



Meeting open by Chairman Nick Backo.

The Order of Business for the 2010 Annual General Meeting:

**1. To receive apologies for non-attendance; As per Attendance Sheet.**

1.1 Adopted.

**2. To receive from the committees reports upon the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year, and to receive the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement. Amendment Page 15. Referee on 18/1 was Cameron Whittle**

2.1 Adopted Moved: Brooke Payne / Seconded: Patrick Mitchell - Carried

**3. Discussion on Financial Report:**

3.1 Jim Nicolaou Questioned the amount of Admin Fee from GDSFA. Questioned answered by James Dolahenty

3.1 Adopted Moved: Monique Welch / Seconded: Brooke Payne – Carried.

**4 Consideration of Management Expenses**

4.1 2009 payments were

- President: \$700
- Secretary: \$700
- Treasurer: \$700
- Appointments Officer: \$700
- Appointments Sub Committee: \$325

4.1 Motion: Payments stay the same as the previous season and all monies due to the Appointments Officer are given to the Appointments Officer's family. Motion: J Nicolaou / Seconded: Jeff McGeorge – Carried.

**5 To receive from the Management Committee for consideration nomination for life membership.**

5.1 Nomination received for Lyn Nielsen to receive life membership. Nominated: John Kemp Seconded: Jim Nicolaou. Motion: Carried.

**6 To consider alterations, amendments or additions to the Constitution and By-Laws;**

6.1 By-Laws - Delete the following By-Law:

- 21. No officer-bearer or official member of the association shall also be an office-bearer on G.D.S.F.A

**REASON:** To provide flexibility and opportunity of an office-bearer or official member to become a part of the new GDSFA structure, which in its proposed Rules does not have a role for GDSRA.

Discussion

- Joseph Rovella - The Football Association has come into line with the Dept of Fair Trading. We will no longer be affiliated with the Football Association.
- Steve Courtney- Can't see any reason for change
- Dee Jonsson - Dissappointed to see that no one from MC elected on the board. It is important to potentially have someone from Referees so they have a say from an officials point of view.
- John Kemp: - A key aspect is that a person voted as a delegate to represent not their club but to represent the greater interest of football within Granville. To have a member of GDSRA is a conflict of interest.

Clarification:

- Some members sought & were given points of clarification.

Motion Lost

6.2 Change the title of the - EXAMINATION AND EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE – to:

- The Technical Sub-Committee

**REASON:**

- To provide a closer alignment to their role and functions.

Motion Carried

6.3 Add the following to PART III - THE COMMITTEES - POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS

- (g) OFFICIAL MEMBERS
- The official members of the Association shall be:
- 13 New Member Coordinator (NMC)"
- The NMC is an Official Member of the Association

- The NMC is to have a general understanding of each of the positions within the GDSRA MC and Official Members.
- The NMC will use their understanding of the positions, together with obtaining details of the current expectations from the MC, and ensure that new members are actively and effectively communicated with over their first few weeks to ensure that new members deal with all matters that they are likely to be required to attend to in their first few weeks.
- The role would be expected to include, but not be limited to, assisting new members regarding accessing appointments, recording and reporting game details, reporting send-offs and incidents, attending general meetings, reporting completed games, accessing and advising their availability. The NMC would ensure that the new member appropriately and efficiently know who and how to contact the correct member of the MC or Official Member.
- The NMC will actively work with the Ordinary Members as necessary.
- It is expected that the role of the NMC would significantly decrease after a new member has attended two general meetings.
- The NMC will report to the MC as requested by the MC.
- The NMC will be voted on at the AGM.
  - Amendment moved. Moved : Steve Courtney Seconded: Dee Jonsson.
  - Amendment carried

#### REASON:

- I note that my vision or reasons for a New Member Coordinator is that they will actively help in a fairly limited and easy role for a year or two, they will get to know a fair few new members, find where there are gaps in the GDSFA MC or Official members and hopefully step up to the next role, and, then we find another NMC to take over for the next year or two.
- This way the NMC would be familiar with the new members and actively work to improve the association in line with current expectations of new members.
- In addition, it is perceived that new members fail to take in everything that they need to from a 5 week course and once actively refereeing and in particular in the first year, getting to understand and take on the responsibilities of reporting and contacting everyone requires a fairly intense time including several discussions and chats that may go for 30 minutes or more. Most members on the MC or Official Members are already actively working to assist current members or busy with their tasks.

#### Point of Clarification

- Peter Kimpton: Is this an assistance for the Junior Ordinary Member. This person would not necessarily have to attend all new courses but it would be a good idea.
- Charles Yendle: Do you have any ideas on what qualifications this person would need. This is only a co-ordinating role.
- Ben Sansom: Doesn't it take away the responsibilities of the Junior OM. No
- Brad Mitchell: This role is not specifically for Juniors, it is for new members
- John Kemp: Against. Believes the scope of this role is wrong.
- Peter Kimpton: Against Perhaps change the name of the position from New Member Co-Ordinator to Member Co-Ordinator.
- Keiran Fisher- Believes that we need to have more mentors to assist members.
- Dee Jonsson: FOR We struggle to get people on our Committee and here we are voting
- Stephen Coutney: I believe a lot of us should be doing things without having a title.
- Jeff McGeorge: Point of Clarification.
- John Levvell: Over the last few years we have lost quite a few members.
- Robert Slater: The real point is not who gives it but that it's there.
- Steve Prattent – Is it in conjunction with the mentoring & assessing co-ordinators role?

#### Motion Lost

#### 6.4 PART IV 33 PROCEDURE. (Currently reads)

- (a) No item of business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time the meeting is considering that item.
- (b) Twenty five per cent (25%) of the membership of the Association, being members entitled under these rules to vote at a General Meeting, constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a General Meeting.
- (c) If within half a hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the time and (unless another place is specified at the time of the adjournment by the person presiding at the meeting or communicated by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place.

- (d) If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 20 per cent) shall constitute a quorum.

**Amend (b) to read:**

- Twenty per cent (20%) of the membership of the Association, being members entitled under these rules to vote at a General Meeting, constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a General Meeting

**AND**

**Amend (d) to read:**

- If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than fifteen per cent (15%)) shall constitute a quorum

**REASON:**

- Page 14 of the 2010 Annual Report describes that of the six General Meeting held in 2010 four did not achieve a quorum. This means that no business was allowed to be transacted.
- The business of the Association must be transacted and the reduction of the quorum is the only way of achieving this.
- Using 2010 as a guide each meeting needed 70 members present.
- The proposal is to reduce this to a figure of 56 to allow the business of the Association to be transacted.

**DISCUSSION**

- Jim Nicolou- Against You make the meeting exciting enough to make people want to come. Not reduce the quorum
- Jeff McGeorge- when I joined this Ass we have 70 members. It is impossible to get all juniors here due to transport issues. We need to get the business of the Association must be conducted, we need to reduce the Quorum. By all means
- Peter Kimpton- I think we need to look at how we calculate our membership numbers.

**Motion lost**

**6.5 PART I PRELIMINARY – 1 INTERPRETATION**

Add The Following at (v)

**(c) OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- (i) Our aim is to recruit, retain and continuously develop qualified referees to meet the current and future needs of the game. We wish to raise the quality, status and benefits of refereeing, for the good of Members and in the interests of the game of football.

**Amendment**

- The current constitution as drafted does not include a statement at the start of the constitution to detail our aim or objective. This is proposed to be inserted and is the current wording that is used from our website.
- Move to remove the word "sufficient" from the motion

**Amendment carried**

**Motion carried**

**6.6 PART I PRELIMINARY – 1 INTERPRETATION**

(a) (ii) the sixth bullet point reads:

- "the Association" means the Granville District Soccer Referee's Association

Amend this to one of the Following

A Football Referees Granville & Districts Inc

B Granville District Football Referees Association Inc

NOTE: (reflects football only and no soccer reference)

C Granville & Districts Soccer Football Referees Association Inc

NOTE: (aligns the referees association name exactly with the football association but for the referees part)

D Football Referees Western Sydney Inc

NOTE: (this would be a major change but would better reflect the geographic nature of our association)

**REASON:**

- This change reflects common wording for many associations and entities these days such as Football NSW, Football Federation Australia. Other entities such as Tennis Australia and Netball NSW all take the name of what they do first.
- This change will assist in re-identifying the association. Whilst every respect is given to the current name and its long history, the current name can at time be considered old and tired and out-of-date and not in keeping with the modern game. As we have just passed our 100 years 2 years ago, it seems like a worthwhile time to make the transition to a new name.
- There would be little cost to the association to change the name. There is one major issue and that is the history of the current name and badges being issued. It would seem appropriate that we continue with the current name as a trading name for a period if not a period of say, 10 years whilst a full transition is made

over this time and every intention would be to register the appropriate trading name with the Office of Fair Trading to maintain the history of the previous name as required.

Motion Granville District Football Referee Association Inc

Steve Coutney – Discussion

Steve Prattent - I see no reason to change our name as it's been a part of us for so long. We still call out national team "The Socceros" Why should we change because of pressure from above.

Charlie Ozcelik – Everywhere in the world the game is called football. It needs to change.

Motion to delete A C & D carried

Motion to change name to Granville District Football Referee Association Inc. Carried.

#### 6.7 PART I PRELIMINARY – 1 INTERPRETATION

(b) (iv) the fourth bullet point reads:

- A.A.S.R.F. Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees Federation (NSW Division);

Amend this to the Following

N.S.W.S.L.F.R NSW State League Football Referees

REASON:

- Reflect in our constitution the current name of the body for state league matches. This is the referees group that members may join if they move beyond community level football.  
Withdraw the above motion.

Motion carried

#### 6.8 PART II MEMBERSHIP – 3 NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Part II (3) (a) (ii) Insert at the end of the line "together with the current membership fee." This will read:

- shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Association together with the current membership fee.

AND

Delete Part II (3) (c) and replace with

- Where the Committee determines to approve a nomination for membership, the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after that determination, notify the member by issuing a membership certificate. Such certificate is to be approved by the Association Management Committee from time-to-time. The certificate shall remain the property of the association and shall be returned when a member ceases their membership.

REASON:

- This amendment would better reflect current practice that a member completes their form and provides their fee with the form and this is only practical to do so for all purposes. A further requirement is made that GDSRA issues a certificate which is seen as more professional.
- The certificate wording is open for being deleted from the wording

Motion carried

#### 6.9 *Consequent on amendment 6.8 being passed*

Delete Part II (3) (d) and insert

- The Secretary shall, upon issuing the certificate referred to in clause (3) within the period referred to in that clause, enter the nominee's name in the register of members, and upon being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the Association

Reason:

- Little discussion required as this simple ensure a flow from Amendment 5.8 if carried.

Motion carried

#### 6.10 *Consequent on amendment 5.2 not being passed*

Part III (13) (d) & also

Alter the name listed to read Education and Examination Sub-Committee

Reason:

- It currently reads in reverse and is inconsistent with the way other parts of the constitution read. Perhaps it should be this way. Then if this is so the position of Chairman of the E&ESC at 14.a.viii is not correct.

WITHDRAWN

6.11 By law 17 be amended to read as follows:

- Prospective members shall be turning as least 13 years of age in the current calendar year to attend a referees' course, and be no younger than 13 years to be appointed to competition matches.

Reason:

- This is to update for the agreement of the members in 2009 to follow the direction from Football NSW that members be accepted and be able to referee at the age of 13. Whilst a number of members may prefer an older entry age, current Football NSW requirements direct the age to be 13 and so this is to match our

constitution in with the agreement made by members in general meeting for the age to be followed and to be amended at a later AGM.

John Kemp: You must have turned 13 before officiating. It would be a waste of time for someone to do the course at 12 and not be turning 13 until after the season finishes.

Motion carried (Dee Jonsson abstained from voting on this point.)

#### 6.12 New wording - Insert at 14 (d) (iv)

- Assessment & Mentoring Co-ordinator

#### Reason:

- The A&MC has been heavily discussed who and how they report to within GDSRA. Is it to the MC and is this skipping valuable information that they should receive, or, should it be to the MC

Motion removed by James.

- This change ensure that the A&MC reports to and works closely with the E&ESC to ensure procedural administration matters are taken care of for assessments and mentoring.
- Motion withdrawn

#### 6.13 By-Laws 13 - Amend to read:

- Members must ensure the team sheets are properly completed and returned. Members, who fail to do so and on being notified of this by the Football association, shall be fined the greater of 20% of the match fee or any fine received from the football association.
- Confirmation of the details of the games is to be returned to GDSRA to enable club invoicing as per the current system requirements for the season.
- AMENDMENT CARRIED.
- Reason:
- The current wording of this by-law is out of date and this updates and accords with current understanding of how this by-law should read.

#### Discussion

- Brett Hunt: against any punitive measure in relation to teamsheets
- John Higgins- point of clarification.

Motion : Lost

#### 6.14 By-Laws 26 - Delete and replace with:

- Members shall lodge a completed request for payment as determined by the committee with the Treasurer no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month for the previous month's games, detailing games they officiated on. This is to enable checking off of games for billing purposes and to ensure the association maintains accurate records of match officials. Completed requests may include online checking using the appointments software.

#### Reason:

- Updates this by-law to read more accurately what is being done.

Motion carried

#### 6.15 Currently, this part f the Constirutions reads:

### **PART III THE COMMITTEES**

#### **14. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP**

(a) The Appointments Sub-Committee shall consist of -

(i) The Appointments Officer,

(ii) Three (3) Senior Certificated Members.

Amend (ii) to read:

- Three (3) Members.

#### Reason:

- To accommodate with the ever changing demands placed for availability, and there with the introductioun of an Appointments Officer to the Committee, there is no longer a need for sub-committee members to be a Class 2 Theory to appoint members.

#### DISCUSSION

- Ben Sansom: It gives someone else an opportunity
- Keiran Fisher: The point of the role is to assist the AO with appointbments.
- Soheil Adabjou: By removing that extra requirement youwould get the bodies to assist.
- Stephen Courtney: It is very important for the Appt team to have experience and qualifications.
- Not just there for the numbers. This is a reason to encourage upgrades

Motion: Lost.

#### **7. Presentation of the following awards and Certificates:**

7.1 Berle, Mair, Newhouse Trophy = Ben Sansom

- Awarded to the Junior Member who, in the opinion of the Committee, makes the greatest progress in their refereeing during the current season
- 7.2 The Presidents Award = Daniel Castillo
- Presented to the Junior Member who, in the opinion of the Committee has performed admirably during the season in his / her first year of membership
- 7.3 The Arthur White Award = James Dolahenty
- Presented to the Senior Member who, in the opinion of the Committee has performed admirably during the season.
- 7.4 The Harry Berle Members' Award = Nick Backo
- Presented to the Member who, in the opinion of the majority of members has performed admirably during the season.
- 7.5 Commemorate Membership Year Certificate and Badge:
- Barry Fairley 30 Years
  - Wilfried Filipczyk 30 Years
  - Dennis Grace 30 Years
  - John Kemp 30 Years
  - Joseph Rovella 30 Years
  - Philip Thomas 20 Years
  - Rickard Baker 15 Years
  - Ian Bertan 10 Years
  - James Malcolm 10 Years
  - David Birtles 10 Years
  - Paul Dahlberg 10 Years
- 7.6 If present, 2009 certificates will also be presented to:
- Saed Antaky – Christopher Charlton – Larry Jenkins, and Antonio Terilli
- 7.7 Football Federation Australia Referee Training Program Certificate – Level 1 =
- James Dolahenty
- 7.8 Football Federation Australia Referee Training Program Certificate – Level 2
- Dee Jonsson
  - Stephen Prattent
- 7.9 If present, 2009 Football Federation Australia Referee Training Program Certificates will also be presented to: David Berjaoui - Amy Bowyer - Hayden Capewell - Paul Costi - Dean Crafter
- 7.10 Football Federation Australia Referee Training Program Certificate – Level 3
- Nada Bounassif
  - Kieran Fisher
  - Craig Ford
  - Don Jordan
  - Anthony Pope
  - Robert Ryan
  - Deniz Ulutas
8. To declare all Offices, except the Secretary and Treasurer vacant, elect Returning Officers and Scrutineers.
9. Elections and where appropriate nominations of Office-Bearers and Official Members

POSITION	NOMINATIONS	DECISION
Appointment Officer	Lengthly discussion cirounding filling role as casual vanancy. Accepted to call for nominations: 8 Elliot Moretti – Declines 9 John Kemp =- Declines 10 Stephen Courtney – Declines 11 Dee Jonsson – Declines 12 Joseph Rovella - Accepts	Joseph Rovella Elected
Chairman Examination & Education Sub-Committee	Lun Nielsen	Elected
Assistant Secretary	Simon Ford	Elected to 2012
President	Lengthly discussion. Accepted to call for nominations: 13 Nick Backo – Declines 14 John Gates - Declines 15 John Kemp =- Declines 16 Jin Nicalaou – Declines 17 Brett Hunt – Accepts 18 Lyn Nielsen – Accepts	Lyn Nielsen Elected by Ballot to 2012

	19 Jeff McGeorge - Declines Joseph Rovella - Accepts	
Vice President	Amanda Davis	Elected
Ordinary Member (Junior)	Ben Sansom	Elected
Ordinary Member (Senior)	Amanda Davis	Elected
Appointments Sub-Committee (3)	Joseph Rovella, Nominations called for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keiran Fisher – Accepts</li> <li>• John Gates - Declines</li> <li>• John-Jack Rooney - Accepts</li> </ul>	Kieran Fisher, John-Jack Rooney & Joseph Rovella, Elected
Equipment Officer	Nominations called for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Prattent - Declines</li> <li>• Charles Ozcelik – Accepts</li> <li>• Brett Hunt - Declines</li> </ul>	Elected
Examination & Education Sub-Committee (4)	Nominations called for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Backo – Accepts</li> <li>• Steve Prattent – Accepts</li> <li>• Steve Payne – Accepts</li> <li>• Ryan Pigram – Accepts</li> <li>• Jim Nicalaou – Declines</li> <li>• Wilf Filipczyk – Declines</li> <li>• Ben Samsom – Declines (not Class 2 theory)</li> </ul>	Nick Backo – Steve Prattent – Steve Payne – & Ryan Pigram Elected
G&DSFA General Meetings	Nominations called: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Gates – Accepts</li> <li>• Ben Samsom – Accepts, but then declines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Levvell – Accepts</li> <li>• Steve Crowe - Declines</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	John Gates & John Levvell Elected
G&DSFA Judiciary Committee (2)	Nominations called: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elliott Moretti – Accepts</li> <li>• John-Jack Rooney - Accepts</li> </ul>	Elliott Moretti & John-Jack Elected
Liaison Officer	Brooke Payne	Elected
RAG (Football NSW)	Leave to Committee	

10. To discuss and set membership fees for the 2011 season
- 10.1 Current fee is Seniors \$ 75.00 & Juniors \$55.00
- 10.2 No inactive membership fee.
- 10.3 \$22.00 Accreditation fee to be deducted out of match fees as required.
- 10.4 Recommended fee be Senior \$95 & Junior \$75

**Motion:**

- Fee remain same as for 2011 and \$22 accreditation be invoiced to member as required

**CARRIED**

11. To discuss and set the Levy the 2011 season
- 11.1 Motion: Levy set at maximum 10%. Lost
- 11.2 Motion: Levey set at a maximum of 7.5% Carried.
12. General Business of an urgent nature.
- 12.1 Discussion on balance of the GDSFA Admin levy of \$12,000. Members request Committee to push for payment.

Meeting closed at 11pm.