobart Olympia FC) attended the meeting and tabled a broad proposal for developing a home ground at Cambridge. The following points were noted in discussion: -
- Olympia had been guilty of ‘top-down’ thinking in the past, but was now looking to move to a wider community view focussing more on participation and ‘bottom-up’ development.

- Olympia was seeking to engage all parties in respect to usage of the proposed facilities, including Cambridge Primary School and ERJSA regional teams.
- Olympia had significant sponsors and supporters from the business community, who could support the new facility and also help ERJSA (e.g. provide supplies for the canteen).
- Community access to the ground would need to be maintained, but discussions with the Council indicated that a long term lease would not be a problem – with ERJSA support. It was envisaged that cricket would eventually be moved elsewhere and New Cambridge would become part of the arrangement.
- Other options would also be explored, including the Wirksworth Reserve.
- A full size pitch would be required at the facility (not compatible with U11 SSG).
- By the time ERJSA would be able to reach a final decision and with cricket finals to be played, it was unlikely that anything could happen prior to May 2010. If the arrangement went ahead, Olympia hoped to use the ground for training in 2010 and games in 2011/12...?
- The proposal also provided an opportunity to review the structure of football on the Eastern Shore, in relation to links between schools, junior clubs and senior clubs.
- Acceptance of the proposal was probably within the ERJSA Constitution, but careful consideration of existing stakeholders and relationships would be required.
- Olympia's long term strategic plan was still under development. The present concern was convincing the backers to put funds/resources behind the project.
- Olympia had recently adopted a new logo and team name ("Warriors"), to set the foundation for its new direction. The club had 150 players in 2009, including two youth teams.
- ERJSA would need legal protections and concrete commitments from Olympia in any formal agreement. Even so, it was felt that ERJSA would not be part of the long term planning at the new facility.

#### **E. New Business**

\* Comparative Subscription Fees. It was noted that fees for Queensland and other mainland regions were often in the vicinity of \$220 + \$8 per game.

#### **F. Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 2225hrs by Stuart Allan. The next General Committee meeting was scheduled for 1930hrs on 18/1/2010 at the Phoenix Park clubrooms.

Minutes submitted by: Jason Grandfield