

# Adelaide Hills Junior Soccer Association (AHJSA)

## AHJSA Council of Clubs meeting

Held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at Bridgewater Sport and Social Club

Meeting started at 7.30 pm

### Present

Rob Kilpatrick (Chair), Brenton Moyle (Treasurer), 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), Cathy Cross (Events/Mount Lofty), Chris Jones (Woodside), Caroline Coldwell (Mount Barker), Chris Masterson (Mt Barker), Greg Miller (Bridgewater), Julianna Boylan (Rangers) and Paul Grant (Strathalbyn).

### Apologies

Tom Pauli (Stirling East/Competition Programmer), Andrew Day (Nairne), Ken Byfield (Registrar) and Vonny Mahlburg (Woodside),.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes discussed with one correction made.

It was noted that the reference to G17 games in the Foul language amateur games issue was in fact G14 games.

With the above correction the were endorsed as a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.

*Moved: Nick Papavasiliou*

*Seconded: Caroline Caldwell*

### Business arising

No issues of significance identified.

Chairman updated the executive of the results of the recent State Championships competition, which was highly successful all round, with the u16s winning their section but, significantly, all other teams performing better than in previous years.

Cathy Cross, Tim Hawkins and James Kerr joined the meeting at 7.45 pm.

### Correspondence in

- A request for subsidy of an U15 player for the Country Championships was received citing financial hardship as prompting the request. The issue was discussed with the final decision resting with the Executive, but with all members present in favour of supporting the request it was decide to approve subsidy of \$50.00.
- Request for financial support of \$250 to assist former AHJSA player Dan Aitkens to attend the U19 State School Boys Championships was received. Discussion on the merits of supporting the request was held. The Chair cited previous support of former players. The decision rests with the Executive, but with all members present in favour of supporting the request it was decided to approve subsidy of \$250.

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*Seconded: Cathy Cross*

- A request was received from SAPSASA to support the erection of a marquee at the recent Championships was received. This was supported by the AHJSA Executive.
- A request from Stirling Districts was received for an extension of the fees due to the AHJSA for involvement in the 2009 season was received and was accepted by the AHJSA Executive.
- A letter from Ans Papini from the Adelaide Hills Hawks was received seeking to hold a meeting between the AHJSA clubs and other football/soccer stakeholders in the Adelaide Hills to discuss common ground and future directions. The Chairman mentioned that this message had been distributed to AHJSA clubs but unfortunately no replies or expressions of interest have so far been received by the Hawks. The Chairman requested that all clubs respond ASAP.

### Correspondence out

None

It was again 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	\$32,784.94
Working Account, as of 30/4/08	\$22,645.75
Total Funds Held	\$55,430.69

Major expenditure this month was the first instalment of FFSA Fees calculated at 1200 players @ \$15.50 each = \$18,600. The final payment will be after reconciling all players' registrations for 2008, which will be reconciled by the end of July from players listed as at 14/7/08. Any new player registrations from then on must be accompanied by the registration fee of \$30.00.

According to the Treasurer's records the following clubs have outstanding fees to pay to the AHJSA:

- Hahndorf \$90.00
- MLESC \$150
- Stirling Districts \$2030

At the previous CoC meeting, Stirling Districts notified the AHJSA that they were facing difficulties making payments of fees due to building/plant maintenance/repairs they were facing. The Club made a commitment to pay in full by 14/6/08. The Club has made a part payment of \$1000 – and has requested the AHJSA grant a further extension of time to the end of the 2008 Season to pay the outstanding balance. It was the general consensus of the Executive to grant the extension.

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There was general discussion regarding how clubs become aware of dual registered players. It was generally agreed that most clubs lack the ability to know whether a player is playing JPL or some other league, without going to each player or coach and asking them. Discussion was held on whether the FFSA was able to easily supply this information, it was generally agreed that this would not be the case and that clubs should do their best to ascertain whether a player is registered twice and what should happen to the dual registration fee, whether it is retained by the Club or returned to the player who has been charged twice. This was left for clubs to decide.

*Moved – Nick Papavasiliou  
Seconded – Caroline Caldwell*

### **Meeting focus:**

#### **Executive Committee membership 2009**

The Chairman outlined a flaw in the AHJSA Constitution that states that clubs are not members of the AHJSA only Executive and Life members are known as members. This should be altered. Rob will follow this up in preparation for the AGM.

General discussion was held on what the make-up of the executive may be for next year. It was stated that Tom Pauli has indicated that he will not be continuing as the Programmer.

The Chairman raised the possibility of paying a fee to someone to be the Registrar, programmer and Secretary for the AHJSA. He mentioned a figure of \$1000 per month. Members generally agreed with the idea, but some investigation into whether it is a contracted or employee position, or whether it is an honorarium for a volunteer was discussed.

There was discussion around the purchasing of season programming software that is available to ease the burden of the programmer's position.

Tim Hawkins raised the issue of whether purchasing such software and focussing on distributing the work of the named positions through the volunteer network would be more suitable.

Paul Rees raised the idea of creating position descriptions for portfolio areas of the AHJSA and that this may attract volunteers to the positions.

The issue was left with the Executive and clubs to ponder how best to address the issues of portfolio holders and volunteerism for the 2009 season, and possibly discuss these issues in depth at the end of season planning session.

#### **Strathalbyn Carnival**

It was noted that the Strath Carnival is coming up in 10 weeks time and that the organising of the Carnival needs to start ASAP.

It was discussed and generally accepted that the U8 format would remain as per normal for the Strath Carnival and that the carnival would not adopt the Small Sided Games structure.

It was also noted that the Strathalbyn Senior team is still playing its competition on the date selected for the carnival, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed that a new date will need to be found ASAP.

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### **Spectator Behaviour**

It has been noted that a number of incidents have taken place in the non-competitive games lately. A reminder to all clubs to enforce the Code of Conduct was given by the Chairman.

The Chairman also noted that the incidents seem to be related to a lack of understanding of the non-comp modified rules. The Chairman once again stated that it is very important that all participants are aware of the non-comp rules and that they are freely available on the AHJSA website and have been re-written in a user-friendly format.

An incident with an MLESC parent abusing a Mount Barker junior goal keeper playing in the G11 age group is to be discussed at the following Executive meeting, however, the members were assured that all efforts have been made to identify the parent by the MLESC club but to no avail. Subsequently, a strong message has been sent to all parents at the club regarding spectator behaviour.

### **FFSA Agreement/Insurance**

Clubs need to confirm with Rob Kilpatrick what their current insurance status is in order to inform the discussions with the FFSA. General discussion was held on the various insurance options to be looked into.

RK to look into obtaining general ambulance cover for events and the league activities.

Samanda Smith joined the meeting at 8.40 pm.

### **Police Checks**

Clubs should be checking that coaches have police clearances. So far only one police check has been sent through the FFSA. Cathy Cross is the Privacy Officer for the AHJSA.

### ***Club and Portfolio holder wrap-up***

#### **Stirling Districts**

No further issues to discuss.

#### **Coaching Director**

Nick P and Tim Hawkins have secured the services of David Martin to run coaching sessions for coaches on Friday 8 August at Stirling East's school ground. A flier will be distributed and information posted on the AHJSA website soon.

The worth of coaching the coaches was discussed and it was noted that there is potential for more sessions such as these in the future and that David Martin can also run the Grassroots coaching certificate should it be desired.

There was general discussion regarding the issue of securing the release of some players for the Country Championships. RK to follow this up.

#### **TVSC**

No further issues to discuss.

#### **Woodside Warriors**

No further issues to discuss

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### **Country Championships 2009**

It was reported that the State Championships for 2009 will be in Mt Gambier.

It was further reported that there is a bid for the 2009 Country Championships by Port Lincoln.

The AHJSA is looking into various venue options before deciding whether to put a bid to host the Country Championships.

General discussion on the various options took place with no conclusion.

### **Bridgewater**

No further issues to discuss.

### **Strathalbyn**

No issues beyond the clash of dates for the Strath Carnival.

### **Rangers**

No further issues to discuss.

### **Mount Barker**

Holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 26 July. Rob K suggested the club advertise this through the AHJSA website.

The club also noted a Bush Dance to be held later in the season – dates TBC.

### **Referee's Report**

Paul Rees presented the meeting with a chart of yellow and red cards issued throughout the season so far. Five red cards and 55 yellow cards have been issued so far. The Majority of these have been in the upper age group levels and significant collections of cards have been made by some teams. Rangers are the only club with a clean sheet so far this season.

It was reported to the meeting that the current referee membership stands at a healthy 30 members. Of these 14 are new this season. Of the 30, 25 regularly referee on weekends. Of the 30 only 8 have more than one-year's experience. 19 of the 30 are junior in age.

A good success rate for covering games has been achieved so far this season. The Ref's Association has appreciated clubs who have identified trends in appointments that may be disadvantaging them and this is now being looked at by the Ref's assoc and hopefully rectified.

One club altered the location of games very late on a Saturday. This affected the rostering of referees, and it was only a piece of luck that a passing referee was able to provide transport for two young referees stranded by the club's decision.

The Ref's Association wanted to let clubs know that they are very willing to assist clubs in training their volunteers in running lines for games, as this does enhance the quality of the game for all concerned.

It has been noticed by many referees that clubs are still not providing Ground Stewards for games. The provision of Ground Stewards was an AHJSA initiative at the start of the season and does go along way in nipping issues in the bud. Club's

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enforcement of ground Stewards by teams and their supporters should be encouraged.

The issue of Team Sheets for 2009 was raised, with the Ref' Association wanting to encourage the AHJSA to purchase duplicating Team Sheets that make it easier for the Referee to complete the end of match paperwork. This is a consideration when there is only a five-minute break between games and the single sheet version does require some doubling up of information.

Paul Grant raised the idea of a weekly email from the Ref's Association and whether there was any energy for this activity as it would be very handy and could be distributed widely by the clubs to all participants, parents, players and coaches. Paul Rees agreed that it was a good idea and would look into its viability.

### **Publicity Officer's report**

It was noted that the AHJSA League Tables are incorrect. The Publicity Officer reported that she was able to keep a track on most results as she received them from the clubs for the report to the Press.

It was further discussed by members of the meeting that a working bee should take place to support the Registrar in the task of tallying the results and also the best & fairest tally so far this season. Tim Hawkins and Samanda Smith volunteered to spend an evening with Ken Byfield sorting through the results and B&F count.

The draw for the Association Cup Semi Finals was held. The Chairman used a numbered paper system to randomly select the teams to face each other. The results were:

U11 Mt Barker Red v Stirling East  
U11 Hahndorf Black v Woodside Warriors  
U12 Stirling East v Woodside Warriors  
U12 MLESC v Stirling Districts  
U13 Stirling Districts v Murray Bridge  
U13 TVSC v Stirling East  
U15 TVSC v Stirling Districts Red  
U15 Mount Barker White v Strathalbyn  
U17 MLESC v Mount Barker  
U17 Bridgewater v Murray Bridge

Subject to confirmation and programming by Tom Pauli.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15 pm and thanked those present for attending.

Next Executive Committee meeting 19<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 pm at the Bridgewater Sports and Social Club

Next Council of Clubs meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm at the Bridgewater Sports and Social Club