



President: - Matthew Cook

Secretary:-Brenda Tully

Vice President: - Peter Cock

MINUTES

Minutes of Special Meeting of Mid West Football League, held Tuesday 25th September 2018 at the Minnipa Hotel, commenced at 7.30pm

1. Roll call & Welcome

1.1. Present

President	Matthew Cook
Vice President	Peter Cock
Secretary	Brenda Tully
SANFL – EP Football Ops Manager	Richard Murphy
Central Eyre	Aaron Grocke, Jared Sampson
Elliston	Steve Paul, Jay Williams
West Coast Hawks	Tegan Whitford, Darryl Johnson
Western Districts	Jamie Baker, Jerel Fromm
Wudinna United	Dallas Waters, Ryan DuBois
Wirrulla	Craig Johnson, Shane Pittaway

1.2. Apologies

SANFL – RFC	Andrew Taheny
Central Eyre	Wes Matthews
West Coast Hawks	Neil Montgomerie
Western Districts	Wade Shepherd, Scott Feltus
Wudinna United	Greg Scholz
Wirrulla	Milton Holmes

- 1.3** Matthew Cook welcomed all present at this special meeting regarding B Grade and Colts numbers for 2019. Matthew Cook continued to inform all present that the last Special Meeting held on 27th August 2018 was productive and the ideas and solutions that have been discussed were good. Matthew Cook introduced and welcomed Richard Murphy the new SANFL EP Football Ops Manager. Richard Murphy thanked the Mid West Football League for the opportunity to be able to come to the meeting and is looking to hit the road in the next 6 weeks to try and catch up with key people and Presidents/Secretaries of clubs.

2. Minutes of Special Meeting held 27th August 2018 were read by Matthew Cook.

Accepted Jay Williams

Seconded Dallas Waters

All in favour

CARRIED

3. Business Arising From Previous Meeting:

- 3.1 Colts** — West Coast Hawks - Tegan Whitford spoke of looking at numbers next year and players having to go up to seniors. Few players might be going away to school. After talking to the parents they all seem to think that this will not be as big an issue as this year. Darryl Johnson spoke that back in 2000 the Mercy Rule was issued into Mid West Football League. The league was having similar issues back then as we are having now. Teams play half game before mercy rule applies, the bigger Colts players to then be swapped over onto opposition team and play against the older players. It has been a worry as the coaches haven't been adhering to this rule. It was put in place to even up the game not to take the players off the oval. This is probably why our Pt Adelaide Cup and Kinlough Cup teams have been



struggling as the players haven't had that competitive hit out. Umpires to look at doing the voting at ½ time so that the better players are noticed also.

Western Districts - Jerel Fromm spoke of Umpires needing to remind coaches at ½ time of the Mercy Rule and changing players. Jamie Baker suggested that that the mercy rule needs to be policed.

Elliston - Jay Williams suggested that we make the Umpires police this rule and the changes. In favour of the Mercy Rule not keen on the 9-a-side. Clubs will go in a cycle with numbers just have to dig deep and make sure the kids get a game.

Peter Cock spoke of any excess players from West Coast Hawks to possibly go to clubs that are going to struggle play and then go back to their club. This could be on a rotation system. Tegan Whitford spoke of making sure all players played and that is why sometimes her children take their footy gear just in case they might get a game for the opposition. Peter Cock also spoke of making sure that the older players aren't taken off the oval. This seems to be what is currently happening.

Wirrulla – Shane Pittaway spoke of communicating with Colts coaches so that the younger players can have a game even if it is for the opposition. Brenda Tully spoke of all clubs being able to do Match Day Permits on Sporting Pulse to allow players to go across to the opposition and play. Craig Johnson spoke of several colts from this year will be too old for colts but not confident or good enough to play seniors. They will possibly be looking for permits for those players. Not really in favour of 9-a-side.

Central Eyre – Jared Sampson spoke of all clubs not taking on the concept of the Mercy rule it seems to have been lost. Remember there are 6 clubs in our league not just West Coast Hawks. We need to look at permitting players if we need to. Get the kids interested. Get back to the basics communication and don't take the players off at ½ time. Aaron Sampson also spoke of not in favour of 9-a-side.

Wudinna United – Dallas Waters spoke of sending the letters out and yes the cycles happen in football 4 years ago their colts won a flag. Since then they have lost quite a few kids away at college. When they suggested 2 grades U16 and U13 competitions was because population numbers are falling this could be 9-a-side, would have to look at the logistics on the oval and being played at different times. Ryan DuBois spoke of looking at matching up the older players on the older players in the zones with 9-a-side.

Richard Murphy spoke of trialing it for a round see what the numbers are like and communicate with the opposition coaches. Keep in mind this can be introduced progressively. Jared Sampson asked if we could look at the Port Lincoln Football League and how it is played down there. Brenda Tully spoke of making all coaches/team managers/sporting pulse personnel of Colts teams attend a training course prior to the season starting and enforcing the Communication, Mercy Rule & Match Day Permits. Brenda Tully is also happy to come around to the clubs and conduct this.

Western Districts – Jarel Fromm spoke of being supportive of Wudinna FC idea it has merit. Maybe investigate a bit more. We try to encourage our younger players not to use the zone type of play with football. We need to think of the development of the kids. The possible solution for them is playing 12 players and communicating with the opposition coach to see if they have any extra kids. Remember it is about the kids not the colours they wear.

Central Eyre – Aaron Grocke spoke of trialing preseason on a Friday evening U16 9-a-side and U13 9-a-side between Western Districts and Wudinna United.

Western Districts – Jamie Baker spoke of possibly having a U13 association team. Brenda Tully explained some leagues depending on who is hosting the day may or may not have a team or want to schedule a game. Jamie Baker also spoke of U13 carnival like what other leagues clubs have. May need to look into.

Wudinna Districts – Ryan DuBois proposed Option 1. To be trialed prior season starting or in Round 2 Colts to be split into 2 age groups. Under 16's and under 13's.

Both groups to play 12 a side Football, with Clubs able to negotiate down to 9 a side depending on player numbers on the day.

Ovals will need a separate set of line markings splitting the oval into 3 zones, with rules as per attached AFL 9-a-side competition.

Under 16's start at 10:45am. 15 minute quarters.

Under 13's start at 12pm. 8 - 10 minute quarters.

We believe that this will enable both more enjoyment for all juniors as well as quicker development, as juniors will be competing against players more their own size and ability.

Where Clubs do not have many kids in the U16 age group, then older kids from U13's can play up in that group.

By starting U16's first on match day, any players that are playing senior football will get a rest prior to playing either B's or A's.

Obviously two games in place of one may require extra coaching staff and possibly an extra umpire than the current format.

Seconded Jared Sampson

All in favour



3.2 B Grade

Western Districts – Jarel Fromm and Jamie Baker spoke of shortening B Grade games to 15 minute ¼'s and 12 to constitute a game. All coaches to communicate prior to the game.

Wudinna United – Dallas Waters & Ryan DuBois agree shortening B Grade games to 15 minute ¼'s and 12 to constitute a game, big tick for communication between B grade coaches and team managers.

Central Eyre – Jared Sampson proposed B Grade games be shortened to 15 minute ¼'s. 12 players to constitute a team. Games to start 10 minutes later than.

Seconded Jay Williams

All in favour

Elliston – Jay Williams proposed 7pm Friday night prior to schedule game be the cut off time for clubs who forfeit B Grade games. Club to be penalised \$250.00 if teams forfeit after this time.

Seconded Dallas Waters

All in favour

West Coast Hawks – Darryl Johnson spoke of too many forfeits in B grade competition. Clubs still being able to play in finals.

Central Eyre – Jared Sampson spoke of other leagues have a rule that they can't forfeit 3 games in a round.

Wirrulla – Shane Pittaway spoke of having good communication with all clubs for the B Grade and Colts competition.

3.3 Length of Season

Matthew Cook spoke of several clubs talking about the length of the season and the Mid West netball Association recently having talks regarding this

West Coast Hawks FC – Not in favour of shortening season.

Wirrulla FC – Play 15 games with a possible break in the middle.

Central Eyre FC – Both have discussed this with the Central Eyre Netball Club and both like the idea of 13 games.

Elliston FC – Spoke of more in favour of 15 games as they rely heavily on home games financially.

Wudinna FC – Refer to their letter. We believe that implementing a split round has merits. Clubs with 2 ovals may see it differently. The draft program for 2019 starts on April 9th. This is 3 weeks after tennis and cricket finishes and the first weekend of Term 1 school holidays. School holidays sometimes benefit Clubs with College kids home, but can do the opposite with families going on holidays. The current 15 game season leaves very few free weekends, especially for those involved at association level. Playing 13 games means we could start Anzac weekend in line with most other Leagues on EP. Clubs with 2 ovals will lose 1 home game each. This may be seen as detrimental to income, but could be beneficial with crowds at remaining home games larger due to a lift in enthusiasm and energy of players, supporters and volunteers. We intend to communicate with Andrew Buckham to get his input on how playing a split round in the middle of the season could be implemented into the program to make it fair on all clubs.

Western Districts FC – Stay with 15 games. Agree if season shortened this could affect the home game income for some clubs with 2 venues. Premier games are A Grade. Maybe look at split round in school holidays.

Jared Sampson asked if the Football league had spoken to the Netball Association. Brenda Tully replied we haven't spoken to them until we have something to talk to them about and any other suggestions. If you haven't got anything to take to them it is pointless. We need to know what you want us to take to the Mid West Netball Association.

Matthew Cook spoke of May Inter League Games, it is very hard to get players.

Matthew Cook spoke of this maybe something to look at. Both Matthew Cook and Brenda Tully will talk closely with the Mid West Netball Association.

Matthew Cook spoke of shortening the season may affect volunteers in the clubs. Clubs need to keep the talks happening regarding staying strong. We are looking at weeks not games. Some people need a break. Look at playing 1st Semi Final and 2nd Semi Final on same weekend, Saturday and Sunday.

Central Eyre – Aaron Grocke proposed that the 1st Semi Final be played on the Saturday and the 2nd Semi Final be played the next day on the Sunday.

Seconded

Jared Sampson

All in favour

Peter Cock spoke of time keepers throughout the year not having to do time on in the Colts and B Grade games. When it comes to finals some time keepers were onto it but some weren't.

Suggested that all games finals included for Colts be 20 minute ¼'s no time on.

B Grade games finals included be 15 minute ¼'s no time on. Can all clubs please discuss this and bring back to the AGM.



Matthew Cook spoke of a quite a bit of progress coming from the last meeting and tonight's meeting which has allowed us to take the above proposals back to your clubs and discuss, then we can vote on them at the AGM.

Matthew Cook thanked everyone for thinking of the small changes that may help our league to continue with Colts and B Grade Competitions for many more years.

NEXT MEETING: 15th October 2018 - AGM at the Minnipa Hotel at 8pm

MEETING CLOSED: 9.54pm

