

MINUTES OF FOOTBALL STANTHORPE INC. Meeting HELD AT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUBHOUSE STANTHORPE ON TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2009.

Present: Frank Arcidiacono, Desleigh Volpato, Jaye-Marie Messina, John Finocchiaro, Sandro Stefanon, John Williamson, Roly Scopellite, Stephen Osbaldeston, Morwenna Arcidiacono, Neil Newman, Kerry Ryan.

Apologies: Graham Minifie, Samantha Wantling, Vic Pennisi, Corey Wren, Tony Einam, Lisa Carnell, Phil Moye, Beryl Moye.

Meeting Started: 8.00pm

ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION REQUIRED:
1.	<p>Welcome Kerry Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as a true record. Moved: J. Finocchiaro Seconded: F. Arcidiacono Carried</p>	
3.	<p>Business Arising: Overseas Players</p>	
4.	<p>Correspondence In: As per list Correspondence Out: As per list Business Arising: - An email received from J. Sothman regarding overseas players and statutory declarations stated that usually statutory declarations tend to leave recognition with their staff and department and no one can recall seeing any from any Stanthorpe players. It was made aware to the board that statutory declarations usually leave a paper trail and must be accompanied by signature of club officials and JPs. So it seems more unlikely that the statutory declarations were not done. The onus of proof of player eligibility rest with the clubs ie copies should be made. N. Newman received advice from J. Sothman and was told that 'if a player has not played for 12 months then don't concern yourself with a statutory declaration'. K. Ryan believes that the board has a constitution to abide by and statutory declarations must not be over looked. - Heritage as a financial supporter this year will not be giving money directly to Football Stanthorpe but they will be giving a 'type' of commission based on transactions done for Football Stanthorpe members. Clubs can open cheque accounts and any two out of the Club's Executive committee can sign. The Heritage will require names and positions of signatories. Sonya Casley, our local Branch Manager, is quite happy to speak to clubs in regards to this financial support. - Red Rooster kits will not be available this year as they have over committed themselves. - K. Ryan attended South-West Zone annual general meeting but it had to be cancelled due to their financials not being up to date. Moved: M. Arcidiacono moved: "That the inward correspondence is received and the outward correspondence be endorsed". Seconded: N. Newman Carried.</p>	<p>The Registrar must ensure that clubs with players without overseas clearance understand that player is ineligible to play.</p>
5.	<p>Financial Report: Financial Statements and the Audit report are attached. John Finocchiaro moved 'That the Auditor's Report be accepted' Seconded: Roly Scopellite Carried.</p>	
6.	<p>Special Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the date at which the meeting was held will be corrected to 26th October, 2009. Moved: F. Arcidiacono Seconded: J. Finocchiaro Carried. Business Arising: K. Ryan and M. Arcidiacono decided not to send abridged version to clubs until the right of appeal period of time had passed. K. Ryan did not give information to press for the same reason. The decision from the Disciplinary Committee was for the club rather than for the individuals members of the club. It was acknowledged the Carlton United had acted with integrity with regards to the whole matter.</p>	<p>Abridged versions and press information to be sent out after appeal period has passed.</p>

	K. Ryan also raised that it was a good decision to handle the matter internally with our local Disciplinary Committee since sanctions from Regional/State bodies could have been much heavier.	
General Business:		
1.	Stanthorpe Sports Associations: Requested the Junior demountable goal posts be moved out of the shed if possible. M. and F. Arcidiacono reported the Storage sheds located on Old Caves road are priced at \$17 to \$18 per week for a small storage area and that this area would be ample room to store the boards equipment and files. K. Ryan suggested also the investment of a small garden shed with the permission of the council to erect it next to the other sheds. It was decided that the Junior Football President would be contacted regarding the goal post to see if they can be moved.	K. Ryan to contact Junior Football President
2.	Fundraising: K. Ryan proposed the possibility of an open air concert. Could be organised on one of the used fields ie Crisp Oval. K. Ryan had previous contacted Guy Sebastian in relation to performing at the concert and reported that Guy would be happy to perform at a reasonable fee. The funds raised would go to supplement clubs and or reduce the cost of player registrations. The concert would approximately cost \$25,000 taking into consideration security, and set up cost. There is an opportunity to sell stalls to community groups ie Lions. J. Messina offered Paint ball and Laser Skirmish as another possible fundraising event.	
3.	Under 19's State School Carnival: Will be run 15 th to 18 th May, 2010, with both C.F. White and Sullivan Oval field being played on. Stanthorpe Rugby League will run the canteen and bar and take the proceeds. Stanthorpe Football will run canteen at C.F. White. F. Arcidiacono emphasised that there will be excellent standard of football on display during the carnival and that the carnival also is means for the identification process of Queensland State team and also talented referees to be selected to participate in National and FIFA games.	
4.	Stanthorpe Representative Teams: K. Ryan discussed with team officials from the South-West region and had found team such as Toowoomba would like to play against Stanthorpe Representative team. The team would have to be selected early in 2010 and also the representative games would need to be organised prior to the start of the season. The squad strips are currently stored at the YMCA centre and upon request of the YMCA to be removed from the premises. J. Messina will be able to pick up the strips and K. Ryan to store them at his residential address for now.	J. Messina to pick up Representative squad strips from the YMCA
5.	Increase Participation in Junior Soccer: It was noted that there has been a decrease in the number of Junior Football participants. Several ideas were suggested to increase participations. K. Ryan mentioned obtaining Roar or Gold Coast United players to come and hold training days or for them to meet and play with Junior Footballers on sign-on days. The board recognises that AFL and NRL have successful programs in place to suede children to their sporting codes and have made serious in roads into Junior members and their choices. F. Arcidiacono stated that the board must understand that our Junior Football club is very unique in Queensland being one of two in the state that allocated participants into teams. F. Arcidiacono also mentioned that the Junior Football should consider Junior participants to affiliate themselves with the clubs. To run a three year trial and pile our resources to create a successful outcome. It will also ensure the future of Junior Football since the current running of the club is outdated.	
6.	Code of Conduct for Clubs: The board recited the code of conduct regarding player conduct and found that clubs are responsible for players' behaviour. This also left gray areas of time frames, venues whether a player is in uniform or attending a club function. The board decided that circumstances regarding the player's behaviour and the situation will play a large part in whether a club is responsible for a player's behaviour. It was also recognised that the codes of conduct come from Football Queensland and Football Australia and that Stanthorpe Football has no choice but to follow the wording given by the governing bodies. F. Arcidiacono discussed the possibility of club giving players' a contract agreement for a code of conduct. Signed	

	by members, who then accept the conditions and duty of care.	
7.	More Spectators to Football Games: K. Ryan put forward the idea of a Cheerleading competition to increase crowds. It was also discussed the possibility of pre-match and half time Junior games. Once Junior players are affiliated with clubs the team then play 10 minutes each way to increase parents' spectators at senior games. K. Ryan discussed video footage with Channel Nine Win Television and the Channel is happy to air Stanthorpe Football video snippets as long as Stanthorpe Football video the footage and do a write up to be voiced over the footage. A Public Relations position should be created to deal with video footage, write up and also editorial pieces that will be placed in the Border Post. Also considered was a Match of the Round to be written in the Border Post. Ideas for whom night take on the Public Relations role need to be researched.	
8.	Presidents Meeting: Would follow the next board meeting so the board could finalise information to be given to clubs. The Presidents Meeting will be on 2 nd February, 2010 and all Clubs packages would be had out then with J. Messina collecting all contact details from Club Presidents.	J. Messina to organise club packages and collect Presidents' contact detail
9.	2010 Season Draw: The Draw has two options to either consist of four rounds with no preseason or three rounds with preseason. The Grand Final was also considered that maybe the season should end with which team in on top of the ladder wins the competition ie FA Cup. J. Messina was nominated to create the season draw.	J. Messina to do 2010 season draw
10.	Website: N. Newman stated that on the website there is no role and definitions of the executive positions. Also its very hard to access. M. Arcidiacono remembers adding the roles and definitions but there may have been an error.	J. Messina to check website
11.	Referees Courses: J. Finocchiaro mentioned he would like to run more courses this year. K. Ryan asked if there were any opportunities for the junior referees to gain more experience. J. Finocchiaro stated that limitations, such as age and ability, applies and the referees much be 14 years old to participate in refereeing matches.	

MENS REPORT	N/A	
COACHES REPORT	N/A	
JUNIOR REPORT	N/A	
LADIES REPORT	N/A	
COLTS REPORT	N/A	

Meeting closed: 9.50pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th January, 2010

These, I believe to be a true and accurate reflection of the minutes of the above meeting.

Prepared by:

Accepted by:

Jaye-Marie Messina
Secretary

Kerry Ryan
President

Dated: