

**Football Brisbane Inc.
Zone Council Meeting
Held at Football Brisbane
Wednesday, 28 January 2009**

MEETING CALLED TO CONCLUDE AGENDA ITEMS FROM 12 JANUARY MEETING

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

Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

MacDougall asked that the minutes from 12 January be amended as follows:

Correspondence

MacDougall recommended a strategy to negotiate with FQ the latter involved a possible maximum payment figure to resolve dispute. Council members to consider strategy and discuss at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

MacDougall raised the issue of outstanding recommendations from the draft budget presented to the October meeting. Items to be discussed at next meeting.

Requested members of the council to bring forward any activities or programs that will need to be included in the budget, as requested at October meeting.

MacDougall raised the issue of the council's previous agreement not to participate in the carnivals such as the Harry Lining and Peter Cox. Non participation in these tournaments was supported by the RDO.

Recommended that FQ be formally advised as soon as possible to ensure no forward commitments were made for FBI participation in these tournaments.

Presidents Report:

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all.

He addressed a number of issues:

FQ Issues

Reported on further information in regard to the placement of Redlands and North Star.

Raised the issue of the RSJPL payment to Football Queensland.

MacDougall suggested that the General Manager and Football Queensland CEO negotiate a conclusion based on a set of parameters determined by the Council.

The meeting agreed for the process to go ahead with MacDougall and Cousins determining the parameters.

Committee Nominations

Bailey raised the issue of the competition review committee and suggested that the initial focus should be on the structure of the men's competitions.

Suggested that a Chair be appointed with expressions of interest for other positions being called for.

The meeting discussed potential candidates and the process to adopt.

The meeting agreed that information be sent advising clubs that the review will be occurring once the parameters for the committee had been established.

Bailey raised the issue of personnel for the disciplinary committee.

Banks advised that the WSC have nominated Bernadette Ryan to sit on hearings in regard to female players.

Robertson advised that the JSC have nominated Neil Boyd for a similar role with junior players.

Elections

Bailey advised that clarification will be sought from FQ in regard to the practicality of holding an election meeting given the advice from the Returning Officer.

QCTV Proposal

Bailey advised that the QCTV CEO had forwarded a new proposal with a significant reduction in the costs involved.

Highlighted the positives and negatives of the proposal.

The meeting discussed various aspects of the proposal including the coverage potential, quality of the product and value for money.

The meeting agreed that it could not accept the proposal as is.

Bailey suggested approaching QCTV about a 3 year deal based on the current offer.

YourBPL.com

Bailey raised the issue of the YourBPL website and the potential of developing a working relationship with the website host through some level of support.

Motion: That funds be provided to the host of the YourBPL website in the form of a sponsorship.

Moved: Fotinos, seconded Canale. Motion Carried.

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 the new invoicing process and the need to remind clubs of the process.

MacDougall spoke to a number of items from the budget including:

- The level of prize money distributed to various competitions
- Usage of Carmichael Park and the need to rationalise the use
- Policy on the payment of referees for grand finals
- Location of the BPL Grand Finals and associated costs

MacDougall presented his suggestions as to the fees to be charged for Rebel Sport players.

Highlighted key components of the expenditure and how it can be managed.

The meeting agreed on a fixed payment per player for those participating in the RSJPL, with the charge being determined on a full season, or a part season, basis.

Competition Rules:

The meeting discussed the junior, Small Sided Football, Rooball and Senior competition rules. Key points included;

- Nominating experienced V inexperienced teams in the Under 9's and 10's.
- Options for determining the winner in the junior finals series. Older age groups to go to penalty shoot outs.
- Borrowing of players due to RSJPL commitments
- Player status and bands in senior competitions
- Format of finals for juniors and seniors

General Business:

Fotinos confirmed the date of the season launch as Wednesday 4 March.

Meeting Closed: 9.30 pm