

Adelaide Hills Junior Soccer Association (AHJSA)

AHJSA Council of Clubs meeting

Held on 20th May 2008 at Bridgewater Sport and Social Club

Meeting started at 7.35 pm

Present

Rob Kilpatrick (Chair), Brenton Moyle (Treasurer) and Samanda Smith (Stirling East/Publicity), Nick Papavasiliou (Stirling Districts/Vice Chair), Tim Hawkins (Torrens Valley/Property), James Kerr (Hahndorf/Coaching Director), Paul Rees (AHJSRA Referees rep/Minutes Secretary), Tom Pauli (Stirling East/Competition Programmer), Ken Byfield (Registrar), Cathy Cross (Events/Mount Lofty), Chris Jones (Woodside), Vonny Mahlburg (Woodside), Caroline Coldwell (Mount Barker), Greg Miller (Bridgewater) and Julianna Boylan (Rangers).

Apologies

Paul Grant (Strathalbyn), Byron Buddle (Murray Bridge), Grant Klenke (Murray Bridge), Andrew Day (Nairne), Hugh Phillips (Stirling East) and Chris Marston (Mount Barker).

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes discussed with no alterations made and were endorsed as a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.

Moved: Nick Papavasiliou

Seconded: James Kerr

Business arising

Junior licence

Arrangement for reimbursement to clubs who had coaches attending the recent Junior Licence was discussed. James Kerr informed the meeting that there are no plans for a junior licence course this year. The mooted Friday night course did not gain enough interest and has therefore been deferred.

Country Championships

Cathy Cross will conduct a feasibility study into the likelihood of the Adelaide Hills hosting 2009's Country Championships.

Tim Hawkins joined the meeting at 7.50 pm

Chris Jones volunteered to assist with scoping the size of identified locations.

Samanda Smith Joined the meeting at 7.55 pm

Insurance

Discussion on insurance issues was held over to the FFSA report later in the meeting.

Correspondence in

The final agreement from the FFSA was received – discussion later in the meeting.

Correspondence out

None

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It was acknowledged that there are many email conversations recorded as part of AHJSA business, but that it will only be major correspondence directed to the Executive or from the Executive that should be recorded as Correspondence in and out.

Treasurer's report

Brenton Moyle delivered the Treasurer's report.

Financial status

Portfolio Investment Account	\$32,556.03
Working Account, as of 30/4/08	\$26,191.16

Recent Deposits:

5/5	\$6360	
7/5	\$3690	
13/5	\$90	
15/5	\$2860	
		\$13,000
	sub total	\$39,191.16

Recent chqs

114927	\$35	
115000	\$10	
115005	\$50	
115008	\$10	
115009	\$20	
115010	\$2200	
		-\$2325
	Adjusted balance	\$36,866.16
	Total Funds Held	\$69,422.19

Outstanding registration fees

Brenton reported that most clubs have paid either all or majority of fees payable, give or take late registrations (which are minimal).

Clubs not played at all:

Stirling Districts – amount outstanding \$3000

Stirling East – amount outstanding \$3510

Strathalbyn has part paid \$2100 – amount outstanding \$960

Fees due to FFSA

Player registrations to date: 1289 (including 33 JPL players)

NRF due 1256 players @ \$10.00	\$12,560
FFSA lic fee 1289 players @ \$5.50	\$7089.5
Total payable	\$19,649.50

Note JPL players do not pay \$5.50 fee either

Discussion regarding payment of refs fees for representative trial matches. James Kerr to ascertain fees required and liaises with Brenton.

Chris Jones raised the issue of the proportion of non-competitive players paying the \$5.50 and what they get from it.

Nick Papavasiliou discussed the exceptional circumstances behind Stirling Districts non-payment of fees. Citing ground issues and breakdowns.

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There followed general discussion on issues facing clubs and community groups within the local council area and the attitude of councils towards sporting organisation and football clubs in particular.

Motion

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee accept the Treasurer's report

Moved – Vonny Mahlburg

Seconded – Ken Byfield

Meeting focus:

Small Sided Games

Small-sided games. It was decided that the kick in for a goal kick or after a goal is scored should be taken from the midway point between the goal line and the halfway line and the opposing players should retreat back to the halfway line before the kick is taken. This is in response to concerns as to crowding at these kick ins and has been passed by the FFSA development officer Richie Alagich. PLEASE ENSURE THIS ALTERATION IS COMMUNICATED TO YOUR U8 ORGANISERS. The modified rules summary on the website has been altered to reflect these changes.

Other modified rules

Other modified rules. No changes, but please ensure that your coaches and managers have a copy of the modified rules for reference. We have had instances of wrong rules being applied eg offside being applied in U11G and coaches not being allowed on field in U8s.

Ground stewards, tech area and codes of conduct

Ground Stewards, Technical areas and codes of conduct. Please help the smooth running of the games by ensuring that these requirements are adhered to. The duties of the ground stewards and the purpose of the technical areas are explained in the Competition Rules a copy of which is available on the website as are copies of the FFSA codes of conduct. These are under the AHJSA DOCUMENTS tab. There have been several incidents at games which might have been alleviated if these measures had been in place.

Team sheets

The match sheet has been revised to allow for goal scorers to be recorded on the club's record portion. Please ensure that your managers download the latest version from the website.

Police Checks

Clubs should be checking that coaches have police clearances. I have not received any applications for the FFSA VOAN nor any certifications that no record checks have been sighted by clubs. The procedure for requesting the VOAN is set down in the competition rules and is the method, which must be followed.

Assistant referees

There is a useful 'cheat sheet' for assistant referees (linespersons) on the website under the DOCUMENTS tab. I have also placed a link provided by Paul Rees to an excellent dynamic explanation of the offside rule on the website as well. www.dynamic-thought.com/OffsideClicketteLo.html It is well worth a visit.

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Plaster casts

The Referees Association has provided the following advice on the wearing of plaster or similar casts.

“A player may use equipment other than the basic equipment provided that its sole purpose is to protect him physically and it poses no danger to him or any other player. All items of clothing or equipment other than the basic equipment must be inspected by the referee and determined not to be dangerous.

Modern protective equipment such as headgear, facemasks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted. However plaster casts and other rigid supports are not permitted even if covered with padding material.

If an item of clothing or equipment that has been inspected by the referee at the start of a match and determined not to be dangerous becomes dangerous or is used in a dangerous manner during the match, its use must no longer be allowed.”

This advice has been incorporated into the Competition Rules. Clubs should also refresh their understanding on the wearing of spectacles policy, which is also in the Competition Rules.

Clubs must remind coaches that shin guards are not to be worn on the outside of socks as they may constitute a hazard to other players. This is apparently becoming a ‘fad’ in some age groups.

Foul language amateur games

It was highlighted that some G17 games run alongside senior amateur games have been privy to some foul language from players and spectators. Rob Kilpatrick will compose a letter to the Amateur clubs reminding them of their duty in this regard.

Tom Pauli joined the meeting at 8.35 pm

Clubs feedback

Overall the meeting congratulated Tom Pauli on his excellent work in the area of programming the competition.

Stirling East reps raised the issue of no referees being supplied to 2 Stirling East games. Paul rees explained the complexities of rostering but will also follow up with Referee Coordinator and discuss the issue.

It was clarified that there is no obligation for a club to provide match fees to volunteer club provided referees.

Contact details

All clubs were reminded to send contact details to Samanada Smith so that she can create a comprehensive contact list for distribution throughout the ASHJSA network.

Program

Tom Pauli reported on the cup final elimination issue

In order to bring the team numbers for competitive age groups down to 8 for the first cup round, it has been decided to use this Saturday’s league matches results as the eliminating factor i.e. they will double as a preliminary cup round in the following age

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groups. No extra time will be played if scores are tied and if necessary teams will be separated as explained below.

- U11 The two teams with highest loss this Saturday will not participate in this year's AHJSA Cup. In case of some teams having the same result, we will have to toss a coin or draw at the next Executive meeting to decide which team will be eliminated.
- U12 The team with highest loss this Saturday will not participate in this year's AHJSA Cup. In case of some teams having the same result, we will have to toss a coin or draw lots at the next Executive meeting to decide which team will be eliminated
- U15 The three teams with highest loss this Saturday will not participate in this year's AHJSA Cup. In case of some teams having the same result, we will have to toss a coin or draw lots at the next Executive meeting to decide which team will be eliminated
- G17 The team with highest loss this Saturday will not participate in this year's AHJSA Cup. In case of some teams having the same result, we will have to toss a coin or draw lots at the next Executive meeting to decide which team will be eliminated

If your Club has teams in above mentioned age groups please make sure that they understand that this Saturday's matches are not only about League points but also about the participation in this year's AHJSA Cup. If players play up this week (eg to fill in for a higher age group league match) they will not be cup tied to the higher age group but if eligible players play down then they will be cup tied to the lower age group.

Tom Pauli also discussed the Abandoned Game scenario and referred to the Competition Rules for clarification on the procedure.

Registrar

Ken Byfield discussed the issues surrounding missing Team Sheets. Paul Rees offered an explanation for a batch of the Team Sheets that went missing and a failure of a trusted parent to post said item and subsequently lose the envelope. Paul will send a message to all referees to ensure that they are responsible for the posting of their Team Sheets.

Centre of excellence

The COE was discussed and that it will focus on the U12s and ages below. It was also noted that the FFSA has advertised Regional development Officer positions.

General discussion was held on the value of these officers focussing on coaching the coaches in order to develop the young people playing.

Insurance

Rob Kilpatrick asked clubs to supply specific details of their insurances so they can be checked for any need to upgrade to FFSA requirements.

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Representative sides

Chris Jones thanked the association Coaches for their efforts and reiterated that documenting the process of selection is important for the future, as well as adopting a set practice for informing players of their inclusion and non-inclusion.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm and thanked those present for attending.

Next Council of Clubs meeting Monday 15th July 7.30 pm at the Bridgewater Sports and Social Club

Next Executive Committee meeting 17th June 7.30 pm at the Bridgewater Sports and Social Club