

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

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

Apologies: David Semmens

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:** Newstead **Carried.**

Treasurers Report:

A Treasurers Report was tabled. No major transactions were reported. All Clubs have paid CDJFL \$400 fees. All clubs have invoiced the CDJFL for \$300 for "safety equipment". Finals gate was \$3,358.45

Motion: Treasurers Report as "true and correct." **Moved:** Treasurer

Seconded: Newstead **Carried.**

Correspondence

- All relevant emails received are forwarded to Club delegates immediately.
- Dale Burton mentioned nominations for Mt. Alexander Shire Australia Day Awards

Matters arising:

Dale Burton thanked Ian McDonald for organising umpires during the finals series. All Clubs were thanked for their contribution to the finals series and presentation night.

General Business:

Discussion about the VCFL Final Recommendations report followed.

Newstead: Junior Club have met with Senior Club. The Senior Club will field an Under 15's team in the MCDNFL in 2012. Both Clubs looking to closer ties. Junior Club couldn't fill the Executive positions at first AGM and will hold another later in November. The U15's may find it harder to get "top up" players from U13's depending on day and time played and distance to travel.

West End: Concerns include;

- The demise of the CDJFL and VCFL not listening
- Have a desire for League to stay as it is now.
- CFNC Under 14's team being perceived as elite and requiring try outs.
- Kids who don't make it – what then for them?
- Feels a bit rail roaded into the changes
- The potential for Juniors not playing football

Winter's Flat: Have lost many parents on their Executive Committee with players leaving for Under 14's and/or Under 15's elsewhere. Recruitment will now be limited to Primary Schools. Concerned about kids who don't make it in the CFNC Under 14's team being lost to the game. VCFL Report doesn't recognise this. Club will meet again to discuss future.

Wesley Hill: In 2011 68 players were on their list. The Club has a good environment. See's the VCFL Recommendations as the demise of the 3W's teams. Raised questions about age groups under 10years and the implementation of AFL Junior Policy. Worried about more age groups emerging in the MCDFNL eg Under 12's despite a limit applying in the VCFL Final Recommendations. Not happy with the direction pushed by the VCFL.

Harcourt: Will find electing an Executive challenging as parents will follow their kids. Junior Club has spoken with Senior Club about entering an Under 15's team in MCDFNL. Excited about the proposed U9's, U11's and U13's competitions in new entity.

Campbell's Creek: Senior Club will enter Under 15's team in MCDFNL. Part of Junior Committee will move to Senior Club to run U15's team. Haven't had an AGM yet. Tired of the uncertainty surrounding the future. Want to move forward. The Senior Club not running too flash at present. VCFL Final Recommendations are the worst case scenario for them.

Carisbrook: Under 15's will play in MCDFNL. Sticking point will be the respective draws. The U9's, U11's and U13's are concerned about travelling and may join or stay with local Auskick up to 12 years of age.

VCFL: Have met with BJFL Executive who backed the proposed age groups with the general consensus that it was a good move. Some Clubs want a transitioning of age groups. BJFL AGM is on December 14th. With respect to the Final Recommendations, the VCFL saw that things were broken and needed fixing. The review didn't intend to cause upheaval to the current CDJFL structure.

They looked at creating the best pathway from Auskick right through to senior football. Currently 5 – 8 year olds join Auskick then drop off never to play competitive football. Also, they had a duty of care to look after the integrity of both junior and senior clubs and make it easier for all clubs to exist.

The Final Recommendations document reaches further than the CDJFL/KJFL. They make recommendations for the welfare of juniors at CFNC U14's. The draft draw in the Appendix of the Final Report tries to localise games.

Steps forward;

CDJFL Executive to meet ASAP with Kyneton and discuss; formation of the new entity – ratified at AGM, Clubs vote to affiliate with new League, Vote at AGM to disband the CDJFL, Agree on a new constitution with Kyneton executive, Obtain approval from Consumer Affairs Victoria, Select representation for new Board etc.

New Board to discuss;

By-Laws, structures, teams, colours, fixtures, times, days and venues etc.

Motion: Vote to accept VCFL Final Recommendations as done by the CDJFL Executive.

Moved: Harcourt **No Secnder**

Motion: Vote to agree on merging the CDJFL and KJFL as per recommendation 1 in VCFL Final Report.

Moved: West End

Secnder: Harcourt **Vote:** For 4, Against 2 Abstain 1

Motion carried

Motion: Any new competition structure does not record scores, have ladders or best and fairest Votes etc. **Moved:** Wesley Hill **Secnder:** Harcourt

Vote: For 2, Against 4, Abstain 1

Motion denied

Meeting closed 9:02 pm Next meeting To Be Advised