

# **Essential Energy T.A.F.L.**

## **Executive Meeting**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.

Held at 143 Denison Street, Tamworth.

**Meeting commenced at 7. 09pm.**

### **PRESENT:**

Josh McKenzie, Gerry Griffiths (chair), Shane Douglas, Colin Moore, Adrian Walsh (phone), Nick Baird (phone).

### **APOLOGIES:**

Graham Nuttall.

### **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of previous meeting were circulated.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "the Minutes as circulated be accepted."

Seconded A. Walsh.

It was raised that discussion relating to payment of an honorarium to the secretary was not in the minutes.

G. Griffiths moved an amendment that, "the minutes be updated to include a motion tabled in relation to payment of an honorarium to the secretary."

Seconded C. Moore.

CARRIED

### **2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

#### **2.1 Umpire's Coordinator.**

Graham Brown had indicated that Lindsay Brash will take on the role for 2012, with assistance from Graham Brown.

Moved G. Griffiths that, "Lindsay Brash be appointed as Umpire's Coordinator for 2012."

Seconded S. Douglas.

CARRIED

J. McKenzie indicated he would email Mr. Brash in relation to formal acceptance of the appointment.

#### **2.2 Reduced Player Numbers.**

J. McKenzie presented a draft rule amendment in relation to reduced playing numbers for away teams where required in 2012, indicating that he was not necessarily in favour of the amendment but drafted it was a starting point if the League was entertaining making such a change. Discussion followed in relation to holding off until it was known the change would be needed, but raised also that rules should be set prior to the start of the season. A. Walsh indicated he would make contact with the coach of the Gunnedah Bulldogs, the Club from which the request for the consideration of the rule change originated, in relation to their expectation of playing numbers for the 2012 season.

#### **2.3 Masters Match 19 May.**

Hunter AFL Masters have indicated that they had set their draw and were not keen to play a match in Muswellbrook on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Discussion followed that a match is likely to be able to be organised against travelling masters teams from either Central West, North Coast or even Sydney.

## **2.4 Delegates Meeting with AFL NSW/ACT.**

J. McKenzie indicated that he had raised with Mark Heaney from the AFL NSW/ACT Commission that a midweek meeting was unlikely to gather delegates from all Clubs. Mark had indicated that he was pushing on with a junior meeting, but that alternatives would be explored for Matt Crawley, the new Community Football Manager for the region, to meet Club representatives.

## **3. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

G. Nuttall provided a written report that was tabled in his absence.

This suggested that affiliation fees remain at \$2,000 as in 2011 with a disclaimer that this was dependent on securing sponsorship.

It was raised if any increased affiliation would be charged with the establishment of a junior competition. It was discussed that the only likely increased cost to the League may be in umpire's fees, but that Club umpires would likely be used for most matches at no cost to the League. It was also raised that if the establishment of a genuine juniors competition saw the League run at a slight loss this was a responsible use of saved funds in any case.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "no increase in affiliation fees be charged for the junior competition".

Seconded S. Douglas.

CARRIED

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **IN:**

**Tamworth Kangaroos – updated contacts for 2012**

**Gunnedah Bulldogs – updated contacts 2012**

**Inverell Saints – night games**

**AFL NSW/ACT (Matt Crawley) – TAFL contacts**

**New England Nomads – jersey design 2012**

A proposal for a slightly altered jersey design for the Nomads celebrating 50 years of football at UNE was presented.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "the design as presented be approved."

Seconded S. Douglas.

CARRIED with 1 abstaining.

**Tamworth Kangaroos – jersey design 2012**

A proposal for a new jersey design for the Kangaroos was presented.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "the design as presented be approved."

Seconded N. Baird.

CARRIED with 1 abstaining.

### **OUT:**

**All clubs – 2012 draw**

**All clubs – request for updated 2012 contacts**

**All clubs – Footyweb webinars**

**Mark Heaney – Delegates meeting**

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **5.1 Affiliates Meeting.**

A. Walsh spoke in relation to the recent Affiliates Meeting of the AFL NSW/ ACT Commission which he attended. Issues discussed there included:

- facilities grants;
- new sports trainers policy – from 2013 it is mandatory for a trained person to be at a match for it to proceed;
- indigenous policy – funding is available to assist indigenous players
- footy scoreboard on 7mate – Leagues can pay to have their scores shown at half time
- womens football;
- the Black Diamond League is now known as AFL Hunter;
- the upcoming indigenous carnival being held in Wagga Wagga;
- coaching accreditations;
- the new National Deregistration policy, in which a player with 16 weeks or more of suspensions is automatically deregistered;
- racial and religious vilification and the use of mediation;
- benchmarking of umpire's pay;
- policy on electronic communication;
- AFL Ambassadors – opportunities in schools;
- Swans Academy, which saw Sam Naismith from the League go down for a recent trial.

Further information is to be made available to Clubs on pertinent issues arising from the above.

### **5.2 Juniors.**

C. Moore spoke in relation to progress with the junior competition proposal. The Narrabri Eagles have indicated they cannot field a junior team. The New England Nomads already have thirteen players on the books. An email has been sent to Club contacts in relation to the recruiting status for each Club, and meeting is to be held the week following with Mark Heaney to advance plans.

### **5.3 TAFL on Twitter.**

N. Baird suggested establishing a Twitter account in the League name to publish scores and keep people updated on news. After some explanation of the concept of the tweet, it was agreed as being a positive use of free technology. Discussion followed in relation to the use of Twitter ahead of Facebook, with Twitter suggested as being a better vehicle and readily used as a source of news.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "N. Baird be authorised to set up a TAFL Twitter account."

Seconded C. Moore.

CARRIED

### **5.4 Presentation Night.**

The date for the 2012 Gillies Medal Count and Presentation Night was confirmed as being in line with the last regular round on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2012.

Moved J. McKenzie that, "the 2012 Presentation Night be held in Tamworth."

Seconded N. Baird.

CARRIED

Moved J. McKenzie that, "each Club be invoiced for twelve tickets to the Presentation Night."

Seconded S. Douglas.

CARRIED

### **5.5 Round 18.**

Clarification was sought as to the starting time for the two matches in Tamworth in Round 18.

It was confirmed that the Swans and Eagles match was a 1pm start, with the Cats and Saints match to be a 3pm start.

### **5.6 Round 3 – Saints v Eagles.**

Due to ground booking clashes, the Inverell Saints indicated they were seeking to swap the venues of their round 3 and round 12 matches against the Narrabri Eagles. Narrabri had consented to the change.

Moved N. Baird that, “the venues for the round 3 and round 12 matches between the Inverell Saints and the Narrabri Eagles be switched.”

Seconded J. McKenzie.

CARRIED

### **5.7 Subsidising Auskick packs.**

It was raised if the League would be prepared to subsidise Auskick packs to reduce the costs of and to encourage junior participation. The costing for this was queried, and C. Moore is to reply with an indication of same.

**Next meeting: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 11am at Wests Diggers, Kable Ave, Tamworth.  
This is a Committee of Management (General) Meeting.**

**Meeting closed at 8.48pm.**