

GRANVILLE DISTRICT FOOTBALL REFEREES ASSOCIATION Inc.

Association No: Y1061210

Minutes of General Meeting No: 03/2011

Venue: Merrylands Bowling Club

Date: 7th April 2011 commencing at approximately 7:30pm



1. **Attendance and Apologies:** As per attendance sheet
2. **Branch Coach**
 - 2.1 Start of season this week so remember to hand out your evaluation sheets and enjoy yourself
 - 2.2 Again please do not discuss other referees and referring matter on Facebook, Twitter or other forums
3. **Examination & Educations Subcommittee**
 - 3.1 Held four fitness tests so far. Thank you for the members who assisted Lyn last Tuesday night, Amanda, Keiran, Ben and Richard Baker and Richard Clark.
 - 3.2 There will be two more Fitness tests at Greystanes Sport Complex on 12/4 & 19/4 @ 6.00pm
 - 3.3 Reaccreditation for refs from 2007 and before to be reaccredited with FFA. Need Log Books over 12 months of games from Arbiter signed by Charlie. Assessment and meeting should be in Log books.
 - 3.4 Questions were asked about Dual members and answer was that higher level eg State league has precedence. Test takes about half an hour. Cost is \$22.00 covered by Assn
4. **Mentoring & Assessing Activities**
 - 4.1 KF had the mentoring meeting Monday with 15 in attendance. If you are still interested please see KF after meeting.
 - 4.2 Hopefully get to as many new members as soon as possible
5. **Webmaster**
 - 5.1 You will notice that the website not only has a new look and feel but also a new name – Granville District Football Referees Association (GDFRA). Whilst a great deal of the site has all ready been converted, there is a great deal of work still to be done and it will be an ongoing work in progress exercise for some time. Your understanding and support is very much appreciated as your webmaster goes about the long task of continuing to convert old pages to the new style and layout.
 - 5.2 Due to the success of Marco Divitale's personal training and fitness services it has been decided to continue this for a few more weeks. The Venue is still Greystanes Sports Ground on Merrylands Road Greystanes, almost opposite Kippax Street. There is only one session from this week on running from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. This will continue until Tuesday 24th May, 2011 but excluding Tuesday 26 April, 2011 which is Anzac day.
 - 5.3 The new 2011 Handbook has been prepared by the secretary and is available on the website. It can be found under the "**Handbook**" section of the web site. Why not take a look so that you understand what is required for the 2011 season. It has some interesting and valuable information. This can be found by clicking on the drop down menu "Members Information". Especially, please note the new Team Sheet!
 - 5.4 Average Statistics for March, 2011 are up some 500 compared with February's figures. Unfortunately, Australia's figures dropped 5% on last month which is very disappointing. This hopefully will increase as the season has just begun and more and more members will be accessing our website. There are still more overseas visitors that our own members. The statistics are as follows:
 - Average hits per hour – 137; Average hits per day – 3,296; Average files per day – 2,512; Average pages per day – 451; Average visits per day – 177; Average Kbytes per day – 110,614;
 - 5.5 Total hits for March, 2011 are as follows:
 - Total hits – 102,195; Total files – 77,895; Total pages – 13,938; Total visits – 5,497; Total Kbytes – 3,429,048;
 - 5.6 "Fitness Guide" was the most visited page, followed by "Ground Locations" "Online Equipment Shop", "2010-2011 Laws of the Game", "History of the Whistle", "Referees Reports", "Committee", "Photo Gallery", "Referee Grades – AODS", "Referee Courses", "Appointments", "Law Questions", "History", "2010 Handbook", "Laws Quiz", "About Us", "Updates", "amendments to the LOTG 2010-2011" and Referee Documents".
 - 5.7 Countries Visiting Our Site (Traffic) in February, 2011 are as follows:
 - Australia – 45.71%; Ireland – 27.31%; Great Britain (UK) – 11.28%; United States – 10.82%; Russia – 1.78%; Ukraine – 0.88%; New Zealand – 0.28%; Croatia – 0.27%; Canada – 0.16%; Zimbabwe – 0.16%; Ghana – 0.14%; Netherlands – 0.09%; Germany – 0.08%; Cyprus – 0.07%; China – 0.07%; Romania – 0.06%; Sweden – 0.06%; Italy – 0.05%; South Africa – 0.05%; Israel – 0.05%; Argentina – 0.05%; Singapore – 0.05%; Colombia – 0.04%; Latvia – 0.03%; Norway – 0.03%; Denmark – 0.03%; India – 0.03%
 - 5.8 It is interesting to see that the numbers for Ireland (27,913 hits) and the UK (11,533 hits) are still consistent and 27% and 11% respectively. Of note is that Australia had some 46,714 hits which are up on last month by some 5,225 hits. Whilst our number of hits increased our actually percentage of site use in Australia was down 5%. Hopefully with the season commencing in our part of the world this will increase considerably next month.
6. **FNSW Branch Meeting – April 2011**
 - 6.1 Nil.
7. **GDSFA Judiciary**

- 7.1 If you need help with reports don't be afraid to ask delegates or senior ref be factual and write report in line with the charge/sendoff code, DON'T GIVE OPINION be FACTUAL. State what you saw and paint a picture, use catch phrases, careless, reckless, player injured.
- 7.2 Several send off already for Foul and Abusive language. Remember to indicate what prompted the incident, eg missed kick
8. **Liaison Officer**
- 8.1 We have Easter Eggs and an HAL referee's shirt kindly donated by Kris Griffith-Jones
9. **Equipment Officer**
- 9.1 Will be around to fix up orders.
10. **Minutes of Previous Meeting 01/2011 of 10th February 2011 & 10th March 2011**
Moved: A David / K Fisher
- 10.1 **Matters Arising:**
- Question asked (J Kemp) did we affiliate with Football Body. – Yes, submitted a proposal re intentions, 9 or 10 items, reviewed by Football Body.
 - Question /statement (J Higgins) re 12.5% levy, raised at GM agreed that it was moved at 2009 AGM and voted on 33/6 by clubs. Executive Director did say it would be paid. The new proposal included 10% levy for 2011 along with payment to ref for appearance at Judiciary & GPT. Not received answer yet.
11. **Appointments**
- 11.1 Despite asking the GDSFA and received response, the Administrator needs to add the colour codes to each team name where it is applicable.
- 11.2 will be out late tonight or very early tomorrow.
- 11.3 Do not do school games unless you have approval from Joe or Kieran, need at least 24 hours notice preferably by email to do this games.
12. **Ordinary Members**
- 12.1 Just remember we are here to help so if you need help don't be afraid to ask.
13. **Secretary**
- 13.1 The July Meeting will be held at Castle Hill RSL.
- 13.2 Membership at 220 – Was 264 in 2010
- 13.3 No team sheet walks away from game
- 13.4 No need for second team sheet this season
14. **Treasurer**
- 14.1 Verbal presentation of figures.
15. **Member Protection Officer**
- 15.1 The Committee has selected a person to fill this role, and currently waiting on their acceptance before making it public.
16. **Incidents**
- 16.1 Abandoned Game due to violence Incident GAME: Lidcombe Waratah Vs Lokomotiv Cove (Eastern Suburbs District) Grade: U35 Division: 2 Played at: Coleman Park Date: Saturday 2nd April 2011 Kick Off: 5:00pm
17. **General Business**
- 17.1 16.1 Remember no Jewelry applies to you as well as player, no taping, flat wedding band allowable.
- 17.2 Remember no slide tackles in Over 35's and Over 45's, use common sense.
- 17.3 Remember 1 person only allowed to stand in technical area.
- 17.4 Remember no Team official (yellow vest and on team sheet) no game, walk away submit report.
- 17.5 Some year ago MC introduced name badges which saw all new members issued with name badges to wear to meetings.
- 1st Motion Every Member who doesn't have a name badge be issued with name badge, if not collected to be posted out
 - Moved J Kemp / Seconded A Davis
 - 2nd Motion Compulsory to wear to meeting, if not worn donate \$1.00 collected and donated to approved charity
 - Moved J Kemp / Seconded K Fisher
 - Long discussion for and against
 - 1 point not to be worn on uniform during game as considered jewelry.
 - Amendment to 2nd motion, not compulsory to wear to games.
 - Vote taken first motion carried / 2nd, amended motion carried.
- 17.6 Last game of day stop clock during injuries. Remember any head clashes stop the game and make a decision.
- 17.7 Seniors remember to give clear and concise instructions to AR's
- 17.8 Badges and Inspections J Ford, T. Currey, J Currey.
- 17.9 Raffle winners J Higgins (Shirt) L Jordan, C Ozelik, P Maddeley, L Nielsen, N Backo, M Swales, J Nicolaou, M Weekes, J Kemp, E Limmermann R Slater

Meeting Closed 21:05 Next GM 12th May 2011