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Minutes of 2012 Adjourned
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 1st November 2012

Meeting Opened 7.30pm

No Quorum at meeting opening, meeting adjorned to 8pm

1. To receive apologies for non-attendance; As per attendance sheet
2. The President asked that the Assistant Secretary who was standing down be allowed to continue to take the minutes for the duration of the meeting, all in agreement.
3. 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.

   Motion that Reports as tabled in the Annual Report be accepted

   Moved B Payne

   Seconded J McGeorge

   Motion carried on show of hands
4. Consideration of Management Expenses.

   The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Appointments Committee left the room and J McGeorge chaired the meeting. One member proposed that the Honorariums be increased however the general mood was against this. One member reminded the meeting that the Honorariums are a thank you and that they could never truly reflect the actual expenses and time spent doing the job and suggested that common sense prevail. After much the discussion the following motion was put to the meeting

   Motion: That the Honorariums remain at $700 for the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Appointments Officer and the Appointments Committee receive $325 each.

   Moved J Kemp

   Seconded J Higgins

   Motion carried on show of hands
5. To receive from the Management Committee for consideration nomination for life membership.

   No Nominations Received
6. To consider 25 alterations, amendments or additions to the Constitution and By-Laws as submitted by the Committee;

Motion 1: To amend Rule - 14. **CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP (a) (vi)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Subject in the case of the first members of the Management Committee to section 21 of the Act, the Management Committee shall consist of:<br><br>(vi) one (1) Ordinary Member who shall be 25 years of age or younger | (vi) one (1) Junior Ordinary Member who shall not have attained the age of 25 as at the AGM in which he / she is being nominated | To reflect that the role is for younger members |

Moved J Mc George Seconded B Payne Carried

Motion 2: To amend Rule 14. **CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP (a) (vii)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (a) Subject in the case of the first members of the Management Committee to section 21 of the Act, the Management Committee shall consist of:<br><br>(vii) one (1) Ordinary Member not has any age restriction. | (vii) one (1) Senior Ordinary Member who shall be 25 years of age or older at the AGM in which he / she is being nominated | To reflect that the role is for older members |

Moved J Mc George Seconded B Payne Carried

Motion 3: To amend Rule The Committee – 13. **POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS (g) (2)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The Committee as defined both hereinbefore and hereinafter will also include the Management Committee.<br>(g) OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br>The official members of the Association shall be:-<br>(2) Two representatives to the G.D.S.F.A. General Meetings | (2) Two representatives to the G.D.S.F.A. General Meetings if applicable | GDFRA did not affiliated with GDSFA in 2012.<br><br>Should this decision change, by adding the words “if applicable” we can always include these roles without having to call a Special General Meeting.<br><br>It allows flexibility in the event GDFRA does elect to affiliate. |

Motion 4: To amend Rule The Committee – 13. **POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS (g) (3)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The Committee as defined both hereinbefore and hereinafter will also include the Management Committee.<br><br>(g) OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>The official members of the Association shall be:-<br><br>(3) Two representatives to the G.D.S.F.A. General Meetings | (3) Two representatives to the G.D.S.F.A. Judiciary Committee if applicable | GDFRA did not affiliated with GDSFA in 2012.<br><br>G&DSFA no longer has a Judiciary Committee.<br><br>Should this decision change, by adding the words "if applicable" we can always include these roles without having to call a Special General Meeting.<br><br>It allows flexibility in the event GDFRA does elect to affiliate. |

John Kemp suggested we combine Motion 3 & 4,Moved J Kemp Seconded B Payne Carried

John Kemp Suggested we combine motions 5 to 9 Inclusive Carried

Motion 5: To amend Rule The Committee – 13. **POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS (g) (8)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The Committee – 13. POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>(g) OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>The official members of the Association shall be:-<br><br>(8) Branch Coach | Delete | The role is appointed by the Committee from members responding to the expression of interest in filling the role, and presented to members at either a General Meeting or AGM.<br><br>The reason for this is that elsewhere in the constitution, we call for all Official Members for positions for the AGM and to nominate, however, this position is not required to be nominated at the same time or in the same way as AGM nominations. |

Motion 6: To amend Rule The Committee – 13. **POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS (g) (9)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The Committee – 13. POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>(g) OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>The official members of the Association shall be:-<br><br>(9) Webmaster | Delete | The role is appointed by the Committee from members responding to the expression of interest in filling the role, and presented to members at either a General Meeting or AGM.<br><br>The reason for this is that elsewhere in the constitution, we call for all Official Members for positions for the AGM and to nominate, however, this position is not required to be nominated at the same time or in the same way as AGM |

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| | | nominations. |

Motion 7: To amend Rule The Committee – 13. **POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS (g) (10)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The Committee – 13. POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>(g) OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>The official members of the Association shall be:-<br><br>(10) Delegate to FNSW | Delete | As the role requires a "decision maker", best filled by the President / Secretary. This has been the case since 2008, because the role could not be filled |

Motion 8: To amend Rule The Committee – 13. **POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS (g) (11)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The Committee – 13. POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>(g) Official Members<br><br>The official members of the Association shall be:-<br><br>(11) Nominee to FNSW Referee Standing Committee | Delete | The role is open to any member of any Referee's Organisation, but required endorsement of the Committee. The role is also only available every two years. More appropriate to make it known to members when it becomes available and for the nomination / endorsement process to take place then. |

Motion 9: To amend Rule The Committee – 13. **POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS (g) (12)**:

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The Committee – 13. POWERS, ETC, OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS<br><br>(g) Official Members<br><br>The official members of the Association shall be:-<br><br>(12) Assessment and Mentoring Coordinator | Delete | The role is appointed by the Committee from members responding to the expression of interest in filling the role, and presented to members at either a General Meeting or AGM.<br><br>The reason for this is that elsewhere in the constitution, we call for all Official Members for positions for the AGM and to nominate, however, this position is not required to be nominated at the same time or in the same way as AGM nominations. |

Moved J Kemp Seconded J Van Bruissen Carried

J Kemp moved that we combine Motions 10 to 17 combined

Motion 10: To amend Rule: **PRELIMINARY 1. INTERPRETATION (a) (ii)**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (ii) - (7th bullet point)<br><br>"Senior Certificated Referee" shall mean a member who has attained the Class 2 Theory Certificate; | Delete | Concept of Senior Certificated Members no longer fits within The Australian Officiating Development Schedule introduced in January 2012. |

Motion 11: To amend Rule: **PRELIMINARY 1. INTERPRETATION (b) (iv**)

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (iv) - Where the following abbreviations occur throughout these Rules, they shall have the following meanings. | Add a new meaning:<br><br>➢ AODS The Australian Officiating Development Schedule introduced by Football Federation Australia in January 2012 | The AODS is the foundation document for match officiating in Australia. It represents the only match official accreditation system recognised by Football Federation Australia (FFA) and its use is mandatory throughout Australia. |

Motion 12: To amend Rule: **PRELIMINARY 1. INTERPRETATION (b) (iv)**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (iv) - Where the following abbreviations occur throughout these Rules, they shall have the following meanings. | Add a new meaning:<br><br>➢ FFA Football Federation Australia | To recognise the governing body of Football in Australia. |

Motion 13: To amend Rule: 14**. Constitution and Membership (c) (ii)**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (c) The Appointments Sub-Committee shall consist of -<br>(ii) Three (3) Senior Certificated Members. | Delete and replace with:<br>(ii) Three (3) Members who hold Level 2 Senior (Theory) in accordance with the AODS, or held what was known as Class 2 theory before the introduction of The AODS introduced in January 2012. | Concept of Senior Certificated Members no longer fits within The Australian Officiating Development Schedule introduced in January 2012.<br>The Committee however, needs to acknowledge concept of recognised prior learning. |

Motion 14: To amend Rule: 14. **Constitution and Membership (d) (ii)**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (d) (ii) Four (4) Senior Certificated Members One such member shall be chosen by the sub-committee to act as TSC Secretary, subject to the approval of the Committee. | Delete and replace with:<br>(d) (ii) Three (3) Members who hold Level 2 Senior (Theory) in accordance with the AODS, or held what was known as Class 2 theory before the introduction of The AODS introduced in January 2012. | Concept of Senior Certificated Members no longer fits within The Australian Officiating Development Schedule introduced in January 2012.<br>The Committee however, needs to acknowledge concept of recognised prior learning. |

Motion 15: To amend Rule: 14. **Constitution and Membership (f) (i)**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (f) The Appeals Sub-Committee (no member of which shall have been a member of the Judiciary Sub- Committee which made the determination being appealed) shall consist of:<br>(i) A Senior Certificated Member who is not an office-bearer of the Association | (i) A Member who hold Level 2 Senior (Theory) in accordance with the AODS, or held what was known as Class 2 theory before the introduction of The AODS introduced in January 2012. | Concept of Senior Certificated Members no longer fits within The Australian Officiating Development Schedule introduced in January 2012.<br>The Committee however, needs to acknowledge concept of recognised prior learning. |

Motion 16: To amend Rule**: By-Laws 20**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| 20. The delegate and alternate delegate to the GDSFA Judiciary shall be Senior Certificated Members | 20. A Member who hold Level 2 Senior (Theory) in accordance with the AODS, or held what was known as Class 2 theory before the introduction of The AODS introduced in January 2012. | Concept of Senior Certificated Members no longer fits within The Australian Officiating Development Schedule introduced in January 2012.<br><br>The Committee however, needs to acknowledge concept of recognised prior learning. |

Motion 17: To amend Rule: By-Laws **APPENDIX "1" POSITION DESCRIPTION - BRANCH COACH**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| **APPENDIX "1" POSITION DESCRIPTION - BRANCH COACH**<br><br>1. Requirements:<br><br>1.1 Full Class 1 (minimum 5 years' experience as Class 1 Referee.)<br><br>1.3 Level 1 Match Inspector (Any upgrade to be completed when invited) | Amend to read:<br><br>1.1 Level 1 Elite (Theory) and/or Level 1 Elite in accordance with the AODS or Class 1 Theory (known as Class 1 theory before the introduction of AODS. | The role is appointed by the Committee from members responding to the expression of interest in filling the role, and presented to members at either a General Meeting or AGM.<br><br>The reason for this is that elsewhere in the constitution, we call for all Official Members for positions for the AGM and to nominate, however, this position is not required to be nominated at the same time or in the same way as AGM nominations.<br><br>Concept of Class 1 (Theory) no longer fits within The Australian Officiating Development Schedule introduced in January 2012.<br><br>The Committee however, needs to acknowledge concept of recognised prior learning. |

Motions 10 to 17 inclusive Moved J Kemp Seconded S Ford Carried

Motion 18: To amend Rule: **PRELIMINARY 1. INTERPRETATION** (b) (iv)

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (iv) - Where the following abbreviations occur throughout these Rules, they shall have the following meanings. | Add a new meaning:<br>➢ Financial Year<br>The financial year of the Association shall be 1st October to 30th September in each calendar year. | To recognise the financial obligations of the Association in setting a financial year. |

Moved J Kemp Seconded J McGeorge Carried

Motion 19: To amend Rule: **To amend Rule: 33 PROCEDURE (b) and (d)**)

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (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.<br><br>(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 to read:<br><br>(b) 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.<br><br>(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 fifteen per cent (15%)) shall constitute a quorum. | To recognise the obligations of the Association to transact business.<br><br>To recognise the lifestyle of members in not being able to attend meetings leaving the Association short of a quorum and thus not able to transact any business.<br><br>The average number of members attending meetings in 2011 was 63.<br><br>The average number of members attending meetings in 2012 was 65.<br><br>We only reached a quorum in May and August.<br><br>We introduced several “Education only” meetings which had little effect on increasing numbers.<br><br>Even the numbers attending the Junior sessions fell.<br><br>25% of membership is 69 members.<br><br>20% of membership is 55 members.<br><br>If we are to be allowed to transact business, this changes needs to be approved. |

An alternative motion that the quorum be reduced to 10 was defeated Original motion was moved
Moved J McGeorge Seconded M Welsh Carried

J Kemp moved that we combine Motions 20 to 24 Inclusive carried

Motion 20: To an additional item as number 25 in the **By-Laws**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| There is no current wording. | 25. Harry Berle Members' Award - Presented to the Member who, in the opinion of the majority of members has performed admirably during the season. | Allows members to recognise another member who performed admirably during the season. |

Motion 21: To an additional item as number 26 in the **By-Laws**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| There is no current wording. | 26. Charles Yendle Award – Presented to the member who, in the opinion of the Committee made an outstanding contribution in the area of Assessment, Mentoring and Development. | To recognise members who make an outstanding contribution to the Association and its members. |

Motion 22: To an additional item as number 27 in the **By-Laws**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| There is no current wording. | 27. Fred Batts Assistant Referees' Award - Presented to the member who, in the opinion of the Committee makes the greatest progress as an assistant referee during the current season. | To recognisethe members who perform admirably during the season as an assistant referee. |

Motion 23: To an additional item as number 28 in the **By-Laws**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| There is no current wording. | 28. Philip Thomas Shield - Awarded to the junior member with the highest number of officiated games. | To recognise members who make an outstanding contribution to the Association. |

Motion 24: To an additional item as number 29 in the **By-Laws**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| There is no current wording. | 29. Geffory Faulder Shield - Awarded to the senior member with the highest number of officiated games. | To recognise members who make an outstanding contribution to the Association. |

Motion 20 to 24 inclusive Moved J Kemp Seconded K Fisher Carried

Motion 25: Depending on Motions 20; 21; 22; 23; and 24 being adopted, then renumber existing numbers 25 and 26 in the **By-Laws**

| Current Wording | Proposed Change | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| 25. Members who fail to attend at least three General Meetings of the Association prior to commencement of the GDSFA final series shall not be appointed to final series centres and other end of season honour games. Satisfactory apologies, such as fulfilling an approved appointment or duty on behalf of the Association on the night of a meeting, shall be deemed as attending for the purposes of this by-law.<br>26. Members shall lodge a completed request for payment as determined by the committee with the Treasurer no later than the 5th 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. | 30.<br>31. | This will only apply if Motions 20 to 24 are adopted.<br>If so this is nothing more than a request to renumber existing wording to accommodate changes in the By-Laws. |

J Kemp moved that 56 & 26 be combined carried

Motion 25 & 26 combined moved J Nicolau Seconded M Welsh

6.10 Presentation of Commemorate Membership Year Certificate and Badge:

- Deniz Ulutas 10 Years

7. To declare all Offices, except the Secretary and Treasurer vacant, and if required elect Returning Officers and Scrutineers. J Mc George chaired elections, J Kemp and G Leverton scrutineers

The President asked that the Assistant Secretary who was standing down be allowed to continue to take the minutes for the duration of the meeting, all in agreement.

8. Elections and where appropriate nominations of Office-Bearers and Official Members:

| Position | Nominee(s) | Ballot Required | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appointment Officer | | | **MC to fill** |
| Assistant Secretary | K Fisher (from Floor) | | **K Fisher** |
| Chairman Technical Sub-Committee | Steven Payne | | **Elected** |
| Ordinary Member (Junior) | Emma Higgins<br>Brett Lorimer<br>Keith Yau | **Yes** | **B Lorimer** |
| Ordinary Member (Senior) | Amanda Davis<br>Simon Ford<br>Bradley Mitchell | **Yes**<br>**S Ford withdrew** | **A Davis** |
| President | Lyn Nielsen | | **Elected** |
| Vice President | Simon Ford | | **Elected** |
| Appointment Sub-Committee (3) | Joseph Rovella<br>Lyn Nielsen(from floor) | | **Elected**<br>**Elected** |
| Equipment Officer | Rod McFarlane (from Floor) | | **R McFarlane** |
| Technical Sub-Committee (4) | Nicholas Backo<br>Kieran Fisher<br>S Prattent (from floor)<br>Elliott Moretti (from floor) | | **Elected**<br>**Elected**<br>**Elected**<br>**Elected** |
| GDSFA General Meetings (2) | Not Required | | |
| GDSFA Judiciary Committee (2) | Elliott Moretti (from floor) | | **Elected** |
| Liaison Officer | Emma Higgins | | **Elected** |
| Referees Administration Group | Not Required | | |

9. To discuss and set membership fees for the 2013 season

The Treasurer moved the following motion

Motion: That there be a $5 increase in fees for both Junior and Senior members

Move J Dolahenty

Seconded J van Bruissen

Carried

10. To discuss and set the Levy the 2013 season

Motion: that the levy for 2013 be set at 7.5%

Moved J Kemp

Seconded R Baker

Carried

11. General Business of an urgent nature.

Discussion was held in relation to paying members for mentoring of other members

Motion : That members who are appointed to mentor other members are paid $10.00 per mentoring appointment

Moved J Kemp

Seconded J Van Bruissen

Carried

Motion that the minutes of the 2011 AGM be tabled and accepted

Moved J Mc George

Seconded J Rooney

Presentation of L4 Badges and Certificates

J Kotsiopoulos

C Nash

J Nash

K Rogers

Meeting closed 9.15pm