



President: - Matthew Cook

Secretary: - Greg Scholz

Vice President: - Peter Cock

MINUTES

Mid West Football League Special General Meeting held at Minnipa Hotel 24-2-2020 at 7:30pm

Present: M Cook, G Scholz, P Cock, R Murphy, N Little, C Fleming, J Fromm, Jared Sampson, Jake Sampson, A Patterson, D Vincenti, P Feltus, K Montgomerie, S Petty, Ryan DuBois, A Taheny

Apologies: W Shepperd

Previous Minutes: S Petty/J Fromm moved that minutes of AGM be accepted. CD

Business Arising:

- Junior Structure – Discussion held on the recommendations and guidelines already prepared and forwarded to clubs regarding how the new split age group competitions to look like. After reviewing club numbers, a 4 year age gap deemed the most appropriate split, being U16 for Senior Colts and U12 for Junior Colts with Minis coming under the Auskick banner for U8 players. A Taheny spoke of the Insurance obligations by going to 4 year age gap and the protocols that must be signed off to allow younger players playing up. Recommended starting times and use of yellow arm bands be reviewed during the season. Moved K Montgomerie that Option B as presented to the meeting be adopted for the new Mid West Football league Junior Structure. Sec S Petty, all in favour, CD. Fully copy of the new structure be included in by-laws and be made available to all clubs. ***Actions – Review white shorts and arm bands mid-season, decide on a name for the respective medals to be awarded. Playing up policy to be formalised and adopted.***
- Mid West Football League Constitution - The Reviewed Mid West Football League Constitution, By Laws and Tribunal is adopted as tabled in the agenda by the League Secretary. Moved by J Fromm, Seconded by A Patterson. CD
- Time on in B Grade Finals – New starting times for all Grades be adopted, with no change to time on for all grades from minor round matches. Time on is can be used at the discretion of field umpires for extraordinary events such as injury. Time keepers to be informed that this can occur and to stop time upon field umpires direction only. Moved P Feltus seconded Jake Sampson. CD
- Medal Count – Mid West Netball Association requested a change to Preliminary Final night. N Little moved Junior count to remain in conjunction with Junior netball count and be held on Preliminary Final night. Seconded S Petty. CD. The Senior football count be conducted after the minor round and be live streamed with presentation of medals to winners on Grand Final Day. Moved S Petty, seconded K Montgomerie. CD
- Defibrillators – All clubs to have these at the grounds. List of locations to be supplied to League secretary for record.

Financial Report:

P Cock tabled treasurer's report.

- Mid West Football League reporting period has changed to be 1 January in each year.
- Items of note include Mortlock Costs have been increasing
- Merchandise costs have been significant in last 2 years, and league finances have been depleted as a result, clubs have been invoiced \$1000 to help cover some of these costs.
- P Cock moved report be accepted as tabled. Seconded J Fromm. CD.
- Insurance is now with Marsh and some fees have increased.
 - Liability per club \$600
 - Senior team, minimum cover level \$875 per team
 - Junior team \$82.50 per team
 - Clubs to contact Marsh if they want to lift their level of cover
- New SANFL Fees
 - All old affiliation and registration fees have been removed.
 - New fees are \$1500 per club plus a \$934/club EP Council levy.
- Gate Prices – while these were set at the AGM in October, given the change in fee structure, there is a need to review entry pricing to help support clubs manage the increases.
N Little moved that previous motion to leave minor round gate pricing the same be rescinded and new pricing of \$7 per adult be introduced for 2020 season. Seconded S Petty. S Feltus amended this to add that finals gate pricing be raised to \$10 per adult, pensioners and Under 16 remain the same. Seconded R DuBois. All were in favour, and thus this will be adopted.
 - Minor Round
 - Adults \$7
 - Concession \$3
 - Under 16 Free
 - Finals
 - Adults \$10
 - Concession \$5
 - Under 16 Free

Correspondence:

All correspondence tabled as per Agenda

Items requiring discussion:

- SASMA Sports Trainers course – Cowell 15th March, contact SASMA to register
- Western Zone Junior Meeting – Attended by S Feltus. Norwood Cup (Port Lincoln) we have early game, Kinlough Cup (Cleve) also early game. Working with A Taheny to identify talent for EP/Norwood Development squads for U15 and U17. Chris Coote new Secretary of Western Zone with Spog Dunn remaining as President.
- WUFC Letter (dated 25-1-20) requesting entry with only a B Grade team for 2020 – Letter was discussed at length at Presidents meeting held 17-2-20, refer to minutes for information.
Moved A Patterson that request be denied. Seconded C Fleming. CD, 10 votes to 2.
- WUFC Letter (dated 21-2-20) in response to Presidents meeting and support offered by other clubs.
 - Recommendations for league consideration for 2020 season
 - No time on for WUFC senior game
 - Clubs to share players when required to enable an equal number on each team
 - Potential to play with reduced numbers on the field (16) on some weeks
 - J Sampson proposed we look at Eastern Eyre policies regarding sharing players and for A Taheny, R Murphy and G Scholz to prepare some policy and direction for sharing

- players and other points to support the competition for the next meeting. Resolved that this be done.
- WUFC proposed a motion in the letter that “Mid West Football League engages the SANFL to assist in a league and club review to develop a strategic plan for the future of MWFL and its member club”. **Action -This motion to be placed as a notice of motion for clubs to discuss and be voted upon at the next MWFL meeting.**
- SANFL updates – Webinars and support videos available to help club administrators
- Anzac Day – Leagues to order own medals for presentation at Anzac Day in line with protocols from SANFL and State RSL
- Mortlock Management Committee :
 - Mortlock Dinner – Recommended to committee that MWFL supports discontinuing the Mortlock Dinner and Life Memberships be presented at opening ceremony. Moved Jared Sampson, Seconded S Feltus. CD.
 - Program – MWFL supports adoption of Option 1 as tabled, with each league in 2 groups playing 2 games on Saturday and finals on Monday as determined by Saturday’s results. Moved N Little, Seconded S Petty. CD.
- Sarah Powell – Champions Academy – A Program which works with clubs both football and netball to bridge volunteer gaps and prepare them for future leadership. Is available to clubs, contact Sarah for further info.
- Russell Corp Australia Sponsorship – Opportunity to have a sponsorship agreement with Russell Corp for MWFL to exclusively use Sherrin Footballs. This agreement will see some sponsorship to the league in the form of footballs donated by Russell Corp. Resolved that G Scholz enters into the agreement with Russell Sports on behalf of MWFL.
- SANFL – Safeguarding Children and Young People procedures and policies.
 - All clubs to review this Procedure and act upon the requirements as they are necessary under South Australian Law.
 - Appoint a Child Safe Officer within your club
 - All people over 14 years of age working with children required to have a working with children check. Free to all SA volunteers.

Presidents Report:

Been a very busy period leading into the start of the season, thanked secretary and treasurer for efforts so far. Presidents meeting provided some positive solutions.

Program:

- WCH – 1st Semi Final to be hosted by WCH to be played at Streaky Bay
- MWFL and MWNL Junior medal counts to be held after Preliminary final, host 2020 will be CE at Kyancutta.
- May Interleague game with Eastern Eyre to go ahead.
- S Petty moved these changes be applied and program adopted for 2020 Season. Seconded J Fromm. CD.

General Business:

- MWFL Coaches, Trainers, Managers etc – Clubs to seek nominations from within their clubs for these positions and report to next meeting.
- League Tribunal Coordinator – Moved P Feltus, seconded S Petty that Richard (Pacer) Murphy be appointed MWFL Tribunal coordinator. CD.

Umpires Report: nil

Club Reports:

- Wudinna United – thanked Presidents for putting suggestions forward at the Presidents meeting to help Wudinna United with fielding an A Grade side this season
- West Coast Hawks – Pre-season meeting coming up, similar numbers to last year
- Wirrulla – numbers OK, meeting soon, yet to appoint coaches
- Central Eyre – coaches same as last year, numbers OK. Request budget numbers be sent through more accurately and timely (Thursday night preferably). Consideration going forward be given to a generic league budget. Care to be taken when conducting media interviews and social media so as information not be misconstrued and angst be created amongst communities.
- Western District – Junior coaches still to be finalised, recruiting is becoming a real challenge, A Grade coach S Feltus.
- Elliston – Improved playing list from Last year, G Sleep coaching A Grade, hopefully more numbers through both grades.

Next Meeting 30th March 2020 at 7:30pm, Minnipa Hotel

Meeting Closed 10:40pm