

SOUTH MANDURAH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

26 August 2016

South Mandurah Club Rooms

Present:

Nick Schoeffer, Christine Mirchef, Jane Watson, Kevan Waters, Darren Dews, Brad McCulloch, Mel Clements, Brad Smith, Glen Polmear, Jaymon Tonkin, Kristie Tonkin, Sharyn Rush, Nathaniel King, Steve Dowie, Shantel King, Chazzelle Booth, Jade Boaler, Lars Skov, Michelle Stevenson, Ryan Smith, Kathryn Smith, Stuart Mearns, Darren Starbuck, Bradley Lee, Andrea Lee, Matthew Edwards, Jesse Girdler, Callie Partington

Apologies:

Jasmine Cashell, Mirco Della Vecchia, Christine Flegg, Jamie Rush

Meeting opened at 5.35pm

Previous Minutes

Motion for 2015 AGM Minutes to be agreed as a true and correct record of events.

Moved: Kevan Waters

Seconded: Christine Mirchef

Motion carried unanimously

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Constitutional Changes
Changes were made to the Club Constitution to include a General Committee made up of coaches, managers and the Executive Committee to administer game day operations.
- Life Member By-law
Kevan has drafted a new by-law, which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and adopted. Life membership will be granted to volunteers with 7 years continuous service and players with 95% of total available games played. A lot of work has gone into the research and developing formulae to calculate the life member qualifications, and we would like to thank Kevan for his work.
- Auskick Gala Day – Improved Presence
Playing singlets were purchased and worn by the players at the Auskick Gala Day which gave us more of a presence. A Club banner was designed and used at games.
- Ocean Road Oval
Goal Barriers have now been installed and we are also trying to get water and ablution facilities established before we schedule games there. We have also purchased a stretcher for ground use.
- Training venue issues – next season teams could look at a possibility to introduce Friday training as there would be more availability

President's Report

- A very successful year with registrations 23 Teams (up from 21) and 497 Members (up from 450 last year)
- Thank you goes to the following
 - Long –term sponsors:**
 - (Matt Bassett-Scarfe at Peel Legal/Falcon Settlements),
 - (Terry Chadwick at Terry Chadwick Tiling),
 - (Arthur Barrett at Cobblers Tavern)
 - (Eddie Smith \$500 Private Sponsor Deceased Estate).
 - New major sponsors:**
 - (Clinton Holborn at Estuary Plumbing),
 - (Mike Rubie at Home Group WA)
 - (Dave Sears at Coastal Demolition who also sponsored seniors).
 - Vouchers:**
 - (Brad Hope at Muzz Buzz)
 - (Jodie Budworth at the Cut),
 - (Kim DeLacy at Fish Shack),
 - (Gavin Romyrn at Subway),
 - (Rochelle Waikato at McDonalds Falcon)
- Excellent behaviour from our players this season with the lowest e-point tally for all clubs with over 10 teams. Based on increased knowledge levels due to General Meetings and good ethics by teams. A fantastic result and this is a good reflection too of all the efforts by the coaches, managers and players.
- Jumpers – BLK Sports

This was supposed to be a 6 week turnaround time from order and the Club placed the order 9 weeks before the season started for 4 sets of jumpers all fully paid for by major sponsors. Cyclone in Fiji closed plant for two weeks, but we didn't get jumpers until round 10! Two sets incorrectly printed and have been returned for a refund. Will use a different provider next year. One year 9 Set (Home Group) has been used and one year 5 set (Coastal Demolition) has been withheld for use from new next season. Estuary Plumbing and Peel Legal will be used for new sets next season. We will also look to replace the more senior teams and the girls jumpers next season.
- Good Sports Accreditation

This accreditation is about creating a safe and family friendly club as well as being mindful of alcohol and smoking at junior sport. We also display Good Sports signage. Part of our vision is to be a Club-of Choice in the Peel Region. Good Sports accreditation is often a deciding factor of where to send kids in Eastern States and we are up to Level 3 this year.
- Top Club Accreditation

This workshop was attended by Executive Committee members Jane, Jasmine and Nick to develop the Club Vision and Plan for 2016. Key points arising from our Top Club Plan have all been addressed and a copy is available for anyone who wants it.
- Re-grade Policy

Re-grading was done from year 8-10 this year and was not particularly successful. There was no science in the regrading process and the result was contrary to what regrading is all about – which is providing an even competition. Nick has been asked to prepare policy and process on re-grading, and this has been completed and is with the JCC and 11 other clubs for approval.
- Even-up Policy

This has been a major concern for youth teams who take on players from other teams who then don't play well and subsequently hurt the team they substitute for, rather than help. This affects results and premiership aspirations. Policy to amend even-up rule for youth teams, where teams can play 15 a side. If a team turns up with less than 15 players, then it is a forfeit and normal even-up rules apply. Pinjarra and SMJFC are re-writing a policy specifically for the Peel District to be reviewed by the JCC.

Treasurers Report

We have had a very successful year, with increases in registrations, sponsorship and sales of merchandise. Although we are still due money from Kidsport registrations, jumper refunds and unused umpire fees, and expenditure on windups and levies – we still expect a surplus of around \$23,000. This will allow significant re-investment back into the club and its facilities including new jumpers, new equipment, shed shelving, comfort for night games etc.

We thank our sponsors for their support and hopefully they will remain on with some additional sponsors next year. We are also possibly looking at a Fee increase dependant on levy increases (to help pay for new Perth Stadium).

General Business

- Nick bought up about improving synergies with the Senior Club, assisting with training and working and helping each other out. This could be particularly useful for the Year 10/11/12 teams.
- The Club will look at opportunities for coach education next season with possible clinics from professional coaches being held at the club. The Club will consider a possible new position to be implemented in a coaching education role.
- 2017 Registration Day – even though all registrations are done online – this day should be used as a family fun day, club familiarisation and introduction to new members.
- Ryan Smith asked about whether the club would have any issues to teams starting earlier pre-season training sessions. Nick said there was no reason that any team couldn't do fitness training early.
- Brad Smith asked about the Clubs stance on capping numbers (including zoning). Nick stated that we do have caps already, and these numbers are set by the JCC. If a team is full, the new online registration will be put on hold until either a place becomes available, but there is also a possibility of creating a new team (ie Yr 7). In relation to zones, there is no intention to establish catchment zones for junior football at this stage.
- Ryan Smith would like to know if he can attend a JCC meeting. He would like to raise a point about playing up issues, which Nick has said that has already been raised, but if he would still like to attend then Nick will let him know about upcoming meetings.
- Brad McCulloch bought up about regrading younger years teams. Nick said this should be done from the transition to juniors from Auskick to try and make teams as evenly skilled as possible, as it is harder to do in later year groups.
- Glen Polmear also bought up about the strength of the Year 5 teams. Nick said this can be looked at and await to find out if there should only be two Year 6 teams next season.
- Kathryn Smith also asked about the Year 9 and 10 team numbers. The cap is 25, but could this be increased to 27. Nick said he would look into this.
- Kevan Waters asked if thank you letters had been done to sponsors – and Christine confirmed this had been done.
- Kevan Waters notified the committee that due to changes to the laws for Associations as at 1 July 2016, work will need to be done to our policies, procedures and our Constitution over the coming months.

- Kevan congratulated both Christine Mirchef and Nick Schoeffer on the work they have done this season, both improving the culture of the club and supporting junior development

Election of Office Bearers

All Executive committee positions are up for election

Executive Committee Positions are as follows for 2017

As the position of President is a 2 year term Nick Schoeffer continues his role for the coming year.

Vice President – Kevan Waters. Nominated by Christine Mirchef
Seconded by Stuart Mearns. Nomination accepted.

Treasurer – Christine Mirchef. Nominated by Nick Schoeffer.
Seconded by Michelle Stevenson. Nomination accepted.

Secretary – Jane Watson. Nominated by Christine Mirchef
Seconded by Ryan Smith. Nomination accepted.

Registrar – Youth Registrar- Jasmine Cashell. Nominated by Nick Schoeffer
Seconded by Jane Watson. Nomination accepted.

Coaching Co-Ordinator – Mirco Della Vecchia. Nominated by Nick Schoeffer
Seconded by Kevan Waters. Nomination accepted.

Junior Registrar/Assistant Registrar – position vacant

Auskick Co-ordinator – position vacant

Nick will email members regarding these positions.

To close the meeting Nick Schoeffer thanked all coaches, managers and all helpers especially on Game Day, and asked that the General Committee pass on the Club's and his personal thanks to all the parents that have helped at our Club this season.

Meeting closed at 6.23pm

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