

Essential Energy T.A.F.L.

Executive Meeting

Wednesday 1st February 2012.

Held at 143 Denison Street, Tamworth.

Meeting commenced at 7. 13pm.

PRESENT:

Josh McKenzie, Gerry Griffiths (chair), Graham Nuttall, Shane Douglas, Nick Baird, Colin Moore, Grant O'Leary, Adrian Walsh (phone).

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of previous meeting were circulated.

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

Seconded G. Griffiths.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

2.1 Secretary position.

The position of Secretary was resolved, with the appointment of Josh McKenzie into that role.

2.2 2012 draw.

Further discussion was deferred to general business.

2.3 Umpire's Coordinator.

Lindsay Brash had been approached and was considering the role, but has indicated that he cannot take it on. Graham Brown has indicated that he is prepared to take the role on again in 2012, with a view to training someone else to take over.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "Graham Brown be appointed as Umpire's Coordinator on a provisional basis, that the position be advertised amongst the League and confirmation of the position for 2012 be made at the next meeting."

Seconded N. Baird.

CARRIED

2.4 Junior Competition.

C. Moore provided an update on the junior competition for 2012. He presented a proposal for the structure of the competition which will be distributed to nominated delegates from the Clubs. He indicated that goal posts are being installed at Farrer MAHS and are being paid for by the AFL. Later in February there will be a visit from Jesse White and Martin Matner of the Sydney Swans, which he intends to promote on 92.9, television and in the newspaper. He asked that a letter be forwarded to the Clubs from the TAFL to encourage them to promote the junior competition amongst their schools. He indicated his intent to have a meeting or telephone hook up the following week with the junior delegates from each Club, and that Mark Heaney from the AFL NSW/ACT Commission was intending on travelling over later in the month to meet with delegates from each Club. He stated that umpiring junior matches was one thing that needed to be worked out, and that the proposal was for an under 15 competition with the possibility of allowing some 16 year olds to foster numbers. He expected, and this was

confirmed by G. O'Leary, that the Muswellbrook juniors would be better placed in the Newcastle League where they currently play. It was suggested that umpires should be able to be sourced from the Clubs. It was also suggested that the competition could be promoted through the League's advertising.

2.5 Muswellbrook Cats and Jason Akermanis.

Further discussion was deferred to general business.

2.6 Sporting Pulse Coordinator.

The appointment of Nick Baird in the role of Sporting Pulse Coordinator was confirmed.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

G. Nuttall tabled provided a verbal report, indicating a current cash position (not including about \$150 of un-presented cheques) of \$27,730.

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

Seconded J. McKenzie.

CARRIED

It was indicated that approaches need to be made to Essential Energy and Gerry Griffiths in relation to renewal of their sponsorship for 2012. An approach in relation to advertising also needs to be made to Prime7, as Southern Cross 10 are not showing any AFL matches this year. The potential return for sponsors was raised as an issue, and it was indicated that the advertising question needs to be addressed directly. Discussion was had as to the potential for junior sponsorship, with a figure of \$3,000 proposed for naming rights of the junior competition. G. Nuttall indicated he would speak with Costa Group of Guyra in relation to same. It was also agreed that \$2,000 again be paid for the role of Sporting Pulse Coordinator.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

Gunnedah Bulldogs – season 2012

Mark Heaney – junior delegate meeting

AFL NSW/ACT – Footyweb training webinars

AFL NSW/ACT – Matt Crawley Northern NSW manager

OUT:

Nil.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 Gunnedah – reduced player numbers.

Correspondence from the Gunnedah Bulldogs indicated their intent to play in 2012, but warned that they may be short on occasions, particularly when travelling. They proposed a rule change to allow matches of 14 on 14 on field players, with a reduced bench available. Discussion followed, with it generally agreed that Clubs should be entitled to use 22 players if available. It was agreed that any rule change would not apply to finals and must apply to all teams. Some discussion was had in relation to the balance of not turning fringe players away from the game, who might not get a run with reduced numbers, against coming part way with a rule change to help keep Gunnedah viable. J. McKenzie proposed that he draft a possible rule as a starting point for further discussions.

5.2 Muswellbrook Cats and Jason Akermanis.

The Muswellbrook Cats have confirmed the 19th of May for the visit of Jason Akermanis. Discussion was had with G. O'Leary in relation to the suggestion of a composite team playing the Cats. Concerns were raised that with the effort the Cats were going to, they wanted to make sure the crowd on that day saw a competitive match. The Cats preference was for a match for premiership points to be played on that date. After further discussion it was determined that the match would be between the Muswellbrook Cats and the Tamworth Kangaroos, as a stand alone fixture (for premiership points) to allow for a possible Masters match involving the rest of the League.

5.3 2012 draw.

A draft draw was presented which was constructed with one parameter being a clear weekend to provide for a composite TAFL team to play the Cats on Akermanis day. After some discussion, it was proposed that the round 2 fixture in that draft between the Tamworth Kangaroos and Muswellbrook Cats be moved to the 19th of May as a stand alone match.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "the draft draw be adopted, with the round 2 match between the Muswellbrook Cats and Tamworth Kangaroos be moved to May 19 as a stand alone fixture".

Seconded G. Griffiths.

CARRIED.

5.4 Delegates meeting proposed by Mark Heaney.

Mark Heaney, Northern Development Officer with the AFL NSW/ACT Commission, has expressed an interest in hosting a delegates meeting midweek later in the month with the new Northern NSW Manager, Matt Crawley. Concern was raised at the ability of delegates from all Clubs to attend midweek, and the value of the meeting as a result. J. McKenzie is to email Mark Heaney and liaise further in relation to these concerns, and the actual purpose of the meeting to assess its viability.

5.5 Tamworth Swans shorts design.

A design for new shorts for the Tamworth Swans was presented by J. McKenzie, who indicated that for expedience he would move its approval. No objection was raised.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "the design as presented be approved for use by the Tamworth Swans."

Seconded Nick Baird.

CARRIED

5.6 Tamworth Kangaroos ball sponsor.

Previous enquiries from the Tamworth Kangaroos seeking approval for Ashcroft Property as a ball sponsor had been approved. This was confirmed.

5.7 Secretary honorarium

G. Griffiths spoke of the secretary position and the work it carries.

Moved G. Griffiths that, "an honorarium of \$1500 be paid to the League Secretary."

J. McKenzie stated that whilst he appreciated the motion he would not accept any payment.

Next meeting: Wednesday 22nd February 2012, 7pm at 143 Denison St, Tamworth.

This is an Executive Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.23pm.