

Qld Softball – North Coast Regional Softball Academy Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting at Caboolture Softball Association Grounds –
Tuesday the 20th of May 2008.**

1. Time Commenced: 7.38pm

2. Present: Bruce Challenor, Steve Wagner, Stephen Shorten, Ron Flint, Mark Mawn

3. Apologies: L.J. Bampton, Terry Rubesaame, Judy Losenburg.

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of April 2008, be received and confirmed.

Moved: Bruce Challenor **Seconded:** Steve Wagner Carried.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) Selection Trials - Progress

A total of 60 athletes trialed for the Academy, from the four (4) Associations. Although some of the venues were problematic in terms of organization and support the process in the end was fairly successful. Outline in Head Coaches report.

(b) Manual Copies

Disk has not been copied at this stage. Stephen Shorten felt that he would probably not need the disk for the time being, but it was available should he require it.

(c) Shirts

Design of shirts needs to still be checked with kids. This will be discussed further in General Business.

6. Correspondence inwards/outwards

Copies of emails and correspondence presented.

7. Financial Report

Nil to report.

8. Administrators Report

(a) Time Frames discussed.

Letter to be sent out to successful and unsuccessful participants of trials and a letter inviting selected participants to camp. Need to try and have replies back by the 9th of June.

(b) Camp organisation

Will need to visit camp site prior to 27th of June, to undertake a risk assessment of site. Extra rooms, including extra cabin will also be required.

(c) Procedures

A range of documents and forms have been developed and were produced. These documents will form the basis of a procedural manual to assist with future Management of program.

9. Head Coach Report/General Business:

(a) Trials

Selection process outlined and from Association to Association the process has been very different and basically its like comparing apples to apples. Because of the differences between Association it was extremely difficult to come to a standard bench mark. A total of 60 athletes trialed for the Academy.

(b) Rep Team Stats

The process outlined and modification to original plan of inviting around 30 athletes to the camp discussed. It was decided to allow greater exposure to the opportunity of the academy we would invite the larger group to the camp. From the group of 48 athletes invited a group of 13-14 boys and 13-14 girls would be selected for the full Academy program.

Statistics viewed and it was recommended that the Committee either approve 40 from front list or alternatively invite 48 listed on front and back. Many of the players not selected will be from a younger age group and will have the opportunity to trial in subsequent years.

Motion: That we support the invitation of the 48 listed players to the Academy camp. **Moved:** Ron Flint **Seconded:** Bruce Challenor Carried.

(c) Cost of Camp

Discussion on cost of camp discussed. It was resolved that we charge \$140 per participant for each coach player official attending camp from each Association. The cost of the camp will include an Academy Cap (which Bruce volunteered to organise), but will not include the Academy shirt which will only be issued to the final squad for training/playing purposes.

Motion: That the new cost for participation in the camp will be \$140 and full Academy program will be \$220.

Moved: Steven Wagner **Seconded:** Ron Flint Carried.

(d) Coaching Participation in Camp.

The following numbers of players were selected from respective Associations which will require coaching support of one (1) coach to five (5) athletes: Total all 48.

Association	Males Selected	Females Selected	Total Players	Coaches Required from Association
Redcliffe	7	7	14	3
Caboolture	4	8	12	3
Sunshine Coast	0	6	6	2
Noosa	6	5	11	2

(e) Proposal outlined

Document outlining discussion is attached.

(f) Catering for camp.

Full catering is organised and has been accommodated in the costs.

(g) Equipment for Camp

The following equipment options discussed for use at camp.

- (i) Pitching Machine – 1 extra. Caboolture can supply one, Stephen Shorten also has one for use.
- (ii) Balls – Full size balls at least one dozen (12) will be required. Bruce volunteered to organise sponsorship of the balls through local supplier.
- (iii) Video – Caboolture has camera but will need camera operator. Use of laptop possible but will also need at least 50 DVD recordable disks.
- (iv) Camera – someone to take pictures. Ken Huntley will be followed up by Bruce and Ron.
- (v) Radar Gun – Suggest we follow up with Qld. Ron will also speak to Bob Crudgington about the possibility of utilising their radar.
- (vi) Playing Equipment – All equipment to be supplied by players for personal use.

(h) Australia Day Carnival – Sunshine Cup

This matter discussed and it was resolved that after the camp a sub committee would be formed to organise this event.

(i) After the camp

Outline of how monthly and regional training would work for Academy participants. Monthly training of groups in two combined districts, Caboolture/Redcliffe & Noosa/Sunshine Coast alternating between Associations on third month a combined Academy training day would be held.

(j) Academy Shirts

This matter discussed in some depth. Bruce to coordinate purchase.

Motion: To approve purchase of Academy shirts at a cost not to exceed \$32 per shirt. **Moved:** Bruce Challenor **Seconded:** Ron Flint **Carried.**

(k) Additional Items considered

Need to ensure any paperwork outlines consent to video and take pictures of athletes taking part in the camp. Administrator has incorporated this into existing form which has been sourced.

10. Next meeting

Next meeting to be held at Caboolture Softball Clubhouse on Wednesday the 18th of June 2008 commencing at 7.30pm.

11. Closure of Meeting at 9.10 pm.