

EASTERN REGION JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

18 January 2010

Opening:

The meeting of the Eastern Region Junior Soccer Association General Committee was called to order at 1935hrs on 18/1/2010 in the Phoenix Park club rooms by Stuart Allan.

Present:

Stuart Allan, Barry Hardwick, Jason Grandfield, Cathy Ransom, Tim Donnelly, Andrew Hickman, Rick Dorling, Dale Cunningham, Adrian McMullen, Bill Hanley (for items A to D [Hobart Olympia]).

Apologies:

Daniel Boddy, Brad Try, Roxanne McIntyre, Michelle Castle.

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 & 14/12/09) were submitted for approval.

Proposed: Barry Hardwick

Seconded: Stuart Allan

Approved

C. Correspondence

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

- Out: to Clarence City Council by mail, letter of support for development of Kangaroo Bay Sports Field. Noted.

D. Open Issues

* Treasurer's Report. The October financial reports and payments ratification list were put forward for approval.

Proposed: Andrew Hickman

Seconded: Adrian McMullen

Approved

The November financial reports and payments ratification list were put forward for approval.

Proposed: Rick Dorling

Seconded: Tim Donnelly

Approved

The draft budget for 2010 was put forward for approval. It was noted that: -

- FFT fees had risen by \$2 per player for 2010. It was proposed to raise ERJSA fees by \$2.50 per player (inclusive of the FFT rise).
- Ground hire costs should decrease significantly, with Clarence Council now able to factor in small-sided grounds.

- MyFootballClub should make it easier to obtain player number, which might mean that ERJSA could move to charge fees per player rather than per team.
- Surpluses in 2008 and 2009 were mainly due to grant monies that had not been fully expended.
- The current bank balance was about \$20,000, with a further \$12,000 in an investment account. It was hoped that ERJSA would in future be able to access a cash management account to make more effective use of 'surplus' cash.
- It was possible that further grants could be obtained.
- ERJSA was in a position to budget for a cash loss in 2010, with accumulated surpluses and conservative estimates for some items.
- It was possible that the Director of Coaching position could actually generate income for ERJSA in the future.
- The net loss/ERJSA contribution to the Regional Program was expected to be in the order of \$2,500.

It was proposed the draft be accepted, subject to further amendments being made as more information came to hand.

Proposed: Adrian McMullen

Seconded: Cathy Ransom

Approved

* Hobart Olympia. It was noted that: -

- Olympia were aware that Phoenix Park might be available.
- Olympia's medium term aim would be to take over the whole Cambridge facility. 15 years ago they had been at Edgeworth Street. ERJSA might not be able to have confidence in Olympia's ongoing commitment to juniors.
- Clarence Council would be happy for Olympia to set up more infrastructure in the city. Nelson and CUFC were nearly at capacity and more/bigger grounds were needed.
- Sorell Council would be very keen to attract a club to their area.
- There were some potential positives for ERJSA, but written guarantees would be needed to safeguard the interests of the region, clubs and schools. More information was needed.
- With the limitations on venues, ERJSA might not be able to afford to lose the ground.

It was agreed that a letter to the Clarence City Council (cc Olympia) should be drafted, stating that ERJSA could not support the proposal at this time. The letter should outline ERJSA concerns and potential impacts upon junior & youth soccer; and that while there was a need for a 3rd club on the Eastern Shore, that other sites should be considered.

* 2010 Season. It was noted that: -

- Ground allocations would be the same as last year.

- The proposal for games at Rokeby High School was to be managed by a local community group in liaison with Roxy McIntyre. It needed to be clarified whether the Rokeby teams would operate under the Emmanuel banner, or as a separate club. It was felt that consistency of grounds had been a good selling point for ERJSA over the years, and that this proposal might lead to similar arguments for other areas (e.g. Dodges Ferry and Richmond). The ERJSA information booklet would need to be updated to reflect the arrangements.

It was proposed that Roxy proceed with making the arrangements for matches to occur as outlined at Rokeby High School, on a 1-year trial basis, with a view to teams eventually participating at regular ERJSA venues.

Proposed: Barry Hardwick

Seconded: Dale Cunningham

Approved (1 against)

- It was envisaged that the 5-a-side matches for term 1 would be held on a Wednesday or Thursday night (light issues after daylight savings finished?). Fees were proposed to be \$40 per team at sign up and \$5 per player per game at game time. Insurance needed to be clarified, but was expected to be covered by FFT as part of the fees. CUFC could supply referees on a Wednesday night. The games would be open to all age groups (possibly combined age categories, as not expecting huge interest). It was agreed that Stuart Allan should flesh out and circulate details (admin, timing, dates, numbers, etc.) of the games.

* Registrations Process/MyFootballClub. It was agreed that Barry Hardwick and Jason Grandfield should attend training in the upgraded system as Regional Administrators. Club registrars could then attend a training session tentatively scheduled for 6pm at KGV (FFT offices) 22 February 2010. There was little support for a combined registration day for all ERJSA clubs.

* Director of Coaching. It was noted that Northern Suburbs were not interested in sharing a full-time Director, although Barry Hardwick was aware of someone who might be interested in the position on a part-time basis.

* Regional Program. It was noted that: -

- Barry Hardwick had drawn up a flyer to advertise the U11 coaching positions, and was getting feedback from Stuart Allan. It was agreed that the deadline for applications be extended by 3 or 4 weeks into mid-February.
- Shoreline Carwash wished to buy new shirts for the U12 boys' team next year at a cost of \$1,500 - \$3,000. The thin, long-sleeved shirts would show the sponsor's logo and be used for training/general wear only. No objections were raised.

* FFT. It was noted that the Cottee's Schools 5-a-side matches were being organised by Stuart Allan, with entries from 8 schools to be received on a 'first-come, first-in' basis. It was further noted that Michael McIntyre had resigned from the position of CEO of FFT.

* Club & Regional strips. No progress noted.

* FFA. Grassroots Football Facilities Fund – it was noted that all grounds information had been supplied for the National Facilities Audit, as best as possible.

E. New Business

* Club task allocations. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting, with a preliminary list to be distributed.

* Email distribution list. It was agreed that Jason Grandfield should update the distribution list for ERJSA delegates.

* Ground cancellations. Stuart Allen outlined his approach to the issue. Generally, if Clarence Council did not close the grounds he would prefer to leave the decision of whether to play up to individual coaches. Parents should be encouraged not to ring the radio station, as this made it difficult for the President to get through. There was some support for making the decision and calling the radio station on Friday night.

F. Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2210hrs by Stuart Allan. The next General Committee meeting was scheduled for 1930hrs on 15/2/2010 at (to be confirmed) the Phoenix Park clubrooms.

Minutes submitted by:

Jason Grandfield