



GRANVILLE DISTRICT FOOTBALL REFEREES ASSOCIATION Inc.

Association No: Y1061210

Minutes of General Meeting No: 05/2014

Venue: Merrylands Bowling Club

Date: 12 June 2014 Commencing at 7:30pm

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1. **Attendance and Apologies:** As per attendance Register
  
2. **Welcome by President James Dolahenty**
  - 2.1 Welcome to the fifth meeting for the year.
  - 2.2 We have a quorum tonight which is good to see.
  - 2.3 The TSC will be looking after us again tonight.
  
3. Minute's silence – Details of the funeral can be obtained from the President or Secretary if you would like them.
  
4. Presentation by Dale Bromfield as to why he referees
  
5. Presentation by Chris Walsh as to why he referees
  
6. Presentation of the Jeffrey Bolder Shield for the highest number of games officiated in a season – Presented to Paul Elson
  
7. Junior Members
  - 7.1 There have been a few incidents with juniors this season. Senior referees need to ensure they are looking out for our junior members.
  - 7.2 Our expectation is that parents/guardians are at the games but if they cannot be, they need to make arrangements with the referee if there is one at the ground.
  - 7.3 We need to make sure we are looking out for things that are being directed at the juniors. As referees we need to make sure we take action on things you AR tells you. We also need to be mindful that juniors can be a little more fragile and that they may not always call you over to tell you what is being said.
  - 7.4 Brad Mitchell – It is important at the start of a game to give your AR instructions. This way you outline your expectations and find out their expectations as well.
  
8. Assessing and Mentoring Co-
  - 8.1 Feedback so far has been encouraging
  - 8.2 We have covered approximately 7% of 2500 games
  - 8.3 We have received 200 Feedback forms for Referees
  - 8.4 110 have been the old paper forms and 90 have been on the new online form
  - 8.5 Handing out the evaluation forms is a good way for you to introduce yourself to the coaches
  - 8.6 You need to give out either the paper evaluation or the online for at EVERY game. You can find these on the GDFRA website to be able to print and keep them in your bag.
  - 8.7 The same questions are on both the paper form and the online evaluations.
  - 8.8 90% of the feedback received has been either good or very good in the paper evaluations.
  - 8.9 There is not a great deal of difference with the online forms with 80-85% being good or very good. It appears those who use the online forms are happy to be a bit more negative than on the paper form, as the online version allows them the opportunity to say more.
  - 8.10 David Lamb and Michael Weekes have had the highest number of evaluations returned so far this year.
  - 8.11 So far this year we have completed more assessments than we did in 2013. In 2013 we completed 58 assessments and so far in 2014 we have completed 60 assessments.

8.12 Wilf Filipczyk – Does anyone have any copies of the evaluations? I have some but will need some more.

**9. Technical Sub Committee Video presentation on Foul Identification.**

**10. Technical Sub Committee**

10.1 The evaluations have highlighted 2 areas where we seem to have some difficulties in consistency. These are when to apply advantage and handball.

10.2 With advantage we are either not attempting to play advantage or we just continue on because the team player kept possession. When determining to apply advantage we need to look for the following

1. **Did they keep possession**
2. **Do they have opportunity**
3. **Their position on the field**
4. **The severity of the incident**

**If the answer to these questions is NO then award a free kick**

10.3 Peter Mosey – We can still use the three second interpretation? Kieran Fisher - If you haven't called advantage you can go back to the free kick, but if you have called advantage you can't go back.

10.4 Always use both you voice and hand signals. "Advantage/Play On" in a clear loud voice along with both arms in front of you to indicate the advantage.

10.5 Handball – Look for the distance between the two players, is there intention? Did the hand move to the ball? Are they trying to get out of the way?

10.6 If it is not deliberate/accidental say "No" there is no foul. If it is deliberate it is then a direct free kick. ALL handball offences are direct or penalty kicks.

10.7 Lastly welcome to those new members who have attended tonight.

**11. Presentation of Certificates**

**11.1 Introduction to Football First Aid**

- Dale Bromfield
- Tushar Dhar
- James Dolahenty
- Kevin Haynes
- Emma Higgins
- John Kemp
- Brad Mitchell
- Patrick Mitchell
- James Nicolou
- Kent Rogers
- Greg Sheath
- Mauro Vicaretti

**11.2 Level 3 Adult Referee**

- Michael Wu

**11.3 GDFRA Badge**

- Nicholas Walker
- Declan Broderick
- Nicholas Button

**11.4 Certificates**

- Clement Sheraton

- Steven Sarlong

### **11.5 10 Year Service Badge**

- Paul Elson

## **12. Judiciary Sub Committee**

- 12.1 As at Round 8 there have been 108 send offs and 1200 cautions
- 12.2 Reports for the most part have been on time and have been written well. We have had a few that are mixed up between what is a send-off report and what is an incident report. There have also been a couple that have had player FFA numbers but no names. It is a requirement that you must have both on your send off reports.
- 12.3 I was at a GDFRA meeting and a couple of things have been brought up. It has been decided that only referees officially appointed by GDFRA re entitled to wear their uniform. This has been decided by the clubs and clubs will be reporting to GDFRA if this is not happening.
- 12.4 Rod Hopkins – If we get approval can we wear our uniform? John Kemp – If you get approval this means you have been appointed. This is directed at officials who do games without GDFRA approval. Rod Hopkins – What constitutes approval? John Kemp – When the appointments officer of person you have called has said yes you can do the game.
- 12.5 James Dolahenty – We have one club who want to do their own games. Our view is that this isn't a good thing because they could be doing games they are not ready to be doing.
- 12.6 GDFRA currently supply a black bib to clubs that say Club Official. The clubs will be issued more of these.
- 12.7 Kevin Haines has advised he is concerned with the number of incidents where players are only being cautioned for foul and abusive language and racial comments. Two examples of this are players stating – “You are fling useless ‘or “You are fing ruining this game” These players are showing a disregard for the uniform you are wearing. If the committee finds out you have only issued a caution you may find yourself not refereeing for a while. Any racial comment is a Red Card offense.
- 12.8 Another thing raise is Law 5 – The Authority of the Referee – *Point 8 stops the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that he is removed from the field of play. An injured player may only return to the field of play after the match has restarted.* The number of times a player goes down injured and play continues is rising. If a player is injured stop the game. You do not need to insist that the ball goes out before stopping. If it is a head clash you must stop the game immediately. Restart with a drop ball. Use your player management skills to restore the ball to the team who had it when play was stopped for the injury.

## **13. Senior Ordinary Member**

- 13.1 I would like to thank the two groups of referees who participated in the Football 4 All tournament at Valentine Park and the Pink Ribbon Gala day at Pendle Hill. We had 6 referees attend the Football 4 All and 3 attend the Pink Ribbon Gala Day. Well done to all who attended.

## **14. Treasurer:**

- 14.1 I will not be paying referees unless they have checked off all their games.
- 14.2 I will be making a payment for 1 May to 1 June next week sometime.
- 14.3 Remember to check off your games

## **15. Equipment Officer**

- 15.1 I have a large amount of orders here tonight. I will be going away for 3 ½ weeks. Any order can be placed and collected by the weekend, or I can post them out. After this weekend it will have to wait until I get back.

16. General Business
- 16.1 Peter Mosey – With the injured players do they have to leave the field? Joseph Rovella – Consistency that is the law so they have to leave the field. Most grades have interchange, they can be changed straight away, but they must go off. We are better off all being consistent and doing it the right way. The minute the trainer comes onto the field the player has to leave. Kieran Fisher – If you do not authorise the trainer coming onto the field, give them a verbal warning and make the player leave the field as well.
- 16.2 Wilf Filipczyk – Are we still getting the minutes sent out? Can they be printed for me?
- 16.3 Remember to start the morning games on time or cut the game down so the afternoon games are running on time.
- 16.4 Chris Walsh – What if you have delays in your game? You have an injury and need to call an ambulance and the next game is going to be late? Kent Rogers – There was a 3pm game at Burnie Mullane that kicked off 45 minutes late because they were waiting for an ambulance in the game before and then continued the game Can you abandon the first game as there is no injury time?. John Kemp – That is easy, GDFA do not allow for injury time. If it is a major injury it is up to the referee. If they have been moved from the field you can shorten the game if it is in the first half, if it is in the second half, abandon the game put in a report and make sure you write on the team sheet that the game was abandoned due to injury and GDFA will decide what happens with the game.
- 16.5 AMC – I am still looking for people who would like to mentor or coach others and thank everyone for participating.
17. Meeting Closed 9.41pm. Next meeting – 17 July 2014 7.30pm – Oxford Room Merrylands Bowls Club.