

Football Brisbane Inc.
Zone Council Meeting
Held at QSAC
Wednesday, 16 April 2008

Meeting Opened: 7.00 pm

Attendance: Michael Bailey (President); Ken McDougall (Treasurer);
Guido Canale (Vice President) Koula Fotinos (Secretary);
Ian Dalzell (MSC); Tony Buckley (WSC); Reuben Robertson (JSC);
Norm Armstrong (RSC); Bruce Dinsdale (General Manager)

Minutes from Executive Meetings held 17.03.04 & 12.04.08

Minutes from Zone Council Meeting held 20.02.08

Minutes from Clubs Meeting held 05.03.08

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

Moved: Tony Buckley; Seconded: Ken McDougall; Motion: Carried.

Presidents Report:

Small Sided Games – The President reported a positive feedback from the clubs. The overall concept received by parents has resulted minimal negative response.

Old State League – The President updated the current situation. Concern has been raised that “guest” players were being approached without the original club being notified. No protocol has been set in place to monitor the player movements. The lack of notification by FFA in response to Football Brisbane’s request to disallow the guest player ruling and Football Qld’s recent refusal to overturn the ruling was also causing disruption to the local competition. Brisbane clubs have been notified that the current FFA Registration regulations are to be enforced in FB competitions. It was agreed that an urgent resolution was required.

Brisbane Athletic – The Council was informed that all Brisbane Athletic Junior Teams are suspended as at 16.04.08 pending further investigation into the link with the “Zee Academy”.

Financial Report:

The Financial Reports including the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement were tabled. The Treasurer outlined the variances that require to be taken into account when analysing the reports. He indicated that an operating surplus is again likely this year. A full review of year to date figures and future income and expenditure is to be conducted to enable a projection of the full year result. He outlined his view of guaranteeing a CPI increase in Registration Fees each year.

Motion: *That the Financial Report be accepted.*

Moved: Koula Fotinos; Seconded: Reuben Robertson; Motion: Carried

Corporate Planning – The Treasurer has distributed the draft of the Corporate Plan to the Council Members and is awaiting feedback from the Standing Committees and Council Members. It is likely to be presented to the Presidents of the clubs for their consideration and input with a follow up meeting of Club Presidents in October. The Treasurer is to put together a timetable for the clubs to follow. The Treasurer will also keep an eye out for the Football Vic Corporate Plan about to be launched.

Correspondence:

Brisbane Force – Result of Appeal to Football Qld against the decision of the Zone Council to include Qld Lions in Division 1 in 2008 season. (Appeal dismissed).

QSL – Various letters concerning registration issues for players in the State League.

Brisbane Athletic – Request to review the decision to not allow club to play out of Nudgee Junior College. (Urgent meeting with club officials required)

Albany Creek / Dayboro – Correspondence voicing concern over requirement to travel and attend Club Seminars, imposition of fine for non-attendance and value of such seminars

Brisbane Force – Request to review decision not to reschedule matches due to school commitments. (Policy is not to reschedule matches to cater for school matches. Original decision supported not to establish precedence).

Referee Suspension – Advice to registered referee of sanction against him for his actions and conduct at recent Metro level match

Albany Creek – Correspondence from the club responding to Presidents Message. Expressed concerns over statements regarding “Duty of Care” issues and possible discrimination issues.

Albany Creek – Complaint to Football Qld and Football Brisbane expressing disappointment at actions and statements regarding player involvement in both representative and club matches.

Brisbane Olympic – Appeal against fine imposed for playing ineligible player. (Appeal dismissed).

Dayboro – Copy of correspondence to FFA congratulating introduction of Small-Sided Games

Football Queensland:

Small Sided Games – The structure was continuing to progress well

Red Kits – The kits have since been delivered albeit later than expected.

State League – Currently underway. Issue of registrations previously discussed.

Rebel Sports Junior Premier League – Is also underway. State JSC meeting to be held 10 May

Technical Department – A plan to be presented to the Zone Council in the near future.

Reports:

General Manager: The General Manager presented the report for April that included: Staffing; registrations; Office renovations; New Message Bank Service; Photocopier Upgrade; Web Site; Media Progress, Technical Department; Small-Sided Games; Rules of Competition/Participation; Player Assessment Policy Issues; Fixture Alteration Requests; June 1 Fixtures; Womens Cup Competitions; Representative Squads; Club education Seminars; FFA Coaching Conference; Referees Exchange Programme, Approval for additional Staff Member.

Junior Standing Committee: The Chair of the JSC advised a meeting was to be held.

Women’s Standing Committee: The Chair of the WSC informed that three (3) women were selected into the National Squad.

Mens Standing Committee: No meeting from the MSC has been held.

Referees Standing Committee: The Chair of the RSC informed the meeting of a meeting held by SARB. He was canvassing for a meeting to be held by June 30, 2008.

General Business:

Constitution By-Laws Review – A letter to FQ informing of the proposed review has been sent. The Zone Council to review the document.

Grading Issues – There are two (2) weeks left with the grading process

Representative Tournaments - There are three (3) Tournaments still to take place:

Open Womens to be held in Toowoomba. WSC recommendation is to partake this year and look at bringing the Womens Rep Programme in line with the Mens next year. He recommends that the organisation for Toowoomba to commence.

Motion: Accept in principle that Football Brisbane fund Men and future Women Representative Sides each year.

Moved: Michael Bailey; Seconded: Ian Dalzell; Motion: Carried

There is to be NO Rebel Sport League player partaking in the current Development Programme. There is no competition/ nowhere for the players to progress after these Development Tournaments. The question of “What are we developing them for?” was raised. The JSC is to make recommendations on future Development Programmes.

Year Book – Ian Dalzell and Guido Canale voiced their “unhappiness” in regards to the Year Book not having been released. They were informed that the feasibility was over and above the agreed expenditure budget allocated for this project.

Meeting Closed: 10.25 pm