

**Football Brisbane Inc.
Zone Council Meeting
Held at Football Brisbane
Monday, 9 September 2008**

Meeting Opened: 6.50 pm

Attendance: Michael Bailey (President), Ken MacDougall (Treasurer),
Koula Fotinos (Secretary), Tony Buckley (WSC), Reuben Robertson (JSC),
Ian Dalzell (MSC), Norm Armstrong (RSC), Rod Cousins (General Manager).

Apologies: Guido Canale (Vice President)

Previous Minutes: The minutes from the previous Executive and Zone meetings.

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

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

Presidents Report: The President opened the meeting and welcomed all.

He addressed a number of issues:

- **QSL:** Advised that a majority of the issues had been resolved except for the position of the Strikers. Suggested that the general feeling of other clubs was that they were not happy with the inclusion of the Strikers in Division 1. Reported that a meeting may be requested by some clubs to discuss the issue.
- **RSJPL:** Advised that a submission call had been made by Football Queensland. Tabled a draft response for consideration.
Buckley reported that he had been advised that the Under 15 and 17 Girls' State Championships would go ahead next year.
MacDougall suggested expressions of interest be asked for in regard to team officials positions for representative teams. Suggested this needs to be done soon regardless of the final make up of the representative program.
- **Representative Games:** Advised that he proposed sponsorship of the New Zealand tour had unfortunately fallen through.
Fotinos advised of the tour squad and itinerary.
Bailey advised that representative games for a Division 1 men's team against a Far North Queensland team and a Women's team against the Roar Women's team had been arranged. Advised that the games would have minimal costs associated with them and that the squads are yet to be confirmed.
MacDougall suggested that FB needs to consider adopting procedures for a coach mentor process whereby up and coming coaches have opportunities for such representative positions.
- **Sponsorship:** Suggested that having Football Queensland based in Brisbane has limited the sponsorship opportunities and that FB need to review the approach to attaining sponsorship.
- **Constitution:** Tabled the copy to be released for comment and highlighted the key points. Advised that a copy will go to Elaine Watson and onto the website for feedback.
- **Referees:** Advised of a meeting with referee representatives and that agreement had been reached to trial a new method of presenting referee courses in 2009
- **Competition Rules Review:** Advised that a thorough review of all competition rules will be undertaken at the conclusion of the season. Advised that several circumstances had identified flaws in some areas.
- **Grand Final Venues:** Raised the problem of locating a suitable venue for the senior grand finals. Suggested that QEII stadium be considered for the Premier level grand finals with the idea of promoting the games heavily in the Courier Mail as a way of generating interest. Suggested that a gate would help cover the hire costs.
Motion: *That FB holds the Premier League grand finals at QEII stadium.*

- Moved: *Bailey, seconded Buckley. Motion Lost.*
- **Samford Rangers U14 BJJ Forfeit:** Raised the issue of the semi final forfeit and outlined the issues involved. Suggested that a show cause letter be sent to Samford asking as to why the club should not be sanctioned. The meeting agreed to the proposal.
 - **Applications from New Clubs:** Advised that an application had been received from a 'Brisbane United'. The club wishes to establish itself in the Indooroopilly area. It was agreed that geographically close clubs would have the opportunity to comment on the submission.

Treasurer's Report:

MacDougall presented and spoke to his report.

Buckley raised the issue of referee payments for grand finals and suggested that FB should cover the costs for all grand finals, junior and senior.

The meeting agreed that this will be reviewed for next year.

MacDougall raised the issue of the request from FQ for payment in relation to the RSJPL.

Motion: *That FB not make any financial contribution to FQ for the RSJPL but correspondence be sent outlining the reasons for non contribution.*

Moved: *Fotinos, seconded Buckley. Motion Carried*

Raised the issue of the ongoing funding for the QSL competition and where these funds are generated. Suggested that the question should be asked at the FQ AGM.

Advised that he was developing a new system for the collection of the referee levy as of 2009.

Reported that the current process is difficult to manage and is not cost effective.

Advised that he was reviewing the fee structure for the 2009 season.

Correspondence:

Routine incoming and outgoing operational correspondence was tabled.

Reports:

General Manager:

Staff: There is a slight restructure of roles to accommodate some external changes and to streamline some of our current processes. I have not approached or discussed with any of the staff as yet, other than advising Christine that we do want her to become a full time employee. The advent of the online registration system will also have implications for how we do business, but we won't have a clear indication until we know the capabilities of the system.

Office Environment: There has been general approval for the relocation to the premises at the far end of Level 3. We have received quotes of approximately \$10,000.00 for the furniture, including delivery and installation. We are awaiting quotes regarding our IT and communication requirements. The plan is for handover to occur on Wednesday, 1 October with the next two days to complete the move so that we are functional the following Monday.

Registrations: The FFA online registration system is apparently ready to go. We have arranged with FQ to complete the database as per the FFA template via a data entry company. Cost to be negotiated, including discussions with Queensland Roar. The census has been completed and forwarded to FQ.

Sponsorship and Merchandising: The new relationship with the Trophy Superstore in regard to the volunteer recognition program has had positive feedback from a number of clubs. Suggested the most saleable products we have are the respective cup competitions. We are the only code that has an FA Cup style competition, primarily because other codes can't have teams playing across divisions due to safety issues. Suggested we offer the naming rights of the cups as a package initially. Other suggestions welcome.

Communication Protocols: The communication protocols were released with full implementation to commence in October. Should any Council members receive complaints etc, directly, they are to be redirected to the process. It will take time for everyone to get used to it.

Club Education Seminars: The Strategic Planning seminar has been postponed until 29 October.

Representative Football: While we are yet to receive any details from FQ regarding the plans for next year, we still need to establish our policies and procedures for our representative teams. The first stage is to adopt a standard set of criteria for the selection of coaching personnel. The criteria need to be transparent and eliminate any opportunity of nepotism. A full set of draft procedures will be sent shortly for consideration. Recommended, in the interim, that all coaches, assistant coaches, managers and sports trainers be ratified by the Executive before any official appointments and that Rob Kaiser be a part of the preliminary selection process. Recommended that a tender for the entire representative team gear requirements go to Buffalo, SSI and Statewide Sports (UhlSport) for consideration.

Mens Standing Committee: No report.

Referees Standing Committee: No report.

Junior Standing Committee: Robertson raised the issue of non financial players moving from club to club and how this is managed in 2009.

Bailey suggested we need clarification from the FFA.

Robertson advised that meetings will be arranged with clubs to discuss issues including SSG, referees, etc. The meetings will be arranged regionally.

Raised the issue of game scheduling, particularly where older age groups are playing before younger groups and how this may be overcome.

Women's Standing Committee: Buckley advised that a Women's Premier League meeting will be held to discuss the format for 2009.

General Business:

Nil.

Meeting Closed: 11.15 pm