

**Football Brisbane Inc.
Zone Council Meeting
Held at Football Brisbane
Monday, 20 May 2009**

Meeting Opened: 6.40 pm

Attendance: Michael Bailey (President), Tony Buckley (Vice President), Ken MacDougall (Treasurer), Rae Dower (WSC), Reuben Robertson (Secretary), Ian Dalzell (MSC), Rod Cousins (General Manager).

Apologies: Nil

Previous Minutes: The minutes from the previous Zone meeting.

Motion: *That the minutes from the previous meetings be accepted.*

Moved: *Buckley, seconded MacDougall. Motion Carried.*

President's Report:

Bailey addressed a number of issues:

FQ Zone Presidents' Meeting:

Advised that he was having a meeting with the Presidents from Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast, South West Queensland unavailable, prior to the FQ meeting.

FB Standing Committees:

Reported that nominations had been received for all of the committees.

Recommended that all nominations be accepted.

The meeting agreed.

Suggested that Robertson attend the first JSC meeting to assist with the election of the Chair and that he would be the Zone Council representative at the RSC meeting.

Recommended that the other standing committees arrange meeting to elect a Chair.

The meeting agreed.

Suggested that all standing committees must meet at least once every two months.

MacDougall suggested that the standing committees be given projects or tasks and report back to the Zone Council as part of their responsibilities.

Action – Council members to consider possible projects to be undertaken.

Competition Review Committee:

Bailey presented the draft terms of reference for the competition review committee.

Buckley suggested some alterations to the document.

The meeting agreed to the changes and accepted the document.

Communication Protocols:

Bailey raised the issue of communication protocols in relation to interaction between Council members and standing committee members and the Football Brisbane staff. Suggested that some delineation had to be established for the administration to perform their tasks without undue pressure or influence from council or committee members.

Buckley suggested that this would be too restrictive and may be more onerous on staff.

Dower suggested that council or committee members should be able to ask for information like any other participant.

Bailey clarified that the suggestion would be specific to questions of policy and apparent errors or mistakes made by the administration.

Rule for Referees without Assistants:

Bailey raised the issue of the current rule relating to junior referees officiating on their own. Advised that the rule restricts the opportunity for a referee to decide if they wish to officiate in a game without an official assistant and suggested that the rule should be changed to allow the referee to make the decision. Suggested that a policy should be developed for this option to be available.

Action – Bailey to develop document for distribution.

MacDougall suggested that the Referee Standing Committee should be asked to investigate the introduction of a 'club referee' program.

The meeting agreed.

Action – the proposal to go to the RSC for investigation.

Football Academy Proposal:

Bailey tabled an informal proposal regarding the establishment of a Football Brisbane football academy.

Advised that the proposal was at the feasibility stage with introductory discussions only having taken place and was brought to the Council for initial feedback.

The meeting discussed some aspects of what would be required to manage an academy and the target market it would be directed towards. MacDougall suggested contacting FQ regarding the development programs of the RDO, and part time DO's, and the need for FB to have some input into the process.

Treasurer's Report:

MacDougall presented the financials and spoke to the report. Highlighted key points including the likelihood of a small profit and the need to target a reduction on the current debtors list. Reiterated his need for final registration figures so that projections can be made and presented. Raised the issue of the possible surplus and how this could be utilised, including the idea of funds being returned to clubs.

Action – Cousins to ask for Gala Dinner budget from Marketing Committee.

MacDougall tabled a Referee Development Budget proposal from the RCC. Advised of discussions held with the RCC and how the details in the document had been reached.

The meeting discussed some key points in the proposal.

The meeting agreed to accept the proposal, with clarification on the corporate box question.

MacDougall reported on the FFA national development plan presentation he had attended and highlighted key points that were raised about coaching and development. Advised that the proposed programs are to be released, and available on the FFA website, in the next few weeks. Suggested that as a result of the programs, FB will have to consider the type of involvement in the RSJPL or equivalent. Advised that the Brisbane Roar were assessing their development commitments given the possible implications of the FFA plan. Suggested that a revisit of the proposal to FQ to have other zones participate in the BJL be considered.

MacDougall presented his recommendations regarding Representative Player Development in 2010.

The meeting agreed that players must choose between club or development program.

The meeting agreed that the selection process needs to commence in October with initial squads selected by December and final squads announced prior to sign on.

The meeting agreed that coaching positions be advertised in July 2009.

MacDougall recommended that participation be reduced to one team per age group, regardless of gender.

Buckley suggested that FB should seek clarification from FQ about the level of commitment expected of FB.

Action – seek confirmation from FQ.

MacDougall reported that initial estimates for an all inclusive full season program are approximately \$1900.00 per player without a FB subsidy.

Correspondence:

The correspondence was tabled.

The meeting discussed an application for an appeal from Logan City regarding the deduction of points due to an ineligible player.

The meeting agreed that the executive had only applied the rule and no new information had been provided therefore the decision would stand.

Other Issues:

Cousins tabled a report on grading issues and advised of the need to rectify some anomalies in the process.

Advised of some issues regarding the junior draws and that the entire round would only be cancelled for wet weather if 70 % of clubs closed their grounds before the weekend.

General Business:

Robertson enquired as to the ventilation needs of the new server.

Meeting Closed: 10.10pm