

Regional Softball Academy North Coast Region – Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting- Caboolture Softball Grounds Wednesday the 22nd of October 2008.

1. **Time Commenced:** 7.45pm
2. **Present:** Stephen Shorten; Ron Flint; Bruce Challenor; Chris Challenor; Richard Wiseman; Rob ,Mark Mawn.
3. **Apologies:** Steve Wagner; L J Bampton.
4. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**
Motion: That the Minutes of the Regional Academy meeting held on the 20th of August 2008, be received and confirmed.
Moved: Bruce Challenor **Seconded:** Stephen Shorten Carried.
5. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**
 - (a) Web Site
Some discussion held on how we further use the site. It was generally agreed that Mark liaise with Phil to identify a password and access for a secure area for committee minutes etc. Because of the sensitive nature of some of the discussions this was thought to be the best alternative.

Further discussion held on creating a hall of fame for players who are selected into the squads and teams for under 16 State teams. We will try to use format similar to that provided on the Qld Academy of Sport web site to assist with this process. Mark will also go through remaining documentation as time permits to improve information on the site with the production of a Bi monthly newsletter.
 - (b) Sunshine Cup
This matter discussed and as we only had two indications of associations wishing to take part in the tournament the event was cancelled for the time being. The time line for operation of the carnival also discussed with feedback suggesting that a time frame between the U/14 state titles and the U/16 titles may be more appropriate. Discussions also held in encouraging Qld to have event offered through a similar tendering system to state carnivals although the administrative requirements would be some what reduced.
 - (c) Meeting times
A number of delegates indicated the Wednesday night was a problem for a number of delegates. Committee agreed to change to Tuesday evenings, same venue same time.

6. Correspondence - Inwards/outwards

Details of all correspondence (mainly emails) outlined.

Motion: That the correspondence be received and confirmed.

Moved: Bruce Challenor **Seconded:** Ron Flint Carried

7. Financial Report

(a) Account Balances Report income/expenditure - presented. Very little change since last meeting other than a further 6 payments for final payments from athletes, Some follow up on outstanding accounts to be undertaken.

Motion: That the Financial report as presented be received and confirmed.

Moved: Richard Wiseman **Seconded:** Bruce Challenor Carried

8. Administrators Report:

(a) U/16 Squad Member Selections

Congratulations must go to the following athletes who were selected from the academy squad into Qld Under 16 State team squads for this year:

- Paige Delacour (Redcliffe)
- Tara Kunde (Caboolture)
- Britney Flint (Redcliffe)
- Joshua Wagner (Redcliffe)

(b) Uniform Shirts

Distributed to athletes and coaches Noosa need two shirts for boys.
Mark to organise.

(c) Season Change Over

Some discussions held on timing of changeover for new year. At moment all participants from this year will be invited to return. We may have a dinner or presentation evening but need everyone to consider what exactly they would like to see happen.

9. Head Coach Report.

(a) Attendances

Discussion on attendances which really have been outstanding. Report circulated.

(b) Training

Next day will be for Redcliffe/Caboolture on Sunday the 2nd of November at Redcliffe. On this day group will concentrate on batting drills and technique.

The next full training day will then be a Caboolture on the 23rd of November 1pm-4pm. Bruce will make facilities available. At the next committee meeting we need to try and get all the coaches along so that we can discuss trip options and to iron out any problems. Prior to this time will need to provide an update to parents and will break the two groups up into boys and girls teams. They will then play against each other on the 23rd of November. This will be the date that the teams are handed over to their respective coaches to allow them prepare for the carnival. Stephen will then undertake a mentoring role to help guide the squads.

On the 23rd we Stephen also suggested that we get all the parents together to discuss setting up a fundraising group to raise the funds to support players travelling to Canberra.

Canberra trip we need to do everything professionally. No mobile phone any to be used for contact purposes will have to be handed to the Manager and access provided only during set time at night. Mark will organise permission from Qld.

How coaches are funded needs to be considered at Association level. If associations want to ensure the success of the academy some level of support for coaches and officials will need to be considered to ensure these junior players are given every opportunity to progress to potential.

(c) Full Report presented.

Motion: That the report as presented be received and confirmed.

Moved: Stephen Shorten **Seconded:** Ron Flint **Carried.**

10. General Business

(a) Primary School Regional Team

Some discussion on opportunity to ensure that players involved in Regional primary school teams were provided opportunity to further develop through invite to academy trials in 2009. Players would be advised that they would need to affiliate with one of the four member associations to be eligible and would then attend one of the trial days. Mark to liaise with Rob and Michael Chamberlin to see if this can be coordinated.

(b) Tournament – Costing

Some guidance sought in the area of proposed costs for participation in Canberra. Email has been sent to Canberra and New Zealand but no response to either as yet. is area and following matters to be progressed:

- Travel in vicinity of \$350 per person
- Accommodation/food around \$200
- Bus Hire around \$50 per person.
- Incidentals around \$300 per person (team fee's etc)

We would be looking to take around 37 people including Managers Coaches, scorers etc.

Emails will need to be sent to parents now advising them of situation and seeking feedback.

(c) Any Other Matter

Around the associations.

Redcliffe

Looking to build on successful pitching and catching program with the organisation of batting clinics for the new year. Season has started. Teams did well in U/16's and 19's both coming 3rd.

Sunshine Coast

Not a lot of number in the 14's but are looking for players for U/14 titles. Discussion on the possibility of working with Caboolture on some form of competition to build the juniors.

Noosa

Season has started. All seems to be going along smoothly at the moment. Academy players keen.

Caboolture

Current off season and letters have been sent out for under 14 rep players. Some of these are playing at Redcliffe and where possible they will be encouraged to contact Caboolture to nominate.

9. Next meeting at Caboolture Grounds on **Tuesday the 11th of November 2008**, commencing at 7.30pm. Coaches to be requested to attend.

10. Closure of Meeting at 9.45pm