

EASTERN REGION JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

15 March 2010

Opening:

The meeting of the Eastern Region Junior Soccer Association General Committee was called to order at 1955hrs on 15/3/2010 in the OHA Football club rooms by Stuart Allan.

Present:

Stuart Allan, Barry Hardwick, Daniel Boddy, Jason Grandfield, Tim Donnelly, Brad Try, Andrew Hennessy, Lee Peterson, Fiona Breen, Cathy Ransom, Brett Clark, Adrian McMullen, Roxanne McIntyre.

Apologies:

Rick Dorling.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous General Committee meeting were submitted for approval.

Proposed: Fiona Breen

Seconded: Tim Donnelly

Approved

C. Correspondence

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

- In: from Central Region by email, re office bearers 2010. Noted.
- In: from Eastern Shore Saints by email, re Lindisfarne advertisement in St Cuthbert's newsletter. Issue dealt with between the two clubs.
- In: from FFT by email, re Australian Football Awards. Jason Grandfield to forward forms for Daniel Boddy to nominate Roxy McIntyre for Volunteer of the Year.
- Out: to FFT by mail, re administrative assistance for ERJSA Director of Coaching position. Noted.
- In: from FFT by email, re Players Equipment. Information on plaster casts and shinguards to be incorporated into ERJSA Information Booklet for 2010.
- In: from FFT by email, re Referee Courses in 2010. Noted.
- In: from FFT by email, re Grassroots coaching course. Jason Grandfield to circulate reminders by email and website.
- In: from Catherine Youl by email, re regional competition dates. Daniel Boddy had responded.
- In: from Clarence City Council by mail, re Community Directory and Sesquicentenary Calendar. Jason Grandfield to respond.
- In: from Vanessa Goodwin MLC by mail, re electorate office location. Noted.
- In: from Vanessa Goodwin MLC by mail, re Rio Tinto Alcan grants. Noted.
- In: from Rob Clarke by mail, re Director of Coaching position. Refer item below.

D. Open Issues

* Treasurer's Report. The Treasurers Report and payments ratification list for January to 14 March 2010 were put forward for approval.

Proposed: Brad Try

Seconded: Adrian McMullen

Approved

It was agreed that Barry Hardwick should obtain quotes for 1400 ERJSA player badges for the 2010 season.

It was noted that: -

- ERJSA would need to pay 50% of the FFT registration bill in May;
- ERJSA registrations were still payable on a team basis; and
- Excess funds in the bank could be moved to/from a cash management trust on demand.

* Hobart Olympia. It was noted that no correspondence had been sent to Olympia, on the basis that it was believed that they had already purchased Phoenix Park.

* 2010 Season. It was noted that: -

- Games at Rokeby would proceed on a 5-week trial basis, under the banner of the Emmanuel club. Clarence City Council had been notified, and Roxy McIntyre was helping the local community put together a submission for free use of Rokeby Green. Otherwise, games could be played at John Paul. Council would mark the grounds for the first time, and the school after that. Roxy also agreed to help Brad Try on the Emmanuel committee.
- Soccer was part of the curriculum at Rokeby High, and the school would welcome support from the ERJSA Director of Coaching. As these kids might act as coaches for the Rokeby teams, supporting them in completion of the Grassroots Coaching course would provide benefits to ERJSA.
- Keys to the various Council ground facilities would need to be obtained. It was also agreed that Stuart Allan would obtain and circulate the cost of hiring the Cambridge clubhouse, with a view to using it for storage and meetings in place of Phoenix Park. In the longer term, Edgeworth would be the preferred location for a central regional facility.
- Council had raised the possibility of night games (one per week?) in the U12 age group. This could be at Cambridge or Wentworth Park, and Stuart Allan would follow this up as part of the overall grounds negotiations.
- FFA generally supported the idea of divisions, and it was felt that divisions should be implemented where at least 18 teams were registered in a particular age group. Clubs might want to know as soon as possible, in case they wanted to structure their teams accordingly.
- Clubs should inform ERJSA where 2 or more players in a team were playing up or down an age group.
- It was noted that girls should not be forced to play in the mixed competition if they didn't want to, just to make up the numbers.
- The possibility of an 'Introduction night' for U6 coaches was raised. It was agreed that Stuart Allan would check to see if this could be done in conjunction with the 1 hour referee course, possibly at Cambridge.

* Registrations Process/MyFootballClub. Nil.

* Director of Coaching (DoC). It was noted that: -

- One application had been received for the position. It was agreed that a panel comprising Barry Hardwick, Daniel Boddy, Roxy McIntyre and Andrew Hennessy should review the applications, conduct interviews and make the final appointment as applicable. The approval process could proceed regardless of the status of the application for administrative assistance from FFT.
- Anthony Alexander was doing a good job as FFT DoC so far. Despite this, it was felt that he could not provide a complete level of service to all of the schools in the ERJSA area, even by mentoring a part time person from ERJSA.
- The possibility of contributions/assistance from CUFC, Nelson and Olympia was raised (e.g. funds, regional coaches) as something that could be coordinated by the DoC.

* Regional Program. It was noted that: -

- Three applications had been received for the two U11 coaching positions. Daniel Boddy would need to form a subcommittee to select the girls' coach, and would need some process guidelines. It was felt that this could be done by the new Director of Coaching when he/she was appointed, as well setting coaching standards and monitoring performance. A decision would be required by late April, and it was agreed that Daniel should check whether Anthony Alexander from FFT (independent chair?) and Peter Alexander from Bellerive would be available for the subcommittee.
- The U9 program would probably run for 6-8 weeks, followed by a 'round robin' competition.
- The U10 program would probably be a bit more structured, with some grading of players.

* FFT/JSC. It was noted that: -

- Information on the FFT website needed to be monitored.
- Centres of excellence had been created in the north and south. Selection would be by invitation only, based on assessment of skills.
- Ground sizes would be aligned with the blue booklet from FFA.
- Competitiveness in the U10 program would be reduced (possibly becoming more club-based?).
- ERJSA could possibly register as a 'club' to field an U13 team, although kids would need to play for their own age group first.
- FFT was looking at a potential new region, centred on Kingborough.
- FFT was looking at organising a "Rest of the World" competition (to do with the World Cup?) – further information to come.
- FFT was encouraging a positional style of play (e.g. 1-4-4-3) down to junior club level.
- Regional carnival dates had been decided.
- Regional activities had not started yet, so queries to Daniel Boddy should be held off for the moment.

* FFA. Nil.

* Club & Regional strips. Progress noted.

* Club task allocations. It was noted that Richmond agreed to do the 2010 rosters, but that the U11 and U12 grounds were not yet confirmed.

E. New Business

* Sorell (proposal for new club). This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting. It was noted that a new club at Sorell might affect numbers at Richmond and Dodges Ferry.

* Youth Licence (Coaching). It was noted that in the past, ERJSA had covered half the cost for participants. It was agreed that Tim Donnelly would check with FFT to see if they could provide some sort of support or fee reduction for coaches undertaking the course.

* ERJSA Information Booklet 2010. It was noted that Cathy Ransom would send the draft booklet out for input on the required changes for 2010.

F. Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2225hrs by Stuart Allan. The next General Committee meeting was scheduled for 1930hrs on 12/4/2010 at a venue to be confirmed.

Minutes submitted by:

Jason Grandfield