

Essential Energy T.A.F.L.
Executive Meeting
Friday 10th August 2011.
Held at 143 Denison Street, Tamworth.

Meeting commenced at 8.24pm.

PRESENT:

Adrian Walsh, Josh McKenzie, Gerry Griffiths, Graham Nuttall, Graham Brown, Darrell Benfield (phone).

APOLOGIES:

Janelle Kimmince.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of previous meeting were circulated.

Moved A. Walsh that, "the Minutes as circulated be accepted."

Seconded J. McKenzie.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

2.1 2012 draw.

A draft 2012 draw had been circulated by email prior to the meeting and was intended to be seen as a starting point. Discussion was had into times when in that draft draw no football was played in particular centres for a month. This was agreed to require attention to see if it could be resolved. Discussion was had into the placement of the North-South match – before Easter was seen as a handy time but may clash with cricket. It was agreed that a few weeks into the season was a better time. A four team finals series was intended with an 18 round draw, but this requires an amendment to the by-laws so will be put to the next Committee of Management meeting. The rationale for the revision of the draw was agreed to be a start on the 14th of April after Easter, a North-South match on the 19th of May, a general bye for the Queens Birthday with no other general byes. The last round is to see Muswellbrook and Inverell play in Tamworth, either against each other as a Muswellbrook home game or against the Swans and Kangaroos.

2.4 Rebranding of Premiership Cup.

Enquiries are being made as to the location of the Cup.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

G. Nuttall tabled a financial report for the preceding month, indicating a current cash available position of \$37,182.54, with a further \$4,648 in outstanding invoices. He warned against over excitement as no umpire payments had been made for the season.

Moved G. Nuttall that, "the financial report be accepted."

Seconded J. McKenzie.

CARRIED

J. McKenzie raised the outstanding insurance invoices, stating he had indicated these were due on the 20th of August and reminded Clubs looking at finals that they were required to be financial to participate in finals. A reminder is to be forwarded to the four outstanding.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

AFL NSW/ACT – Sport and Rec grants
New England Nomads – Rising Star nominations
Tamworth Kangaroos – Rising Star nominations
Gunnedah Bulldogs – Rising Star nomination
Tamworth Swans – Rising Star nomination
Muswellbrook Cats – Rising Star nomination

Gunnedah Bulldogs – reply re: Sporting Pulse warning

New England Nomads – reply re: Sporting Pulse warning

The reply from the Nomads queried their error but this was accepted in subsequent discussion. Gunnedah indicated their omission (failure to adjust the Kangaroos team list) was due to the Kangaroos not supplying one, and is noted only in the event of latter discussion into sanctioning should further omissions occur.

Muswellbrook Cats – Transfer application Ben Howarth

An application of transfer was received from Muswellbrook for Ben Howarth. Approval was granted for this transfer beyond the deadline by email through the Executive with 4 for and 3 against.

OUT:

All Clubs – Sport and Rec grant
Nick Baird – reply regarding umpiring concerns
Dick Gleeson – reply regarding umpiring concerns
Inverell Saints – umpire facilities at Varley Oval
Narrabri Eagles – inaudible siren
All Clubs – timekeepers acknowledging sent off players
All Clubs – request for Rising Star nominations
All Clubs – invoice for insurance
Tamworth Trophy Supplies – order for Grand Final awards
AFL NSW/ACT – Quality League Management Framework reply
New England Nomads – Sporting Pulse warning re: errors/omissions
Tamworth Kangaroos – Sporting Pulse warning re: errors/omissions
Gunnedah Bulldogs – Sporting Pulse warning re: errors/omissions
Muswellbrook Cats – Sporting Pulse warning re: errors/omissions

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 Gunnedah – North v South intra-League match.

Discussion was had as to the non involvement of Gunnedah in the intra-League match.

5.2 Ron Barassi Shield.

A successful under sixteen school based competition had been run during the day prior to the meeting in Tamworth by Colin Moore. Discussion was had in the afternoon with interest shown in running another day on the 16th of September 2011 leading up to the TAFL Grand Final.

5.3 Grand Final.

Premiership and umpire medallions had been received, along with the Nuttall trophy. One new football is available, with two others in good condition but that have been through last year's inter-League match and Grand Final. It was agreed that two further new footballs would be purchased. A letter outlining expectations of Grand Final hosts is to be drafted to be forwarded to potential hosts the Kangaroos, Nomads and Saints.

5.4 Uniform Standards.

It was raised that the weekend previously that several Nomads players were in different shorts (i.e. black and yellow or black and red). It was indicated in reply that issues had been had by the Nomads in ordering shorts from their supplier. It was also raised that some players from Narrabri had been playing in different shorts. A letter is to be forwarded to all Clubs in relation to playing in the proper uniform. It was also raised that the Tamworth Kangaroos now have a shorts sponsor, whose logo was suspected of being on the left leg, not the right as required by the by-laws. It was indicated that the Kangaroos were advised to seek League approval in relation to display of the logo but they had not.

5.5 Confidence in Executive Communications.

An issue was raised of Clubs being CC'd into Executive emails and individuals being nominated in those discussions. It was suggested that some confidence is required to allow for forthright and blunt conversation where required between the Executive. The specific matter cited was merely a matter of omission in checking and deleting the email 'chain'. The issue of descriptive minutes was raised in reply, which were intended to allow those not at the meeting to follow the path of discussions. These were forwarded amongst the Executive prior to publication to allow those named to ensure comfort with comments that were being attributed to them but can be sterilised.

5.6 Recognition of North-South match at Presentation Night.

The recognition of the North-South match participants at the Presentation Night was raised. Medallions were suggested, but with 44 involved at \$8 a medallion it quickly becomes expensive. It was agreed that it be added to the order of ceremony to highlight and generate interest in the match for the future.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 7th September 2011, 7pm at 143 Denison Street, Tamworth.
This is an Executive meeting.**

Meeting closed at 10.02pm.