

Qld Softball – North Coast Regional Softball Academy Committee Meeting Agenda

**Meeting at Caboolture Softball Association Grounds –
Wednesday the 12th of March 2008.**

- 1. Time Commenced:** 7.40pm
- 2. Present:** Bruce Challenor, Ron Flint, Judy Losberg, L.J. Bampton, Terry Rubesaame, Stephen Shorten, Steve Wagner, Mark Mawn

3. Apologies: Nil

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of February 2008 be received and confirmed.

Moved: Bruce Challenor **Seconded:** Stephen Shorten **Carried.**

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) QSA Agreement – Ratification

Letter received accepting agreement and affirming status of the Queensland Softball North Coast Regional Softball Academy. Stephen Shorten appointed Head Coach. Mark Mawn appointed administrator.

(b) Camp Booking

Dates for booking at Ewen Maddock camp venue confirmed, deposit paid on site for weekend of the 27-29th of June 2008. Extra suite/hut booked for head coach and any possible guest.

(c) Training Shirt comparison

Discussion held on shirt options for the Academy shirt. In first year only 1 shirt to be adopted. Several designs reviewed. Although not all in complete agreement proposal of AC/DC shirt proposal thought to be most conducive to styling preference for young people. Mark will contact Barbara Ryan at acdcsports@gmail.com to further negotiate final product. Final cost will be within budget allowance of \$30. Possibly organise Navy based shirt with orange/gold/grey/red as representative colours of Associations involved.

(d) Potential participants (Association lists)

The following dates agreed to or considered appropriate in terms of meeting timeframes for selection of Academy Squad:

Caboolture	26 th of April 10.30-12.30
Redcliffe	12 th of April 9am-12md
Sunshine Coast	10 th of May 9am-12md
Noosa	29 th of March 9am-12md

Noosa not present at meeting so Stephen to organise an email suggesting date.

Copies of promotional pamphlet circulated to all present at meeting. Administrator will email a copy of the letter he prepared for Redcliffe to assist them in providing information to parents on the process for players identified for the trial to each Association.

In terms of Noosa it was suggested that the Administrator obtain a copy of last years/this years representative teams (U/14) and invite to trial date. Will work with Noosa to achieve maximum participation. Mark will send out pamphlet with explanation once details are known.

(e) Status of Each Association Re recruitment

Redcliffe have forwarded 30 pamphlets to identified players from within the Association to the trial.

Caboolture have not yet identified players who they will invite to trial. Letters have been sent to last years Rep players but until the season commences will not be in a position to confirm any invitations. This will however occur in the next couple of weeks.

Sunshine Coast have identified 15 participants to be invited to the trial and although some additions may be made once the season commences a good basis of potential participants has been identified.

6. Correspondence inwards/outwards

Copies of emails and correspondence presented.

7. Financial Report

Academy currently has no income and owes deposit funds of \$100 to Redcliffe. Copy of invoice has been provided to them for their accounting system.

8. Administrators Report

(a) Promotional Pamphlet

Designed and reviewed by QSA. Copies have now been circulated at Redcliffe and ample copies provided to each Association (during meeting) except Noosa.

(b) Camp

Further discussion held in relation to extra cabin for an assistant camp Manager (female) preferably with First aid qualifications. Extra space would be utilised in case of sickness or injury to players.

Risk assessment of the camp discussed. Administrator will complete task prior to arriving at the camp, when more accurate numbers are known.

Group will not need to use other resources i.e ropes course available on site.

Administrator has also developed a camp list procedure of what to bring etc.

(c) **Manual**

Manual reviewed by both Mark & Stephen. Associations asked whether it was possible to be provided with a copy. Administrator to follow up with QSA.

(d) **Blue Cards (for register)**

All participants will require Blue Card. Bruce organized copies of these during the course of the meeting.

9. Head Coach Report

(a) Action Timetable organized and discussed.

(b) Meeting athletes

Skill levels, bench marks and selection protocols discussed. Stephen will prepare and email for Administrator to forward to QSA concerning the utilization of a QSA appointed selector.

The following issues also discussed:

- Identification of Association Coaches to participate.
- Pre camp work with athletes and coaches so they don't arrive cold.
- Development of report card and its format.
- Developing benchmarks for future years.
- Video reviews of individual athletes. (Bruce agreed to allow the Academy to utilize camera and system from Caboolture).
- Speed testing (speed gun) of throws, running, reaction times.
- Get together in April to identify what they (coaches/athletes) are doing now and what needs to be done prior to the camp.
- Assistance required from each Association at Trial dates.

10. General Business

(a) **Progress outline** from each Association- Around the table.

This process was outlined as a way to enhance communications across Associations to support foster and encourage better understanding and in some instances support for activities being undertaken.

Caboolture

Have outlined to committee progress of the Academy. Committee has been very supportive. Association has followed up with the creation of a junior development program which starts next Tuesday. Unsure of the numbers yet but it has generated a bit of interest.

Redcliffe

Development Squad program for pitching and catching commencing on the 19th of April at a cost of \$65 which includes a shirt. Program run by Sandra Avery and Lena who will be paid to deliver program. 28 Participants have signed up so far.

Sunshine Coast

Season commences on the 29th of March. Association is still growing with 5 x U/10, 2 x U/12 no 14's or 16's competition but players will play up in the senior grades. U/16 selections will be at end of April. Group will train through season. Will start and U/14 squad half way through the season. Doing some work with schools but results sporadic. Looking for facility upgrades into the future.

(b) Selection Criteria

Pathway for selection clarified. After initial assessment a follow up assessment would be undertaken. It was considered that this would be the best time to involve the QSA coaching delegate otherwise they would be required at each Association trial to ensure evaluations undertaken are done to a set standard and to a defined understanding. An email will be drafted to QSA outlining this proposal.

(c) Manual

Administrator asked to determine if the manual is available on disk and whether its circulation to each delegate from each Association is possible.

(d) Handbook

Requirement in Manual for athletes to carry handbook with them to each training session. It was felt that if the handbook could be produced in a diary format it would be more useful as training and review tool. Administrator to follow up.

(e) Recruitment of Coaches

Committee asked if each Association could identify potential coaches, assistant coaches, specialists and trainee coaches prior to next meeting.

11. Next meeting

Next meeting to be held at Caboolture Softball Clubhouse on Wednesday the 9th of April 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.

12. Closure of Meeting at 9.24pm.