

**Football Brisbane Inc.
Annual General Meeting**

**Held at Brisbane City Football Club
Wednesday, 18 November 2009**

Meeting Opened: 7.00pm

Zone Council Attendance

Tony Buckley (Vice President); Ken MacDougall (Treasurer); Ros Englund (WSC); Norm Armstrong (RSC); Reuben Robertson (Acting Secretary & General Manager)

Zone Council Apologies

Michael Bailey (President);

Observers

Elaine Watson, Don Look, Christine Burchnall, Greg Beecham, Steve Jones.

Member Clubs Attending

Acacia Ridge, Albany Creek, Annerley, Bardon Latrobe, Beenleigh, Brisbane City, Brisbane Force, Brisbane Wolves, Capalaba, Deception Bay, Eastern Suburbs, Grange Thistle, Greenbank, Ipswich City, Ipswich Knights, Logan City Kings, Logan Village, Loganholme, Mitchelton, Moggill, New Farm United, Newmarket, North Pine, North Star, Oxley, Park Ridge, Peninsula Power, Pine Hills, Pine Rivers, Queensland Lions, Redlands United, Rochedale Rovers, Rocklea United, Sandgate, Sheldon College, Souths United, Southside Eagles, Taringa Rovers, Tarragindi Tigers, Teviot Downs, The Gap Pastime, Virginia, Western Spirit, Westside Sports.

Member Clubs Apologies

Clairvaux, Ridge Hills, Samford Rangers.

Member Clubs Absent

AC Carina, Bayside United, Bethania Rams, Brighton Districts, Brisbane Athletic, Brisbane Olympic, Centenary Stormers, Colleges United, Dayboro, Holland Park Hawks, Jimboomba United, John Paul College, Kangaroo Point Rovers, Kenmore, Kingsridge, Mooroodu, Mt Gravatt, Narangba United, Regents Park, Slacks Creek, Toowong, Toowoomba Raiders, University of Queensland, West End Partisans.

7:00pm – No quorum achieved, as per constitutional requirement. Delay for 30 minutes in an attempt to achieve a quorum

Happy Birthday to Elaine Watson.

7.22pm - Quorum reached, Meeting Commenced

Formal Opening and President's Report

Opening by Vice President Tony Buckley

Overview – Strategic planning will be a high priority in the coming year

- Commence discussions with councils
- RSJPL will result in moves to increased development programs
 - o Coaches in particular
- FB to be more involved in assisting clubs to manage their affairs

Minutes from previous AGM held 19/11/2008

The minutes from the 2008 AGM held on 19/11/2008 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: Logan City, seconded Brisbane City. Carried.

Question from the floor: Brisbane Force asked for information on the constitution meeting.

MacDougall: The President indicated he would hold a meeting if 50% of clubs indicated they would attend. The meeting request was issued by the FB Administration, but very few clubs responded (11) and therefore no meeting was called.

Watson: Concerned it was not carried out fairly – believed administration did not really carry out electronic communication.

MacDougall: Strongly disagreed with insinuation.

Buckley: Will take it under advisement and get back to Brisbane Force on progress of constitutional change.

Look: Demanded retraction of comments from MacDougall towards Watson.

MacDougall: Declined.

Buckley: Continue meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Question and Answers relating to Treasurers Report is documented in Appendix A

Motion: *That the Financial Report for 2009 be received and adopted.*
Moved: Brisbane City, seconded Souths United. Carried

Brisbane Force: Motion of thanks to the Treasurer

Buckley: Yes, very difficult job. Our thanks from the Zone Council

Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2009 was presented to the meeting. There was no further discussion.

Motion: *That the Annual Report be received and adopted.*
Moved: Souths United, seconded Logan City. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor

MacDougall: Auditor remains Richard Dinsdale

- No change to Remuneration

Bachmann Robinson was re-appointed auditor for 2010.

General Business

MacDougall: Council has agreed to stop transferring fines to reserve account. Currently at \$46,000.

- Recommendation was accepted. Review in August each year to assess
- Let players know at clubs of scholarship availability.

- Results Vault: Clubs notified of everything to be billed for 2010 in December 2009 with a payment schedule.
- Any revisions will be in July. This Recommendation was accepted by the Council.
- Training session for the Results Vault will be on 12th and 13th of December 2009 at Gregory Terrace on the Saturday and probably at Griffith University Nathan on Sunday.
- There was some further discussion on the training from the floor.

Question and Answers relating to General Business is documented in Appendix B

Next Annual General Meeting: *Wednesday 17 November 2010.*

MacDougall: The next AGM; may be first where the executive and committees can be voted in. This is not certain, but indications from FQ are that it could be.

Meeting Closed: 8.45pm

Appendix A

Questions and Answers relating to the Treasurers Report

Brisbane Force: Question the \$600,000 in reserves?

MacDougall: Would recommended no increase in fees unless it was known what it would be used for and agreed it was as part of strategic plan.

Brisbane Force: Explanation for Grants figure?

MacDougall: Relates to Telstra Football Anytime Program

Brisbane Force: Questioned the decrease to \$83,000 for representative and would this not be collected again

MacDougall: Fee structure on boys was for half the year while girls were for the full year.

- FB provided all gear
- 2010, There would be no charge for boys as it will be the clubs responsibility.
- Girls are still under same program and FB runs it. Fee costs were discussed Monday at the Zone Council and it was identified as high and was being reviewed. Bailey and Robertson will meet Geoff Foster on Thursday to discuss.

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Brisbane Force: How much do fees increase by FFA and FQ.

MacDougall: Increase was 3%. FB would increase likewise but as previously mentioned, only if ensure reserves are used as part of strategic plan.

Look: Question of Miscellaneous fees?

MacDougall: Money for two (2) years from pools: \$5000 per year

- FQ get funds, but now have passed to FB

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Look: Question of Sponsorship figures?

- Heritage – minor amount for FB but clubs have received around \$10,000 to date
- Other amount relates to McDonalds sponsorship of Referees

Look: Question on Expenses, Bad Debts?

MacDougall: Difficulty collecting Referees fees from 2008. FQ was collecting 15% from individual Referees.

Outstanding amounts have been written off, but Referees names are listed and if they come back, FB will have them pay it off.

One club may close with approximately a \$700 write off. However, this may still be recovered.

Look: Question on Office Expenses: Increase 40%?

MacDougall: Amounts include

- \$6-7000 legal fees due to North Star incident and obtaining legal advice
- Consultant on Senior Competition Review which has been tabled and will be on the FB website for clubs to review and make comment or recommendations in relation to implementation.
- FB moved premises, which doubled costs
- Increase hosting costs due to ResultsVault system implementation.
- Other Legal and Professional fees

Look: Question on Relocation Account \$43000?

MacDougall: When relocations occur,

- Allow for new furniture
- Allow for new computer system
- Decision agreed with Auditor that the figure is be included as part of relocation
- Also agreed to increase the write off to complete by June 2011. This would be because of the increase in size as a result of the introduction of Futsal, FB will likely need to move to a larger location This provides multiple reasons to write off the office furniture.

Look: Question is the move likely to be away from QSAC?

MacDougall: Can't say for sure, but believe possible

Questions and Answers relating to the Treasurers Report cont'd

Logan Village: Question on Club Education figure?

MacDougall: Provision of Club Seminars

- Paid bills up front so no end of year bills accrued.

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Brisbane City: Why does it show \$26000 for \$25000 in grants?

MacDougall: Caused by GST on council funds

Robertson: Acquittal of grant to Brisbane City Council still to be completed.

The Gap: Question on Marketing only showing \$500?

MacDougall: Previous year FB employed a part timer to support this work

- Some funds were put under Gala Awards Dinner
- Some funds were put under Quest Newspaper expenditure.
- Last year \$20,000 was set aside for a Marketing committee which was not used.

The Gap: Was there no income from sales of merchandise under FQ licensed marketing?

MacDougall: Nothing comes to FB for licence fees

The Gap: Why do we do its?

MacDougall: FQ is controlling body

The Gap: Wouldn't clubs get something?

Buckley: Asked FQ, but no answer to date.

MacDougall: Two members of the license dropped out.

Buckley: Any More?

Souths: Headquarters for Football? Admin or fields?

TB: All. More discussions needed.

Elaine Watson: Three years ago, approached Terry McKennroth re Carmichael Park

- Terry McKennroth was appreciative of its use.
- Is central
- If advantageous Watson has document

Buckley: Has it as well

MacDougall: Indicated he would be resigning as Treasurer

- Anyone interested should contact FB.
- Laughter from the floor.

Appendix B

Questions and Answers relating to General Business

Brisbane Wolves: Should Football Brisbane look at use of fields at Carmichael Park, be aware of Wolves requirements.

Buckley: Discussions would be with the Carmichael Park Management Committee (CPMC)

- Looking at all Brisbane requirements.

Watson: Allows for Brisbane Wolves in agreement with CPMC.

Buckley: Greenbank request on discussion of constitution changes?

- Questions were sent to FQ.

Watson: Question was can we change the word Chair to President?

Greenbank: discussion deferred to Elaine Watson. As per the email request.

Buckley: Will take commitment to follow up. With all possible parties.

Brisbane Force: Is this a motion?

Buckley: No. It was not circulated in agenda and is therefore not a motion. Show of hands if would members like to have it followed up.

Logan Village: These are old rules – Constitution is old language.

Brisbane Force: When was constitution written?

- Change needs to be made

Watson: Issue of meetings

- Gen/Ext gen meeting

Logan Village: As they are old, we should make a motion that executive committee review rules of constitution.

- Seconded Brisbane Force : Carried

Brisbane Force: Did all clubs receive a letter from office of Fair Trade in relation to changes needed?

North Star: What has happened in relation to the U12 BJJ proposal?

With RSJPL. Can we have U12 BJJ?

Robertson: Have not received the proposal, only 3 emails of support for it.

- Discussed by Zone Council, but without a proposal, decision can't be made.

Loganholme: Were one of the clubs who provided the email of support.

- Believes proposal was provided by James Holzeimer
- Sees opportunities for BJJ U12

Robertson: If it can be sent to FB, I will issue it to the Zone Council for review.

Greenbank: Results Vault is worst system he has ever seen with his 28 years of IT experience. How far did we set the net for an application?

- Any other states use it?
- What if FFA comes in and make us move to another system?

Robertson: Not sure of what other applications were reviewed as it was implemented before I entered the office.

- Football Federation Victoria, Football West, Football Tasmania all use it. ACT and SA use parts of the application.
- The latest information is that FFA will not be implementing a competition management system for the foreseeable future if at all. This means, the competition management system we are using would remain active for us. With the ability to download data and transfer it to the FFA system, we see no major issues in migration should FFA demand we move to their application for registrations. InteractSport are also working with FFA to ensure the best possible interface with the two systems.

Beenleigh: In relation to disciplinary fines paid by clubs

- Submitted a recommendation as an alternative to use this money to go into a fund / reserve.
- At end of season clubs are offered a grant option:
- FB goes dollar for dollar using the funds to assist clubs.
- Document outlines requirements for Football Brisbane in online system.

Robertson: Will look for it.