



President: - Matthew Cook

Secretary:-Brenda Tully

Vice President: - Peter Cock

MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting of Mid West Football League, held Monday 25th March 2019 at the Minnipa Hotel, commenced at 8.00pm

1. Roll call & Welcome

1.1. Present

President	Matthew Cook
Vice President	Peter Cock
Secretary	Brenda Tully
Treasurer	Leanne McArdle
Umpire Coordinator	Wade Shepperd
SANFL	Andrew Taheny
Central Eyre	Aaron Grocke & Jake Sampson
Elliston	Tony Tree & Nathan Little
West Coast Hawks	Tegan Whitford & Kirk Montgomerie
Western Districts	Scott Feltus
Wudinna United	Greg Scholz & Simon Petty
Wirrulla	David Vincenti & Shane Pittaway

1.2. Apologies

SANFL	Richard Murphy
Elliston	Chad Fleming

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1. That the Minutes of the MWFL meeting held on 25th February 2019 be passed as true and correct

Proposed:

Greg Scholz

2nd:

Aaron Grocke

All in Favour.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

- 3.1 Flow FM Presenter – **Need somebody to do this as all members in your clubs**
- 3.2 5CC Presenter – **Need somebody to do this ask all members in your clubs.**
- 3.3 Rule changes 2019 – All rule changes adopted in the MWFL except Rule No 4 Runners and Water Carriers.
- 3.4 Association Coaches for 2019 – U17 – Tony Tree
U15 – Shane Pittaway
- 3.5 MWFL Training dates – Mothers Day at Minnipa Sunday 12th May times to be advised.
- 3.6 Vice President - **All clubs to follow up for next year.**
- 3.7 Coaches – All coaches must have done there online coaches course to be able to print off team sheets. Andrew Taheny had list of those who need to complete course. **All clubs to action.**
- 3.8 Player Payments Declarations and spread sheets. **All clubs to complete and forward to Richard Murphy.**

4. Questions on Notice:

4.1 ANZAC Round – 27th April 2019 – Main game will be Wudinna United v Western Districts

5. Treasurers Report:

Leanne McArdle presented financial report: Opening Balance \$14,125.28

Closing Balance \$16,707.77. Leanne McArdle asked about account for new Guernseys. Contact Andrew Buckham.

Moved Leanne McArdle Seconded Greg Scholz CARRIED

6. Correspondence:

- MWFL – Rule changes 2019.
- EP Forum 7th April 2019. Football/Netball at Wudinna. 1 Delegate from each football club and executives.
- MWFL – Eulogy for Jay Williams.
- SASMA – Sports trainer course for EP.
- SANFL – Diversity Talent ID program.
- SANFL – Club support updates.
- West Coast Sentinel – Email address updates for results.
- Port Lincoln Times – Email address updates for results.
- MWFL – Minutes & Agenda for meeting 25th March 2019.
- Letter from Wirrulla FC – Permit players. Agreed to allow players to play colts. Ryan Greenfield and Kane Hogben.
- Coaches Workshop – 14th April 2019 at Wudinna. All club invited.

7. Presidents Report

- Jay Williams – On behalf of the Mid West Football League, provide a message of condolence to the Williams and Boylan families and Elliston football Club and Elliston community. Jay was a leader on and off the field and will be greatly missed. The good thing about our football and netball is that it brings us together and we all know each other well. We may play hard and compete hard on the field, but we walk off and leave all that on the field and have a beer with each other afterwards. That is what makes us such a good sporting community and that is what we enjoy about our community. That is also why we all feel the loss of Jay and Nick Paul, who were such important people not just for Elliston, but to our Mid-West League. Out of all the tragedy that the Elliston community has experienced, our football leaders, like Chad Fleming and others in the club have stepped up to provide leadership and I thank them for that. On behalf of the MWFL, we wish the Elliston Football Club all the best for the future.
- Mortlock Changes – Six team comp - Northern dropped out (difficulties getting best side together), EP Sharks players can be dispersed to clubs (Up to four League of Origin players)
- Meeting with Far-West is apparently still on. Yet to hear back from them to confirm anything. Will only be a courtesy and a very informal discussion of current state of play. Mid-West believe in a multi-lateral approach to football future through the EPFC. Ron Redford will probably continue to be disappointed that Far West players are continuing to opt to play in Mid-West League.
- On behaviour, there will be regular reminders during the season that poor behaviour from players and spectators will not be tolerated. This includes social media. As we get closer to finals, things get heated up and in recent years there have been a number of incidents that in all reality no one should accept. I ask all of you to take back to your clubs a reminder to players and spectators the expectation for good behaviour during the season and for all of you to provide leadership and an example to players and spectators so that we all win well and lose well. It's all about treating each other with respect. Poor behaviour needs to be called out and nipped in the bud so that things don't escalate into full blown incidents. We really don't want to have to appoint club marshalls to monitor and report upon bad behaviour. As with every other year, there will of course be on and off-field incidents and they will be treated accordingly by umpires and if serious enough, the tribunal.

- We have new rules, a new second round colts format, changes to B grade and a double-header weekend of first and second semi-finals that will require some time to get used to. I'm sure that there will be some glitches, but some patience and good-will from everyone would be appreciated as we implement these changes. We have made some significant changes to the Colts comp in the second round to see if we can improve our colts competitiveness. We may need to tweak a few things a bit to help improve how this all runs, but we need to give it some time as a trial.
- As there is no Inter-League match and a six team Mortlock comp, I would ask all delegates and officials to encourage players to make themselves available for Mortlock. We have reduced the length of programming and opportunities for players to have weeks off during the season. After last years very successful Mortlock campaign, we have another very good chance to do well again this year...even more so without the EP Sharks or Northern.
- Wish all clubs the best of luck for this season, let's make it another good one.

8. General Business

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8.1 MWFL – Meeting proposed dates. Next meeting July 2019.

8.2 MWFL – 2019 Club contacts list. **Brenda Tully asked that all clubs get those list to her asap.**

8.3 MWFL – Player registration 2019. All players need to be registered before the first game.

8.4 MWFL – Players Payments/Salary Cap spread sheets. Send to Richard Murphy.

8.5 JLT Insurance. **Please make sure all clubs have registered with JLT and print off your certificate of currency.**

8.6 Mental Health Round June 22nd 2019. Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation Football Round. For a very good cause and mental health and suicide touches all our communities.

8.7 Mail Medal Count. - Suggested that have on the Saturday, second Semi, instead of the Sunday when probably less people hang around. This would result in Warramboos hosting the count instead of Wirrulla. Wirrulla would need to receive the count in the normal rotation in coming years.

8.8 Coaches on line course. Coach accreditation Coaches are required to renew their coaching accreditation annually through CoachAFL. In 2019, clubs will need to select a head coach from a drop-down list in the team sheet in order to save, submit and print. This marks the first year that there will be complete reporting and monitoring of accredited coaches on match day. It is therefore essential that coaches have joined CoachAFL in 2019 and have selected their club in their Coaching Profile. As a fall-back, if clubs do not have their coach/s accredited by match day they will be able to select the 'no official' option in order to save and submit their team sheet. This can then be reported on and will be expected to be followed up by State, Region and/or League staff.

8.9 Defibrillators – Check that everyone has them, where they are kept and ensure batteries are checked.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Remind clubs and reissue list as to locations to all clubs

8.10 EP Football Council Forum - The Eyre Peninsula Football Council invites Sponsors, Eyre Peninsula Leagues, individual Eyre Peninsula Clubs, Umpires and Netball Association executive representatives to attend the forum. It is critically important for the region to work together in a collaborative way to make our football and netball sustainable. We need to better understand how football and netball affect community development within the broader context of sustainability, then, must be willing to embrace and navigate these complexities that currently face many clubs through a declining population among other things. I look forward to your attendance at this forum. Tony Irvine.

As MWFL we can be dragged kicking into discussions about making our football and netball sustainable or we can get on the front foot and be pro-active about our future. Encourage clubs to be involved, so that we aren't dictated to.

Main Topics:

- EPFC Role & Service Agreement responsibilities
- EPFC Strategic Plan written feedback from Leagues & Clubs required ASAP to the EPFC
- EPFC – Financial Sustainability modelling and budget (\$4000/season from Mid-West ?)
- Public release of the draft Mortlock Shield Investigation Report – Tony Irvine

Recommendations:

- ② That each member league and individual Clubs respond to the draft report in writing addressing their position on the recommendations. (Deadline 31 May 2019)
- ② That the Forum supports the formation of a working group of one representative from each League and three members of the EPFC (one of who will represent netball) to consider the individual League and club responses and to finalise a set of recommendations for implementation.
- ② Further the individual leagues will be kept informed of the progress through their representatives on the working group.
 - Umpires – future actions required for EP regional & State approach.
 - Regional Tribunal system & how it will work
 - Points systems, salary cap, compliance & integrity matters & other SANFL matters of importance to region
 - Norwood Football Club session – NFC Zone and other matters of interest
 - Individual Football Leagues and Netball Associations – each to report on issues etc. (including netball) – Leagues/ Associations to submit topics for discussion prior to agenda being forwarded.

8.11 Umpires pre-season forum – Present and discuss new rules of the game that are adopted by Mid-West (and in-line with other Leagues in our zone and the state).

SUGGESTED ACTION: Organise a get-together of panel and club umpires to learn and understand the new rule changes. Maybe have umpires coach or senior umpire to explain

8.12 Colts Forum prior to the Second Round Format – Provide information and rules to parents, players, umpires and public prior to the Colts Modified Format in the 2nd Round to get everyone 'on the same page' and reduce confusion.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Organise a get-together of coaches, umpires and other officials to learn and understand the second round Colts modified format.

8.13 Ongoing public information and education – New rules, B grade, Colts round 2 format, Finals, spectator behavior, etc. Brenda Tully to send behavior reminders to all clubs and they put in their home game budgets. And we get notices up at all home games.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Prior to the start of the season and during the season, the new Laws of the game changes for 2019, B grade rules, Colts modified round, Finals, spectator behavior, etc., a public information/education program needs to be spread via the budget, MWFL website, Facebook and any other media sources. Club officials/delegates need to keep players and supporters informed.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Prior to the start of the second round Colts modified competition, an information program needs to go out to players, parents and supporters and we have a Colts Forum on 14th May 2019 at Minnipa Hotel. 7pm.

8.14 SportsTG / Footyweb / Player Points Spreadsheet Training

Next week Sarah Sayers, (Sarah Neal), from the SANFL will be spending time on the EP to conduct some training on the use of SportsTG/Footyweb and any other operational type matters that administrators would like some assistance on. The sessions are aimed at capturing club administrators / Team Managers within your club, ideally 2-3 per club would be great. Attendees will need to bring a laptop or iPad where possible, not essential, but would be useful if you can bring them along.

Wednesday 27th March – Wudinna Community Club: 7pm to 9pm (Note: Sarah & Pacer will be available in Wudinna from 2pm if anybody cannot make the evening session, or wants to catch up)

9. **Umpires Report:** Rule changes have been discussed and ratified. Umpires Forum with Wade Shepperd 3rd April at Poochera 6.30pm. All club umpires and panel umpires to attend. **Clubs to follow up with their umpires.**

Richard Murphy to send new rule changes and Brenda Tully to forward to all clubs.

Panel Umpires – Ian Harrowfield, Leigh Scholz, Wade Shepperd, Andrew Buckham, Father Steve.

Umpires Level 1 online course – www.aflumpirestraining.com.au use this for club umpires.

10. Other Reports & Business:

- 10.1 SANFL U15 Development Camp at Wudinna Sunday 14th April and Monday 15th April.
Coaches workshop opportunity to do a face to face day with coaches. All coaches are invited. Flyer was sent to all clubs.
- 10.2 Little League – West Coast Hawks have the opportunity to attend an AFL game for the Auskick at half time on 11th May .
- 10.3 Defibrators – All clubs must ensure they have one at their club. Clubs can obtain a grant for this.
- 10.4 Norwood Cup – Mid West v Great Flinders 9.30am Sunday 9th June Port Lincoln.
Kinlough Cup – Mid West v Eastern Eyre 9.30am Saturday 6th July at Karkoo.
- 10.5 **Greg Scholz asked that it be minuted that since we are not playing an Inter Association Game this year can we please make sure West Coast Hawks get the next scheduled programmed Inter Association game for Mid West FL. Seconded Brenda Tully. All in favour. CARRIED.**

11. Club Reports:

- West Coast Hawks – Installing a net behind the goals at the caravan park end of oval to stop balls from being lost or retrieving. 4m from fixed structure.
- Western Districts – Not having to play U16 player in the A Grade 21. Play 21 with no age restriction on 21st player. Change Bylaw
Moved Scott Feltus Seconded Tony Tree All in favour CARRIED
- Central Eyre – Kyancutta 100 years. 22nd June 2019. V Wirrulla at Kyancutta. Presented picture of heritage Guernsey that they will be playing with. **Aaron Grocke moved that this be endorsed Yellow Guernsey with black sash. Seconded Jake Sampson. All in favour. CARRIED**
- Using a pink football on 4th May game for Breast Cancer.
Will be playing with a yellow football in B Grade games this year.
- Elliston – Thanks Andrew Buckham with the eulogy that was put up for Jay Williams.
Have included Nick Paul & Jay Williams on front left hand side of new Guernsey's under Elliston FC logo.
- Wirrulla – Nil
Western Districts – Nil

- 12. **Next Meeting:** **Monday 22 July 2019 - Minnipa Hotel at 7.30pm**
- 13. **Meeting Closed:** **10.50pm**