



4th June Committee Meeting with Club Coaches and Managers

This meeting was been called because:

- It appears as though the club requires better lines of communication than we presently hold
- The committee needs support with present Saturday morning commitments
- We need to build support for next years committee

I have been extremely pleased with the support we have received this year from parents running the canteen. The support this year has been much better than previous years. I therefore think that if the committee is managed better and the communication lines through the club are strong then we will have a better outcome for all, ultimately leading to the best we can deliver for the kids.

6-a-side Competition

This year we registered only 5 teams in the 6-a-side competition. This is much less than we have registered in previous years and I think it serves subtle notice of a few things:

1. Formation of the teams may have been better managed if we had done it at a club level instead of a team based level
2. Maybe the communications we put on the weekly newsletter are not going to the players
3. Maybe the club members don't feel the club spirit that has been the case in previous years

All of the above in my view can be put down to communication errors or lack or early management.

To counteract this I propose that next year we will require at least one person from each team to attend the committee meetings. Then with each team represented we can:

- Understand the level of support/availability of individual players in each team and possibly amalgamate a few players of each team to form an entry in the 6-a-side comp
- Provide communication directly to a representative of every team in the club
- Obtain a wider support base to run the club
- Hopefully bring the club members closer together to know that if a particular team or committee member needs support with anything, then the club is well prepared and managed to provide that support as needed and as early as possible

Game Reports

There are several teams who never put in the game reports. This questions whether then there is also several teams who never get the weekly newsletters handed out on game day.

Can all managers please recall that the news letter is used by the committee to communicate messages when necessary. Please ensure the game reports are put in on Monday, printed on Friday and handed out on Saturday.

In addition to the communication, we need to support our sponsors to provide advertising for them and in turn hopefully maintain their support in later years. The sponsors of our club provide significant funds which we should all strive to support as best as possible. It has taken a fair amount of time to finalise all the sponsors logo's and details to go on a newsletter cover slip but it is finally done and in print now. Managers will receive enough of the cover slips to enclose the weekly news letter hand out to the players in the sponsors slip. By the end of the season the managers will then have handed out all of the sponsors cover slips that we provide.

We have requested that the team managers each pickup their slips on the morning of our next game day (14th June) from the club canteen.

Committee Support

At present we have a committee built mostly from the fathers of only two teams. This is not a strong enough support base leading into next year. We need to have wider involvement with the committee so that in subsequent years with present committee members moving on, we keep a support base coming through who know what is required to run the club successfully.

The committee meeting dates left this year are : 16th July, 13th August and 3rd September. The meetings run from 7:30pm to 8:30pm or 9pm approximately. It is not a huge amount of time that is required but the benefits of this I think will be substantial in the years ahead.

All of next years committee positions are open including the club executive positions such as President, Vice President, Competition Secretary & Treasurer. If you want to nominate for an executive positions please come forward early so we can involve you in the existing committee and get an understanding of the requirements.

I will request nominations to next years committee at the 13th August meeting.

Please have a think about joining next years the committee if you expect your child will play in the club next year and then come along to the 13th August meeting to nominate yourself as available to help. This is vitally important for the clubs survival so I don't want to leave it open ad-hoc last minute thoughts on presentation day.

A good outcome here will be to have at least one person from each team nominating themselves rather than the manager of each team automatically getting nominated after next years season start.

Committee positions nominated will be ratified on presentation day during the AGM which we run prior to handing out trophies and gifts to the kids.

Ground Official

The ground official role was brought in by the association as a requirement about 2 or 3 years ago (from memory). They brought it in basically so that the referees didn't have to put up with parents carrying on like louts during the games. They requested that the club provide one person at the home grounds who would act as a grounds manager on the day.

Our club has never really handled the ground official role with the determination that we will put on it in the future. In the past we have left the ground official role open to one of the committee members who ever might happen to turn up on the day. In addition to providing support for referee's where needed we have normally taken the ground official role as care taker of the club for the day.

Therefore the ground officials role can be summarized as follows:

- Start at 8:30am and finish after the last game on the day (normally at about 12:30 or 1:30pm).
- Calm the situation down if some parent did start to go a bit over the top and start harassing the referee or players.
- Ensure someone from the nominated team is running the canteen at all times
- Support the parents running the canteen if need be (maybe by cooking the BBQ)
- Ensure the first team to play sets up the fields.
- Ensure the last team to play packs up the fields
- Ensure the last people on canteen roster for the day clean up the canteen so it can be closed up.

Note that the role is a management and care-taker role. You are not required to do everything yourself, but instead let people know what is required of them so the day can proceed in a timely fashion. In the spirit of supporting the club, if people do need help then there is obviously no harm in providing that assistance where you can.

If you do take on the ground official role, then you can rest assured that your support will be highly valued and the committee will endeavour to provide all support requested by you on the day.

Peter Melisi took on the ground official role last Saturday 2nd June, Darren has nominated to do it on the 16th June, I will do it on the 30th June and Steve Zammit is listed to do it on the 4th August. David Elcham advised he will do it on the 23 June.

We require people to nominate themselves for one of the following days which are left

26-May-07	14-Jul-07	21-Jul-07
28-Jul-07	11-Aug-07	18-Aug-07

If you are available to do the ground official role for one of the above days, then please call me to indicate your availability. Ph 0404 478 744.

Canteen Support

Canteen support this year has been very good. Thank you to the managers who have coordinated the canteen duties so well this year and thank you to the parents who have turned up when they said they would. Your support has made a very big financial difference to the club and a great incentive for committee member to participate in a club which has such strong member support.

Can I make the following note: The team running canteen are also to cook the BBQ. Therefore please advise someone from the team to turn up at 8:30am ready to cook the BBQ. This will relieve a big burden on the committee and on the ground official.

A thank you to:

- Kevin Dennehy who advised he will take on the role of stocking the canteen
- Rino Luccitti who advised he will take on the role of piking up bakery goods on Saturday morning's
- Steven Michaels who advised he will take on the role of picking up meats on the Saturday morning's.

It is this level of support and commitment to our club that makes it the great club we are to date. If you are able to lend a hand and do one of the runs for Kevin, Rino or Steve then please let them know your phone number and name so they may call you if need be.

Family Night

In previous years we have organized a family night. 3 years ago we had a trivia night and the last two years we have had a bowling night. Preparations are now underway to organize a BINGO night at the council hall above Greystanes library.

There is seating for 230 people. We expect that there will be 23 tables of 10 people. A date is yet to be set but we are likely to organize it on a Friday night (Maybe 20th july).

If you can form a table of 10 people with team members, family and/or friends then please support the club by registering your table for this night.

If we get more than 23 tables registered, then we will look at going to a bigger hall.

At present we are thinking of making the night a BYO drinks and nibblies from 7pm to 8:30 or 9pm. We will provide coffee, tea, biscuits, chips and peanuts per table. We will attempt to raise some interesting lucky door, Bingo and games prizes for the night.

If you can provide a prize for the night please make an effort to organise it and notify us.

We may make a small entry fee to cover the facility costs and some prizes for all. I think this night is shaping up as great fun for the kids and parents. Detailed information will be sent out once it is all organized whoever to register your interest in attending this night and reserving a table please call our vice president Craig Menohous on 0402 419 004.

Regards

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