

Regional Softball Academy North Coast Region – Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting- Caboolture Softball Grounds Tuesday the 10th February 2009.

1. **Time Commenced:** 7.40pm
2. **Present:** Stephen Shorten; Ron Flint; Richard Wiseman; Mark Mawn, , Bruce Challenor, Chris Challenor, Steve Wagner; LJ Bampton.
3. **Apologies:** Jamie Ogden, Rob Blachford, Scott McIntyre, LJ Bampton, Steve Wagner.
4. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**
Motion: That the Minutes of the Regional Academy meeting held on the 20th of January 2009, be received and confirmed.
Moved: Bruce Challenor **Seconded:** Ron Flint 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) **Carnival Options**

Discussion on responses from other academies and associations concerning the training camp/carnival proposed for Rockhampton.

The following points were made:
 - Mt Isa would be interested in attending but would prefer a carnival in June. They have a total of 8 athletes (combined male/female).
 - Redlands unable this year.
 - Brisbane were interested but as athletes are of a younger age group and considering State U/14 titles would not be able to support.
 - Also emails and phone conversations with Ivan Watkins from Central Coast of NSW who was interested but would more likely to support next year.

- Option of a carnival in Sydney against international team Under 13 arose but because of the age difference will not be possible.
- Mark also rang and spoke to Sue (QSA) in order to try and identify further opportunities. Sue was very supportive but unable to assist further than the above option, which in the end did not pan out.
- We have effectively tried every means to organise teams for a carnival training based event with very little interest outside our own group.

(b) End of Season

Due to the unavailability of other academy teams and due to the inability of the academy to identify any further realistic options it was decided to:

- (i) Find out if Redcliffe are prepared to offer the carnival they have scheduled for the 21st of March (U/14's) to also include (U/16's).
- (ii) On the basis that this may not be possible organise a break up day for Sunday the 22nd of March from 11am-3pm.
- (iii) Parents and family will be encouraged to attend.
- (iv) Event will include a seven (7) innings game verse each other. Some games such as longest hit, five (5) fastest base runners etc to be organised. Stephen will provide a list for Mark to include in the program.
- (v) BBQ Lunch for all present – sausage sizzle.
- (vi) Awards presentation. Chris offered to organise trophies/certificate. Stephen will provide a copy of the relevant trophies to be presented.
- (vii) Hall of fame for players selected in U/16 Qld teams. These players to be presented with trophy/certificate recognising this achievement. They will then be placed on the web site.
- (viii) Full program to be prepared and correspondence forwarded to parents apologising for being unable to identify carnival and outlining our attempts and difficulties in achieving a series to participate in for the athletes.
- (ix) The break up day will be organised at the Redcliffe Association grounds.

Motion: That the academy proceed with the organisation of this final break up day. **Moved:** Stephen Shorten **Seconded:** Bruce Challenor Carried.

(c) Academy Coach 2009

This matter discussed in some depth and delegates have been asked to make a number of approaches in coming weeks. Each delegate was also asked that for the upcoming season for the Academy we try and identify at least one trainee

coach per association to assist in development and to be developed in the next twelve months. Of particular interest would be young representative players or young people who have been involved in softball for the last couple of years, who wish to develop skills as a junior coach. Don't forget we will also need a minimum of four coaches, although six would be a better number.

The model at how the coaching is organised may also need to be considered. Some options discussed in this area including the option of having a head coach who rights and over see's the program which could be delivered by someone else. We simply need to try and maintain the quality of control that currently exists to ensure athletes step up to the next level. It may also be possible to have a coaching panel with a chair of that sub group. Firstly it is imperative that we first and foremost identify a new head coach.

(d) Date Accommodation difficulty

Rockhampton Uni were unable to give a commitment for accommodation for any carnival until March. Weekend of the 1st week in May corresponds with Beef week in the district.

(e) Camp June

Emails have been sent for this weekend in on Friday the 26th of June and out on Sunday the 28th of June 2009. The venue is the Currimundi – Sport and Recreation Qld camp venue on the Sunshine Coast.

(f) Trials for 2009 intake

Existing players are to be automatically invited to return this year. New intake to be organised shortly after U/14 carnival preferably commencing around the 25th of April. Existing U/14 rep players should be invited with those who were unsuccessful last year and players who may be either new to the sport, have transferred from other associations or have for one reason or another slipped through the cracks previously.

9. Head Coach Report.

(a) Team Training

These have been handed over to individual coaches now. Boys and girls have both trained. Richard advised that boys have trained twice since last meeting. Unsure of what happened to Jamie at boys training. Scott has also done a training session with the girls.

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.

10. General Business

(a) Quotes

Chris discussed options and costs associated with use of Sports Club facilities. These will no longer be applicable.

Next meeting at Caboolture Grounds on **Tuesday the 10th of March 2009**, commencing at 7.30pm.

9. Closure of Meeting at 8.45pm