

HUME FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE INC.



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Director's Meeting Minutes

8pm Wednesday 15th November 2017 at the Walla Walla Bowling Club.

Present :Brendan I'Anson (President), Phillip Bouffler (Vice-President), Dalton Wegener (General Manager), Noel Livermore, Steve Koschitzke (Brock/Burrum), Trevor Smith, Brendan Sheather (Culcairn), Ted Miller (Murray Magpies), Jason Gooden (Osborne), Peter Hyde (Lockhart), Paul Beesley (HFNL Board), Ross Takle, Andy Stuart (Jindera), Ian Kreutzberger (RWW), Peter Morris (HFNL Board), Sarah Shelley (Howlong), Chris Scott, Chris Collins (CDHBU), Peter Murray (Henty), Nick Cottrell, Wes Black (Holbrook), Andy Dore (HFNL Board), Ben Brndusic, Kevin Martin (Billabong Crows), Julianne Clancy, Liza Gooden (HFNL Board), Fran Jones (HLTA), Paul Habel (AFL NSW/ACT).

Guests: Merv Wegener, Christine Biar.

Apologies: Matt Nimmo, Stephen Bunyan, Troy Mavroudis

Previous Minutes. Read by D.Wegener the Director's Meeting Minutes dated 19th July 2017. Moved I.Kreutzberger. 2nd P.Murray. Carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- N.Livermore advised the approved Soft Salary Cap motion should have included 50% player coaching payments up to \$20,000.

Correspondence: Read by D.Wegener. Moved J.Gooden. 2nd I.Kreutzberger. Carried.
IN:

26/10/17 – AFL National Player Transfer Regs update (S.Chadwick, AFL NSW/ACT)

28/10/17 – Code of Conduct Suspended Fine query (Culcairn FC)

30/10/17 – 2018 Office Bearers (Holbrook FC)

30/10/17 – Active Kids - Data Collection (J.Houston, AFL NSW/ACT)

31/10/17 – 2018 Draw Venues (Billabong Crows FNC)

31/10/17 – Code of Conduct Suspended Fine clarification (Paul Habel, AFL NSW/ACT)

31/10/17 – AFL NSW/ACT League Affiliation Agreements (S.Chadwick, AFL NSW/ACT)

01/11/17 – Phil Takle HFNL Board Nomination (Henty FC)

02/11/17 – Culcairn Code of Conduct Breaches (B.Goenen, League Investigation Officer)

08/11/17 – Club Marketing Kits 2018 (M.Geppert, AFL NSW/ACT)

14/11/17 – Sherwood Sponsorship Proposal (K.Cooksley, Sherwood Sportswear)



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OUT:

26/10/17 – Sherwood Sportswear Flyer (To all clubs)

26/10/17 – 2018 Draw Venues Required (To Billabong Crows FNC, Brock-Burrum FC, RWW Giants FNC)

27/10/17 – HFNL Board Meeting Minutes 25/10/17 (To all Clubs)

01/11/17 – Notice of HFNL AGM & Directors Meeting 15/11/17 (To all Clubs)

10/11/17 – Phil Takle nomination letter (To all clubs)

10/11/17 – HFNL Life Member nominations (To all clubs)

10/11/17 – WAW Credit Union - Home Loan Specials (To all Clubs)

President's Report (see attached)

Brendan I'Anson briefed members his expectations of the position of President in association with the running of the League under a General Manager.

CDHBU Proposed Merger Update

New CDHBU President, Chris Scott, briefed members of the Corowa Cluster talks and the current merger proposal with Wagunyah FC. Advised that merger is now an unlikely scenario and will provide confirmation of 2018 club structure within the HFNL this week.

2018 Draw

- 2018 Draw will now likely remain with 12 clubs.
- D.Wegener advised of the publicised 2018 OMFNL Draw which included a Grand Final date of Saturday 22nd Sept. Recent correspondence suggests the TDFL Grand Final is likely to be Saturday 15th Sept. to be confirmed at their AGM next week. Discussion regarding repercussions of sharing Grand Final day with TDFL or OMNFL.
- **Motion:** Subject to a 15th Sept. 2018 TDFL Grand Final date, the HFNL 2018 Draw that starts on 7th April includes an extra Bye to conclude the season on 22nd Sept. 2018. Moved T.Miller. 2nd C.Scott. Carried.
- The date of the extra bye and the final 2018 Draw will be decided at the next Board meeting.

AFL NSW/ACT Report – P.Habel

- The Riverina Football League recently agreed to adopt a \$100,000 Soft Salary Cap for 2018 season. A draft of the 2018 Salary Cap proposal will be available shortly.
- Proposal to align the HFNL Club Umpire uniforms with other regional Leagues within AFL NSW/ACT. Will be further discussion regarding costs associated with transition.
- Proposed re-structure of League Administrative positions within AFL NSW/ACT. League General Manager role could be partly financed by AFL NSW/ACT under proposal.
- 2018 Interleague discussion ongoing with other regional Leagues.
- Coaching accreditation likely to have more online component in future.



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General Business:

- N.Livermore queried ongoing viability and running costs of current Interleague model. B.I'Anson to explore the option of an Under 25's Interleague structure.
- P.Bouffler briefed members of the League's new Sherwood Sponsorship agreement which involves Interleague Football and Netball merchandising. Encouraged clubs to consider Sherwood as their supplier of apparel.
- L.Gooden advised Netball Subcommittee Executive will remain for 2018.

Meeting closed at 9:08pm



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President's Report

HFNL Director's Meeting 15th Nov.2017

Thank you all for your vote of confidence in me it is important to have that in this job that's why it is voted on every year. Thanks to Merv for his support I would not have been talked into this job without his confidence in me to do the job. He has the experience and has help me to get a feel for what the job and its challenges will bring. To thank someone for what he has done for the Hume league is hard to put into a few words, To say he has given his life outside of family to football is close. But the rewards and thanks of everyone throughout the league in the last year and throughout his time on the executive has kept him enjoying the job. So never think it's time to move on Merv just take a step back and enjoy the game.

The challenges ahead with a new board and chairman is going to be different we did have a general manager last season but there needs to be further education on Daltons role and the boards going forward. All the game day rules, player points and salary cap issues day to day running of football are the general managers role. This gives true independence to the running of the league as office bearers on the board have no executive link with any of the clubs, this decision has meant some of the board have resigned or not renominated. Some of the discussion last year that the board was not truly independent was out of line we have gone to great lengths to get the right people. [That is why I'm looking forward to having Phil Bouffler as a vice chairman he has done a great job raising money for the league and in doing so all clubs have already saved from his great work.](#) This will continue in the future.

My personal thoughts on the points and salary cap are that it is very important that they run together, and be similar to the leagues around us. So we need a salary cap to have teeth we have one season to get used of it then then we decide as a league what the monetary cap should be. \$80,000 /\$100,000?

I believe we need to do something to stop the spend on players that is wearing out volunteers raisin money, To many good people have left clubs. I do not want to see another club go because they have no volunteers. We have to put fun back into sport and football. If you can raise extra put into junior football and netball. Fees are hard for family's to pay, subsidise them not one guy looking to make some cash.

I am looking forward to the challenges ahead and only hope I can keep this family league the Hume league in great shape. Thanks to Merv and the volunteers running all the clubs now.

Brendan l'Anson

HFNL President.