

Minutes CDJFL Meeting
Castlemaine Football Clubrooms 7:00pm
May 30th 2011

Present: CDJFL - Dale Burton (President), Jim Moran (Secretary), CVF Stephen Oliver (Treasurer), Newstead, Harcourt, Campbell's Creek, Wesley Hill, Carisbrook, West End and Winter's Flat.

Apologies: Craig Ginnivan

Minutes of the last meeting:

Motion: Minutes from last meeting were distributed and found to be "a true and correct version of events."

Moved: Secretary **Seconded:** W/Flat **Carried.**

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report was submitted by Stephen Oliver from CVF.

Some Clubs still owe CDJFL \$400 in fees.

Motion: The Treasurer's Report is a "true and correct version of events."

Moved: Treasurer **Seconded:** W/Flat **Carried**

Correspondence

- All relevant emails received are forwarded to Club delegates immediately.
- Leaflet on raising money through distributing telephone directories.
- Formal complaints received from a CDJFL club and an umpire alleging inappropriate behaviour at a recent match.

Matters arising:

Complaint

The two written complaints were discussed at length and all delegates agreed that more information was required to clarify the issues raised. All agreed that these were potentially serious allegations and a prompt resolution was required. The Executive will then weigh up all evidence received, seek counsel from others and determine a path forward to dismiss or prosecute the allegations as proven.

Action: CDJFL Secretary to write to the Club concerned and request a formal response in three days on the issues outlined in the two formal complaints.

VCFL Review

The CDJFL Executive met with the VCFL to contribute to their review of football in our region. The next step is an analysis of the submissions to be completed by June 24th when an initial recommendations statement is released.

Game day results

The Bendigo Hub needs the game day results accurately and quickly to record onto web system. All Clubs please ensure their details are correctly listed for players and officials. Any issues should be directed to Trevor Arnel at CVF 0417 354 697 or footyops@bendigofnl.com.au

Interleague

Interleague Coaches are now: Under 11 – Don Moran, U13 – Michael Blake, U15 – Lachlan Brown.

Under 11's and 13's squad training has commenced with good numbers attending.

U13's and U11's training at Camp Reserve Wednesday June 1st from 6pm and Wesley Hill from 10am on Sunday June 5th.

Moama interleague Carnival (U13's) was to be May 22nd but we missed out this year.

Interleague planned for Saturday June 11th against Kyneton Junior League for U11's and U13's. It will be played at Kyneton football ground with times to follow. The Kyneton U15 team did not want play a match with us this year.

An interleague match on Sunday July 31st in Bendigo for U15's is also planned as is an U13's match in Swan Hill on Sunday July 3rd.

Executive looked at Under 15 interleague opportunities with Woodend, MCDFNL and Central Highlands League with no luck so far.

Action: Secretary to email Central Highlands League with a proposal for an interleague match on either July 10th.

Under 10.5's Gala days

Maldon have agreed to host an Under 10.5's Gala night at Maldon on Friday night July 1st from 6:30pm. It will involve usual round robin format with four matches played at a time. More details to follow.

Compulsory helmets – Reminder - The CDJFL has made helmets compulsory in Under 13's and Under 10.5's competitions. The CDJFL has granted clubs until Round 8 (June 18th) to comply and will then enforce this rule. Clubs reported that helmets had been purchased and they are preparing grant applications with the VCFL. Secretary reminded Clubs that the CDJFL has \$2,400 from a Government grant to assist with these purchases. **Action:** All Clubs to invoice the CDJFL for \$300

Umpiring Information Night

On Wednesday May 4th 25 people of mixed ages attended the CDJFL umpiring information night facilitated by Rod Threlfell. A very informative evening with Rod presenting information on new rules, the philosophy behind and intent of the rules of the game, umpiring positioning and duty of care/responsibilities.

Coaching accreditation

Campbell's Creek and Winter's Flat coaches attended the recent accreditation course in Ballarat. No unaccredited person can coach a team in the CDJFL without risking loss of any match points and a \$100 fine.

Action: Secretary to email Tony McNamara for updated list of accredited coaches.

General Business

President reminded (again) all Clubs that fluoro vests must be worn by team officials and all water boys and runners are not to be on the ground too long. Umpires are to send them off if this occurs.

Action: Refer VCFL Handbook Page 60 for rules and penalties.

Secretary raised the possibility of (i) moving the CDJFL Grand Final from Sunday August 28th back to Saturday August 27th, (ii) making the Grand Final earlier on Sunday August 28th because the Castlemaine Superules football team have the ground booked and a function afterwards on Sunday August 28th. Clubs to think about it for the next meeting.

Newstead asked on what basis do we split Under 10.5's or not? Recent matches have seen too many kids playing one match when quite easily two matches could/should have been organised to allow for a better experience. C/Creek delegates to speak on this issue at their next club meeting.

Note: Should use AFL Junior Policy as a guide which *"endorses reduced numbers in teams as this allows individual players to have more frequent and longer contact with the ball, and enables the coach to see more clearly problems in basic skill development among the players. It also allows appropriate matching of opponents and teams. With fewer players, play is more open, even when played on a smaller oval. Because of the openness of the game, and the fact only 2 to 4 youngsters of similar size and ability usually contest the ball at once, marking and skills can be better developed."*

Harcourt – wanted clarification about numbers on the ground.

Note: CDJFL By-Laws on website

Wesley Hill reported that the West End U15's experiment is working.

Campbell's Creek opened a discussion about a recent thunderstorm incident. Delegates agreed that we all have a duty of care to protect people from harm and that logic must prevail when deciding whether to stop a game or not. **Note:** Some guidance given in VCFL Handbook on page 148. Also, raised the issue of serious injuries becoming a concern.

Next meeting on **Monday June 27th 2011** at Castlemaine Clubrooms from 7:00pm.

Meeting closed 8:36 pm