



**7pm Session 1**  
**Jarryd McFarland will present Junior Members an array of information specifically designed for them.**

**Members 19 and over are requested not to enter the room until 7.30pm.**

## **Section 2**

- Secretary advised that the acting president would not be attending due to a personal commitment. He called for nominations for a chair for this meeting. John Kemp was nominated by Stephen Prattent. Seconded in multiple places. Carried.

### **New Members will introduce themselves**

- Christian Di Noso (from Chile).

## **Session 3**

### **Review and adoption of the Draft Minutes of the March General Meeting, including business arising**

- Consideration of the Minutes of the March members meeting (held on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 before the annual seminar).
- Move as a true record: Geoff Levell. Seconded: Trent Kiner.
- JN (Jim Nicolaou) suggests corrections to 5.4
  - a) That it should read "JN" (for him) rather than the current "JV".
  - b) That to accurately reflect his comments it should read "... if the GDFRA MC, a committee the GDFRA members have voted to lead them , together with FNSW and GDSFA, have agreed on a structure ? There should be no more discussion on the structure. Try it for 12 months and review."
- Stephen Tonkiss notes a correction to his comments in 4.1.3 (when he addressed the March meeting as the GDSFA Director of Referees). It should read ".who then reports to the judiciary" (not "to the DOR" as printed).
- Minutes carried as a true record with corrections.
- Matters arising :
- Dee Jonsson complains about "the delay in the production of the minutes. We only received them shortly before this meeting".
- The Chair responds that the questions suggests a double standard since Ms Jonsson is a director of the GDSFA and there were no minutes of the 5 meetings of the GDSFA held in 2014 posted on the website until October 2014. Furthermore, it is known that the GDSFA have had a meeting in March 2015 but the last minutes available on their website are from the Feb 2015 meeting.

## **Session 4**

### **Technical Sub-Committee - Education**

- TSC Chair Steve Prattent presented sessions on Preparation, Match Control and Signaling using new training material recently received from FFA. Members were engaged and discussions constructive. Members apparently appreciated the presentation made by Steve, and found the content helpful.

**NOTE: Further comment on March minutes**

- The chair John Kemp then apologized to the meeting for returning to a previous agenda item but indicated that he had one further comment he wanted to make arising from the minutes of the March meeting. He explained that although 4.11.1 accurately *reported* the answer of the GDSFA DOR Steve Tonkiss, nevertheless the statement that “GDFRA is not a volunteer organisation” was inaccurate. The chair commented that we are both officially a volunteer organisation from the point of view of the Tax Office, relevant legislation applying to associations etc, and that we provide a *service*, but we are *not* contractors.”

**Session 5**

- **General business items from Committee/Official Members:**
- **Secretary** - The secretary spoke to the meeting about the tragic situation of the death of a player during the O35/4s Dundas match the previous Saturday. He spoke of the sympathy that we had officially expressed and used the occasion to remind members to generally err on the side of caution with on-field injuries.
- **Appointment** - There will be no games this coming weekend. All games are washed out due to the heavy rain. They will be played over the course of Sundays and mid-week games. If there any issues, please contact the secretary. There are State cup games on Sundays. Please make yourself available on Sundays if possible.
- **Technical Sub-Committee;**
- There will likely be a Level 3 course in cooperation with Nepean Referees Group shortly. We will advise members once we have details.
- Members’ rankings have been reviewed and the updated current rankings entered in Arbiter on each member’s profile page. Contact the TSC Chair if any queries.
- The Assessment and Mentoring Coordinator encouraged senior members to formally make themselves available to mentor junior members.
- **Senior Ordinary Members** - Dale introduced himself for the benefit of any members who did not know him and explained his role. He reminded members that they should come to him with any general queries or concerns and that Facebook was not the appropriate forum to raise any contentious matters.

**NOTE: Filling of extra positions on the TSC**

- 2 nominations have been received so far for the extra positions on the TSC created at last year’s AGM. They are Brad Mitchell and Soheil Adabjou.
- The secretary called for any further nominations from the floor of the meeting. None were forthcoming.
- The meeting confirmed Brad and Soheil as members of the TSC.
- **Treasurer** - Informed the meeting of the current financial position. Good news was that all outstanding amounts due from clubs had been paid. Our Debtors ledger of overdue amounts was now nil, and involved no write-offs to achieve that status.

**General Business**

- Wilf informed the meeting the public toilet at Guildford West Sports ground was in an appalling state during his recent appointment at that ground. The secretary agreed to bring the matter to the attention of Fairfield Council.
- Someone asked a question of the Treasurer following his comment that all past debts had been collected, as to what the procedure would be in the future if clubs fell into arrears on match payments or become unfinancial. The Secretary responded that the FA has agreed that we should approach Jim Mooreland (the GDSFA Executive Manager) for assistance should such a situation occur.

- Steven Tonkiss asked whether we had received any assistance from the FA in the clearing of the past debts (as explained by the Treasurer). The Chair ruled that the question was irrelevant to the matters at hand.
- Steve Tonkiss also asked a question about doing extra games (agreed with a member of the ASC on the day) and whether these should show in Arbiter. The AO assured him that they should and that he would investigate why the specific game Steve had referred to might not be showing.
- Soheil Adabjou asked a question “to those on the sub-committee working with the FA DOR.”: “As an organisation we have a written Ranking Policy (running to multiple pages and applied by the TSC), and an Appointments Policy (running to 5 pages and applied by the Appointments sub-committee), is there a formal document containing the Appointments policy of the DOR?”
  - The AO suggested that there was not “an equivalent document to our formal policies”.
  - The Assistant secretary noted that there was a single-page email from the DOR that seemed to contain the key points that the DOR was wanting to be implemented.
  - Soheil suggested that the DOR, being present at the meeting, could provide some clarification.
  - Steve Tonkiss advised the meeting that he “was unable to speak as the DOR as (he) was not invited to the meeting as the DOR.” “I’m just here as a referee”.
- Soheil then asked a supplementary question given the circumstances “Is there a meeting scheduled with the DOR to resolve the differences between the DOR’s policy and our policy?”
  - The assistant secretary responded “I am not aware of any such meeting currently planned”.
  - Jim Nicolaou suggested that such a meeting should be planned ASAP as the current situation “looks confusing.”

## **Session 6**

### **Drawing of the raffle**

- The members’ raffle was held.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm

Next meeting: Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7pm for Junior Members and 7.30pm