

**Football Brisbane Inc.
Annual General Meeting**

**Held at Brisbane City Football Club
Wednesday, 19 November 2008**

Meeting Opened: 7.05pm

Zone Council Attendance

Michael Bailey (President); Guido Canale (Vice President); Ian Dalzell (MSC); Andy Banks (WSC); Norm Armstrong (RSC)

Zone Council Apologies

Ken McDougall (Treasurer); Koula Fotinos (Secretary); Rueben Robertson (JSC)

Observers

Elaine Watson, Don Look, Dennis O'Brien (President - Football Queensland), Geoff Foster (CEO - Football Queensland), Christine Burchnall, Rod Cousins, Neil Sullivan.

Member Clubs Attending

Acacia Ridge, Albany Creek, Annerley, Beenleigh, Brisbane Athletic, Brisbane City, Brisbane Force, Brisbane Wolves, Capalaba, Clairvaux, Deception Bay, Eastern Suburbs, Greenbank, Holland Park, John Paul College, Logan City Kings, Loganholme, Moggill, Mt Gravatt, New Farm, Newmarket, North Pine, Oxley United, Park Ridge, Peninsula Power, Pine Hills, Pine Rivers, Qld Lions, Redlands, Rochedale Rovers, Sheldon, Slacks Creek, Souths United, Southside Eagles, Tarragindi Tigers, The Gap, Uni of Qld, Western Spirit, Westside Sports

Member Clubs Apologies

Bayside United, Bethania, Capalaba, Centenary, Colleges United, Grange Thistle, Ipswich City, Kenmore Lions, Regents Park, Sandgate, Taringa Rovers, Toowong, Toowoomba Raiders.

Member Clubs Absent

AC Carina, Bardon Latrobe, Brighton, Brisbane Olympic, Dayboro, Ipswich Knights, Jimboomba, Kangaroo Pt Rovers, Kingsridge, Logan Village, Mitchelton, Mooroondu, Narangba United, Redcliffe PCYC, Ridge Hills, Rocklea, Samford, Teviot Downs, Virginia

Formal Opening and President's Report

Michael Bailey welcomed everyone to the 2008 Annual General Meeting and acknowledged the attendance of Dennis O'Brien and Geoff Foster from Football Queensland. He highlighted key points from his report. Bailey identified the implementation of the SSG's as the major success of the year and thanked the clubs for their assistance in that process.

He acknowledged the contribution made by the previous General Manager, Bruce Dinsdale, particularly in relation to the initial year of operations. He thanked the Zone Councillors for their commitment and dedication, the clubs for their input, efforts and comradeship during the season as well as the various standing committees and Laws and Order committee members for their contribution. He complimented the staff and the countless volunteers who contributed to an overall successful year. He acknowledged that there had been issues during the year, but the organisation will learn from those experiences.

He outlined some of the challenges for the next year including; finding ways of improving the administration of the organisation and competitions, the delay in the adoption of an online registration system, the pursuit of

sponsors and establishing the Football Brisbane brand and the need to take a more proactive role in coach development.

Minutes from previous AGM held 21/11/2007

The minutes from the 2007 AGM held on 21/11/2007 had previously been distributed to members. There was no business or discussion arising from those minutes.

Motion: *That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting.*
Moved Greenbank, seconded Logan City. Carried.

Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2008 was presented to the meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion: *That the Annual Report be received and adopted.*
Moved: Moggill, seconded Brisbane Athletic. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Reports to 30 September 2008 were presented. In the absence of the Treasurer, Ken MacDougall, Michael Bailey spoke to the Treasurer's report and the financials.

Brisbane Force raised the questions of the level of savings as against the ongoing costs of wages, the disparity in the referee income and expenditure and the variation in representative football costs.

Bailey advised that the wages costs had been factored into the final figures, that some referee activities that had been budgeted for had not occurred in the financial year and that some elements of the representative program had been absorbed by the organisation.

Brisbane Force raised the issue of the organisation purchasing assets given the accumulated funds.

Bailey advised that the current view of Football Brisbane is that such funds should, in the first instance, be reinvested back into the Football Brisbane community.

The Gap raised the issue of no expenditure on development programs for the year.

Bailey advised that no programs had been run.

Motion: *That the Financial Report for 2008 be received and adopted.*
Moved The Gap, seconded Brisbane Force. Carried

Appointment of Auditor

Bachmann Robinson was re-appointed auditor for 2009.

General Business

Michael Bailey raised the issue of the draft Constitution and gave a brief summary of the process to date and identified the most contentious issues as being financial responsibilities of standing committees and some of the governance structure as per the current draft.

Elaine Watson summarised the process which led to the formation of the constitution review committee and the process by which amendments were presented and discussed.

Confirmed that the key areas of contention were as Bailey had suggested, but suggested that the current draft had amendments which had not been forwarded to the review committee.

Suggested that some aspects of the draft reduced the rights of clubs in the decision making process.

Bailey advised that regardless of the final content of the constitution, any amendments have to be approved by Football Queensland.

The meeting debated whether Football Queensland should or does have that right.

Brisbane City reported that the initial concept behind standing committees was to be representative voices of the clubs and that they had not achieved this outcome.

New Farm suggested that the standing committees should not be allocated budgets but in reference to the constitution presidents meetings should not occur and sponsorship funds should be allocated to the appropriate program.

Watson suggested that the current information meetings were of no consequence and that they should be general meetings thereby allowing members to vote.

Bailey suggested that such an approach would be counter productive and would not allow the Zone Council to perform its duties adequately.

Holland Park suggested that the current structure was acceptable but the communications from the standing committees had to improve.

Motion: That a date be set in February 2009 for a meeting to discuss the constitution with an independent facilitator.

Moved Brisbane Force, seconded Logan City. Carried

Next Annual General Meeting: *Wednesday 18 November 2009.*

Bailey advised that the general elections meeting will be held in March 2009.

Close: The President thanked all for attending.

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm