



Claremont District Football Development Council Minutes from Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 19th November 2014 at 7:30pm
Claremont Football Club

Present from CDFDC: Paul Donovan (Chairman), Kieran Kelly (Junior Competition Director), John Thurtell (Assistant Competition Director), John McCallum (Registrar), Mark Paris (Coach Co-ordinator), Charmaine Rogers (Female Football), Matt McNally (District Manager), Sam Cousens (Development Officer), Peter Stanton (Umpiring), Bruce Byrnes (Treasurer)

Present from Clubs: Paul Tucker (Wembley), Stephen Cross (Scarborough), Jaimie Stewart (North Beach), John Penniment (Marist), Nick Flavel (West Coast), Simon Rodwell (Mosman Park), Adrian Barich (Subiaco), Doug Baird

Present by invitation: Nil

Apologies: Andrew Bantock (Claremont JFC), Andrew Parker (Swanbourne JFC)

1. Welcome

Matt McNally welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened it at 7:35pm.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting on 23 November 2013 were proposed by Steve Cross to be an accurate record from that meeting and seconded by Duncan Synott.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

4. Executive and Officers' Reports

4.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman present his thoughts on the proposed WAFC District Re-Structure.

4.2 Junior Competition Director

Kieran Kelly reported the following:

- The proposed new by-laws and amendments are still with the lawyers, the by-law changes will have most effect on prescribed penalties and player transfers;
- The Clubs are to have greater input into the by-laws;
- Subiaco and West Perth Annual General Meetings will be held next week and in both districts, the Competition Directors are changing;
- The Senior Community Colts numbers are dropping off, the issue will be discussed with the new Competition Directors and a policy made, maybe the answer is to raise the entry age into Amateurs.

4.3 Registrar's report

John McCallum reported that there were no Registrar issues as the football season has finished and any matters are included in the District Manager's report.

4.4 District Development report

Matt McNally tabled a report which included proposals and a review of the 2014 football year for all present at the meeting and sent a copy by email to all Clubs and CDFDC members the next day. In essence, the report included the following:

- There has been a 13% increase in numbers, it has been especially strong in Auskick and school participation; coaches who engage the players have better retention rates at the clubs; at the Colts level the number of teams decreased by three teams; there was an increase in female participation; and AFL 9s teams increased by seven.

4.5 Treasurer's Report

Bruce Byrnes presented the accounts for 2014 for the Claremont Development Council and for the Junior Competition. The main issues are as follows:

- There are a number of outstanding debts owed by clubs to the District, which is again a big issue. The clubs are asked to pay as soon as possible as some debts go back some time. A further issue this year is the non-payment by some clubs or organisations out of the District for coaching courses;
- There are less surplus funds this year as hosting finals means a principal difference in expenditure. Also courses cost more to run and the WAFC charged for its facilities where it did not previously;
- The Junior Competition account holds about \$69,000 and the Development Council has about \$55,000 if all debts are collected.

5. Election of Office Bearers

No nominations received

6. Election of Life Members

Life Members Nominated –

Kieran Kelly (Current Competition Director)

Paul Donovan details the following-

- Length of Service
- Value of Service to Claremont District
- How the service has benefitted the Claremont District

Endorsed – John Thurtell, Peter Stanton

Leo Crohan – (Past Claremont DFDC Chairman)

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Endorsed- Paul Donovan, Kieran Kelly

7. Motions on Notice

No motions received.

8. General Business

8.1 The issue of even teams and grading will be discussed by Kieran with the new Competition Directors once they are in place at West Perth and Subiaco but hopefully before Christmas. This needs to be discussed and a uniform policy implemented across the districts.

8.2 Charmaine Rogers (Female Football Rep) explained the opportunities arising through female participation. There will be a discussion paper distributed soon about a new youth girls' competition for girls aged 13 to 18 years old. They would play under the Piranhas. For junior girls in years 4 to 7, there may be a cross district competition, but it is just a concept at this stage.

9. Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

10. Next meeting

The date of the next JCC meeting is to be advised.