

**Football Brisbane Inc.  
Zone Council Meeting  
Held at Football Brisbane  
Wednesday, 12 January 2009**

**Meeting Opened:** 6.30 pm

**Attendance:** Michael Bailey (President), Guido Canale (Vice President), Koula Fotinos (Secretary), Ken MacDougall (Treasurer), Andy Banks (WSC), Reuben Robertson (JSC), Ian Dalzell (MSC), Norm Armstrong (RSC), Rod Cousins (General Manager).

**Apologies:** Nil

**Previous Minutes:** The minutes from the previous Zone meeting were presented.

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

Moved: *Armstrong, seconded Canale. Motion Carried.*

**Business Arising:**

MacDougall raised the issue of the gala dinner and suggested that a review of the format needs to be undertaken.

Suggested that the JSC needs to consider options for a the junior sector and put recommendations to the Council.

**Presidents Report:**

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all.

He addressed a number of issues:

**Toowoomba Raiders Women's Teams:** Raised the decision to exclude the Raiders teams at the last meeting.

Highlighted the original questions raised and clarification from FQ.

Suggested that the current rule does not provide any certainty for clubs playing from outside the zone and advised that the rule had been developed in response to an issue that had occurred in another zone previously.

Recommended that the application of the Raiders to play in the Women's Premier League be accepted.

Banks advised that the Raiders have always had young teams and sometimes struggled to field teams.

Suggested that their inclusion had not benefited the development of Women's football in SWQ as was intended.

Armstrong suggested that he had an issue with the original reasoning behind the process.

Dalzell asked if the Raiders met the current criteria for inclusion.

Suggested that clarification be given to Raiders.

*Motion: That the original decision be overturned and Raiders be allowed to participate in the Women's Premier League.*

Moved: *Armstrong, seconded Bailey. Motion Carried.*

**Sponsorship and Promotion:**

Bailey raised the idea of supporting the YourBPL website in promoting the Premier League and suggested Football Brisbane should sponsor the site.

Raised the issue of promoting the BPL and suggested the development of promotional posters for clubs to utilise locally.

**Zone Elections:**

Raised the issue of managing the election process and suggested the General Manager be appointed returning officer.

MacDougall suggested that an alternative person should be selected to avoid any perceived conflict.

**Competition Review:**

Suggested establishing a committee to review all elements of the current senior men's competition.

MacDougall suggested that the review should be broader and include the development pathway for juniors and women.

**Committees:**

Advised that there had been little interest in the disciplinary committee positions and suggested that a representative from each of the standing committees be used for any hearings that may involve an individual from their sector (JSC for juniors, etc.)

**Other Issues:**

Advised that a meeting had to be called for a review of the draft constitution.

The meeting agreed that a quorum value of 50% be set to ensure a representative meeting.

MacDougall suggested a copy of the draft be sent to FQ for comment.

Reported on the activity around the FQ hearings held on behalf of Redlands and North Star.

Advised of subsequent meetings with FQ about the findings of the hearings and the question of jurisdiction.

Advised that the option of submitting a grievance with the FFA was being considered.

The meeting discussed the options available and the most appropriate method to reaching a conclusion.

**Correspondence:**

The correspondence was tabled.

MacDougall raised the issue of the FQ tax invoice for the 2008 RSJPL teams and suggested that a figure needs to be considered.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MacDougall presented the financials and spoke to the report.

Highlighted key points including the list of debtors and how they are being pursued.

Raised the issue of non budgeted outlays for 2009 and asked councillors to consider any activities or programs that will need to be included in the budget.

MacDougall suggested that Football Brisbane not participate in carnivals such as Harry Linning as they are no longer part of the development pathway and a costly exercise for parents.

MacDougall reported that all future activities under the control of Football Brisbane will be charged for the usage, including usage by FQ teams.

Raised the issue of the amount of money that has been invested in the FQ insurance scheme as against the amount of money outlaid on claims and whether it could justify the current charges.

**Reports:**

**Men's Standing Committee:** No report.

**Referees Standing Committee:** No report.

**Junior Standing Committee:**

Robertson advised of a document from Football Federation of Victoria about grading within SSF competitions and the possible implications.

**Women's Standing Committee:** No report

**General Manager:** No report.

**General Business:**

Fotinos raised the issue of the season launch and suggested a change of day to Wednesday 4 March.

Bailey advised that given issues in previous years clubs must send suitably attired representatives.

Fotinos suggested inviting representatives from the Men's and Women's Premier League and the Under 16 BJL teams.

Presented some options in regard to the days and dates of the Gala Dinner.

MacDougall raised the issue of the referees' UK Exchange program and whether reports had been received.

Cousins advised that the individuals in question had been asked to provide reports separately and were due next week.

Dalzell asked for an update on the new club applications.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.10 pm