

EASTERN REGION JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

12 April 2010

Opening:

The meeting of the Eastern Region Junior Soccer Association General Committee was called to order at 1935hrs on 12/4/2010 in the Cambridge Hall by Stuart Allan.

Present:

Stuart Allan, Barry Hardwick, Daniel Boddy, Jason Grandfield, Tim Donnelly, Brad Try, Andrew Hennessy, Cathy Ransom, Roxanne McIntyre, Antony Appleby, Matthew Vaughan-Williams, Craig Crawford, Andrew Hickman, Michelle Castle (from 2010 Season in Item D).

Apologies:

Brett Clark.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved, subject to corrections at Items E (Sorell item N/A) and F (next meeting date).

B. Approval of Minutes

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

Proposed: Daniel Boddy

Seconded: Tim Donnelly

Approved

C. Correspondence

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

- In: from Dodges Ferry by email, re new President for 2010. Noted.
- In: from Jason Grandfield by email, re ERJSA website. The Committee expressed thanks and best wishes to Wendy Dickson.
- In: from the Tasmanian Institute of Sport by email, re used boots program. Noted.
- In: from FFT by email, re U6 players. Refer 2010 Season below.
- In: from Woolworths by email, re Community Grants. It was noted that an 'incorporation number' could be used in place of an ABN.
- In: from Clarence City Council by mail, re Community Participation Policy. It was noted that the address was still wrong, although the correct address had now been supplied in relation to the Council's Community Directory.

D. Open Issues

* Treasurer's Report. Monthly statements for December 2009 to February 2010, and the March 2010 Treasurers Report and payments ratification list, were put forward for approval.

Proposed: Tim Donnelly

Seconded: Cathy Ransom

Approved

It was noted that: -

- Errors in the original January and February statements had been corrected in the new versions that were circulated.
- ERJSA was in a strong cash position going into the 2010 season.
- The only unrepresented cheque outstanding was not going to be banked by the payees (a donation).
- The transfer of \$12,000 from the CBA investment account to the ANZ account had been entered in the cash book as Admin Support expenditure and Bank Interest income.

* 2010 Season. It was noted that: -

- All clubs had submitted their teams to Craig Crawford for the roster. The season would start 24/4/10 and run for 5 weeks, then 3 weeks off and a further 12 weeks of competition until 4/9/10. No 8:30 games would be scheduled for Dodges Ferry or Richmond.
- The ERJSA policy of only accepting players aged 5 as at 1 January each year had been in place for a long time, but no documentation could be found. In addition to insurance reasons, it was felt that the policy had been put in place to make the administrative burden easier for clubs. While FFA rules indicated that players must be eligible to register once they turned 5, it was also noted that clubs did not have to accept registrations (and so it was assumed that clubs must have agreed not to accept such registrations at some point in the past). It was agreed that this issue should be resolved for future years at the AGM.
- Stuart Allan would obtain keys for various facilities from Clarence Council this week, once the total player numbers were known. Council was also drawing up a lease agreement for Cambridge that included the club rooms for meetings and storage. Cambridge Hall was available for meetings in the meantime.
- The Emmanuel U12 team should be able to attend Friday night games at Cambridge. The home games for Emmanuel U10 & U12 (no U11 team) would be at Rokeby High School, and the rest would be at John Paul. Emmanuel might be able to source some extra playing shirts from other clubs. Representatives of the Eastern Shore Gazette might be present at the first week of games at Rokeby. Goals that were compliant with FFA standards needed to be purchased, and were still coming from FFT. It was proposed that ERJSA pay half the cost.

Proposed: Cathy Ransom

Seconded: Daniel Boddy

Approved

- An Introduction Night for U6 coaches and parents would be scheduled by Stuart Allan for 6:30pm on Monday, 19/4/10 at the Cambridge Hall. It was agreed that Jason Grandfield would circulate an email reminder to delegates.
- Several clubs indicated that to make up team numbers, they had moved players up or down an age group – Howrah (U9s playing up & down), Lindisfarne, Emmanuel (U9s playing down) and Dodges Ferry (U12s playing down). Based on the circumstances described, it was agreed that these arrangements would be satisfactory.

* ERJSA Information Booklet 2010. It was noted that: -

- Ball size for U10 and up was size 4. Balls were available in 4 colours from the FFT (Dale Itchins) from \$14.50.
- The booklets would be distributed at grounds early in the season.
- Cathy need updated contact information for new club committees – Jason Grandfield to email a reminder.

* Director of Coaching (DoC). It was noted that 2 good applications had been received for the position, and initial interviews conducted. One applicant was very experienced but might not have the full required time available. The other applicant was enthusiastic and had already been performing some programs for ERJSA. The possibility of using both applicants in a mixture of hours to be negotiated was being considered and would be discussed further. Clubs would be encouraged to make full use of the position once it was settled.

It was further noted that the second applicant had completed the Youth Licence and that FFT had taken the cost from ERJSA credits. It was agreed that Tim Donnelly should find out exactly how many credits ERJSA had available, and how they could be used.

* Regional Program. It was noted that: -

- Stuart Allan and Peter Alexander had interviewed coaches for the U11 girls program. Issues from last year had been dealt with directly, and it was agreed that no change in coach was necessary at this time.
- Daniel Boddy circulated information relating to the Regional program and rosters for 2010.
- Barry Hardwick had received donations for the U12 boys' team, made out to ERJSA. These were to be banked and then paid to Kathy McInerney (team interstate trip funding being held by a parent).
- U12 boys in the Northern Suburbs Regional program were also playing as an U13 team for Brighton. FFT had suggested that ERJSA could do something similar, although players needed to ensure that they played for their club first.

* FFT/JSC. It was noted that the Grassroots coaching course on 14/4/10 was scheduled for 5:30 to 8:30 at Wentworth Park, and that around 35 people had already registered.

* FFA. It was noted that the U6 Participation Packs and U7 shirts were expected to arrive at the end of May.

* Club & Regional strips. It was agreed that any pictures with children in uniform should be replaced with pictures of the uniforms only.

E. New Business

* Girls' Roster. It was noted that: -

- Four U10 teams and four U12 teams had been formed so far. It was agreed that a Gala day could be held at Edgeworth on the afternoon of 24/4/10 to recruit more players. Notices would be placed in school newsletters (RM/TD?).
- A parent had questioned whether 6v6 was an appropriate format for the games. It was felt that the team sizes could be increased only as player numbers increased.
- Central Region had enquired about putting teams/players into the ERJSA Girls' Roster. It was agreed that Daniel Boddy would conduct further discussions.

* Meeting times. The idea of a time limit on meetings was suggested, but was not seen as practical. It was noted that members could leave meetings if desired.

F. Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2120hrs by Stuart Allan. The next General Committee meeting was scheduled for 1930hrs on 17/5/2010 at the Cambridge Hall.

Minutes submitted by:

Jason Grandfield