

# **Regional Softball Academy North Coast Region – Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting- Caboolture Softball Grounds Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

1. **Time Commenced:** 7.40pm
2. **Present:** Stephen Shorten; Ron Flint; Richard Wiseman; Mark Mawn, Scott McIntyre, Bruce Challenor, Chris Challenor, Steve Wagner; LJ Bampton.
3. **Apologies:** Jamie Ogden, Rob Blachford
4. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**  
**Motion:** That the Minutes of the Regional Academy meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2008, be received and confirmed.  
**Moved:** Ron Flint **Seconded:** Stephen Shorten Carried.
5. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**  
(a) Held over for general business.
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**  
Account Balances Report income/expenditure – not presented as no changes.
8. **Administrators Report:**

**(a) Meeting with QSA**

Mark attended meeting with QSA (Sue and Jenny) on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January.

The following points were made:

- That we not categorise athletes into age groups instead having skill level groups.
- That the event planned should be exclusively for Academy teams. This would encourage more to become involved.
- We could invite academy team(s) from NSW if we so desired.
- That on the first day of the carnival/camp, we play games with unlimited interchange to allow coaches to interpret skill improvement levels of players. For example, where we have a player who needs to work on bunting capacity, to get them to do that during a game. If that same player is a good base runner (once they get to first) to change them over with another player in the team who needs development in the

base running area. Under this format it was suggested that players would score points for doing desired skill.

- After the first day teams could be set up to compete against each other.
- One of the problems with the competition area is that under pressure players quite often forget what they have learnt and go back to what they previously had done.
- No funding is available to assist with the organisation of this event.
- QSA would most likely send a representative to the camp for the weekend.
- Only three other Academies have affiliated – Mt Isa, Brisbane and Redlands. The three groups are at varying stages of development. Mackay/Rockhampton is undertaking the process currently and may be in a position to enter once this has been completed. Several others have commenced the process but are not likely to be ready in time for the proposed carnival/camp.
- Some of the academies may not have full squads i.e. Mt Isa which may need to combine with another Association to make up a boys team.
- Contacts from these academies will be asked to respond to a request for participation by the next meeting.

**(b) Web Site**

This was discussed with QSA and they indicated that they would be happy to provide a link to our website and would be happy for us to link our site with QSA.

Details will be forwarded when time becomes available.

**(c) Academy Coach 2009**

We need to identify a coach now for the upcoming year. Individual representatives are to gauge opportunities within their Associations and advise at next meeting.

**(d) Presentation Event Season End**

Quotes for this event are yet to be received. Chris offered to follow up with the Caboolture Sports Club.

**9. Head Coach Report.**

**(a) Team Training**

These have been handed over to individual coaches now. Boys training at Caboolture in two weeks time. Girl's next training run will be at Caboolture.

An email list of player's contacts was requested by Scott.

**(b) 2009 Intake**

Existing athletes will be invited to continue involvement with the academy with other eligible players undertaking District trials after the completion of the U/14

State Carnival. These trials need to occur at District level within two weeks of these titles.

**(c) Any Other Matter**

**Next meeting** at Caboolture Grounds on **Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2009**, commencing at 7.30pm.

**9. Closure of Meeting at 8.55pm**