

Western NSW Football
General Meeting
Sunday December 1st, 2013
Orange Ex-Services Club, Orange

Meeting opened at 10:08am by Jim Auld as Chairman.

Attendance:

Jim Auld, Chris Ambler, David Parker, Mitch Tomazin, Darrel Hines, Wayne Pearce, Steve Jennings, Ann-Marie Tomazin, Kayleen Fisher, Mark Fordham, Karl Lanham, Tony Mileto and Andrew Fearnley

Apologies:

Ian Jones, Tracy Sherman, Kelvin Moore, Grant Foster, Tania Pilon, Kevin Medlyn, Lesley Hilliam, Brian Plummer, Cameron Stone, Jo Sinclair.

Agenda Items:

1 Update on the FNSW Conference on the Game

- Jim gave an update from his attendance at the FNSW Conference on the Game. The Standing Committee's gave presentations on their current tasks and influences on the game relevant to their area of responsibility.
- FNSW concentrating on improved governance.
- FNSW looking to visit regional areas in 2014 with a similar presentation.

2 Western NSW Futsal League 2013

- Next game day is Sunday December 15th with more teams invited/encouraged to attend.
- Andrew to email associations by December 6th with details on the Futsal Gala Day.

3 Western NSW Youth League 2014

- A Gala Day format with allocated dates was discussed as opposed to the current 'home and away' format for Under 10's and Under 11's which play non-competitive small sided football. This received favourable response from associations. Andrew to formulate dates as soon as possible.
- The age groups for Girls was raised for discussion given that the FNSW competition age groups (which would include State Titles) have become U13-15-17's. Main consensus was to change the WYL in Girls to reflect the above age groups. Andrew to liaise with Lachlan United and Orange who had started selections in girls age groups.
- Lithgow sought support to have an Under 11 Girls in light of the above. Agreed by the members to pursue this.
- The floor raised that each association needed to actively ensure participation by teams in as many possible age groups.
- Lachlan Association advised that their previous preference for a June Long Weekend competition was no longer supported and suggested keeping as an early season-pre season event.
 - LASA also advised they had suspended competition from that weekend to assist in team participation and referee availability as the event was a 'premier' event for WNSW Football. Discussion followed on whether all associations should suspend competition. The consensus was for each association to encourage

teams to compete, to allow games to be deferred to allow participation and to allow any referee's that wish to officiate to be able to do so.

- Mudgee FC volunteered to host the 2013 event.
- Jim A advised that WNSW Football would seek venue nominations when sending out competition nominations.

4 Western NSW Challenge Cup 2014

- To be held the last weekend in March (since changed to first weekend in April to avoid venue unavailability)
- Andrew to email nomination forms by December 6th.

5 Coach Education

- Andrew F spoke about the new changes to the Community Coach Courses and that the Branch would work with associations to facilitate implementing the courses.
- Each association to liaise with Andrew on suitable nights for a 'workshop' with their association rep team coaches prior to the season commencement.
- Andrew F also added that a Regional FFA 'C' Licence was planned in 2014 with details to be finalised soon upon FFA approval.

6 Senior Men's Competitions

- WNSW Football to investigate options on an FA Cup style competition in 2014. A proposal document to be sent to associations for action in February.

7 General Business

7.1 Champions of Champions

Orange Assoc raised their issue with two teams not turning up for games in the above competition and the subsequent fine. They have requested leniency from Football NSW and seek Branch support.

7.2 Query raised on the withdrawal of Wellington from the WYL. The team was not fined. The referee fee's will be paid by Western NSW Football.

7.3 Room Set-Up

Meetings to be set up in a square table format rather than theatre style for future meetings.

7.4 Planner for 2014

To be circulated once completed.

7.5 My Football Club.

Associations encouraged to contact Samantha to book in MFC training nights and to try and group them together with other centres. Andrew to advise all dates once completed.

Meeting closed at 11:21am