

## **MINUTES - MANAGEMENT MEETING - CABOOLTURE SPORTS SOFTBALL ASSOC**

**MONDAY 15.10.18**

**Meeting open:** 7.30pm

**Attendance:** Shay Cooper, Lewis Grey, Marlene Fainges, Bernadette Stewart, Mandy White, Ron Yardley, Shannon Ford, Neil Ford, Natasha Szathmary, Michael Butler, Mindy Taylor, Nicki Endicott-Davies, B & C

**Apologies:** Georgia Fergusson

**Minutes of previous Management Meeting / Executive Meeting - September:**

No minutes were taken

### **General Business -**

#### **Discern - Demons Softball Club**

**Action:** With the transition of Club Delegates, documentation & with the support of the CSSA Management & guidance from CSCL Sports Manager to the options available to the inactive Incorporation & funds held at Bank of the Demons Softball Club, the CSSA can confidently anticipate a strong, high spirited & financial future of the Demons Softball Club.

After the discussions re: the Demons Softball Club, Michael Butler, Shay Cooper, Shannon Ford & Neil Ford left the meeting

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Softball Financials for October Meeting were issued to CSSA Executive, Management & Club Delegates.

♦With the query of Creditor Cheque Register findings:

Action: the CSCL will organise the \$160.00 payment to SQL

· the \$1681.55 payment to CSCL, was confirmed at canteen & liquor purchases for July

♦CSSA Management Committee are to minute cash & budget analysis figures and related discussions:

Action: Discussions held with the 'actual' & 'budget' & 'budget year to date'. Bruce will liaise with Tony

♦ It was agreed that CSSA purchase a lap top for the Vice President

♦ Request for refund of overpayment - Brett Davis fees

Action: No refund to Cavaliers Club for the balance of non player to player fees

♦ Areas not addressed that were presented last Meeting ( August 2018 accounts)

Action: confirmed & email sent Sept 2018

♦Areas of Concern ( Sept 2018 accounts) to be raised & minuted:

Action: confirmed & email sent Sept 2018

Mindy proposed that the Softball Financials as presented be accepted. All in favour

#### **Registrar's Report:**

With the competitions of the Summer DA's fast approaching , Nicki reiterates the importance of the individual member & the Club administrators be aware to their responsibilities of the summer on-line re-registration processes with SportsTG.

#### **Caboolture Sports Club Report:**

Tony unavailable

#### **Umpiring co.ordinator Report:**

Ron advises:

If there is EOI for an 'out of season' Umpiring Clinic' for CSSA to host, he just needs to know & the advertising can commence? At present Ron is working alongside RSDA & their umpires.

#### **Coaching co.ordinator Report**

Discussions held:

· Process of gaining accreditation

**Scorer's Report;**

Georgia unavailable

**Rep. co.ordinator Report**

2019 Under 15 Girls & Under 15 boys eligible for SC

Collating information from the Winter 2018 Sports TG data base, names & contact details have been sought. Families can expect emails within the month to eligible CSSA players for their child's EOI? CSSA require Rep Officials to nominate U15 Girls - S'Coast Hinterland - 6-8 April 2019 ( Travel each day, no accommodation required)

U15 Boys - Noosa - 6-8 April 2019 (Accommodation booked: Noosa Caravan Park x 3 nights)

**General Business -**

**Nomination - Vice President - LEWIS GREY**

Proposer: Bruce Challenor

Seconder: Chris Challenor

Accepted:

**Want to keep kids in sport ? Then make it fun**

**Discussions:** There's a real problem in Australia of kids dropping out of sport ( not just Softball). The decline rate in junior softball in Australia are a big worry. It's a trend that mirrors what happening in other sports:

- time poor parents & their wallets
- over-the-top attitudes to youth competitions
- stand out players are favoured & given dominant field positions
- coaches are passionate & well meaning, but err to winning premierships or developing champions
- training athletes harder & longer intent on superior fitness & complicated tactics

There is no use blaming the Association competition, coaches, or even the most obsessed parents. Everyone is responsible. Clubs should monitor their volunteers more closely & better to examine inconsistencies in the way youngsters are being coached. It takes courage to stand against the winning-is-everything myth but, fortunately a better participation rate is not the only selling point.

It is true that coaches who create fun, challenging, honest & kind environment will see their relaxed teams improve

**Canteen Convenor + Canteen Staff - 2019**

Advertising will commence for the 'registered clubs award' paid positions.

Resigning employees: Tracy Lavis ( Canteen Convenor)

Sharon Dingle ( Canteen staff)

Julie Browne ( Canteen staff)

**Groundsperson -**

CSSA will be seeking the employment of a reliable, responsible Groundsperson. In the interim Bruce Challenor has submitted documentation to the CSCL & the CSSA Executive to declare the activities of "Disclosure of Interest Register", until such time a Groundsperson is employed.

**Club Say:**

Mac Cats:

Discussions re: increasing Junior participation:

- Proposal for CSSA to consider a 'monetary' reward to players / clubs to encourage new people to access the game.

Action: This would require a budget allocation & not possible for the 2019 season.

· Proposal to approach the University or letter drops in around the MBRC to boost participation & engagement for a modified game (ie: Social 7s) & not the normal 'fast pitch' competition

Action & discussions held : People today demand more flexibility, as they are spoilt for information & choice. Many non participants are open to playing sport if it can 'fit them" better. Different approaches are needed.

Historically over many a year CSSA has displayed & promoted the Association at:

- Shopping Centres·      ·Christmas Spectaculars ·      ·School Fetes·      ·Markets·
- Australia Day Beach Celebrations·      ·Super Sports Shows·      ·Local Council Chambers·
- Local sports days·      ·Qld Government School Programs·      ·Active After School Programs·

ALL with MANY HOURS of organising displays, practice stations ( if permitted), with very few volunteers for a disappointing result in gaining membership.

It's not to say, it can't be done, still, but, if there be a desire to revisit /revamp the promotion of CSSA, a suggestion ... there MUST BE a committee of dedicated, committed volunteers & not be left to minimal persons!

Management Meeting closed: 10.30pm

Next Management Meeting 19.11.18