

ILLAWARRA DISTRICT RUGBY UNION

MINUTES OF MEETING

11th May 2009

Present: Peter Woods, John Hayne, Peter Leiner, David Brace, Mark Bryant, Kevin Crick, Franck Isaac, Rod Horan, Glenn McGuinness, John Pemberton, Kyle Page, Ian Henderson, Jim Scardanas.

Apologies: Dion Miller Engadine and Arthur Watts

-Minutes from last meeting – Moved to be true and correct record – Kevin Crick – Rod Horan.

Matters Arising:

-Mark Bryant informed the meeting that Bowral said that they would have an Under 19's side for 2010 if the competition was a go ahead. University indicated that they would have a side as did Kiama. Mark will liaise with other clubs and if they can have a viable 6 teams then they should have a competition and it may have to be run separately and then a Saturday Night competition like football would be looked at and it would have to be continuous and not have byes, teams would play one week and then have 2 or 3 weeks off.

-Peter Woods to find out from IRU the policy against playing over aged players, say 20 years of age and say a maximum of 3 per team.

-Peter Woods to check with the Judiciary Chairman to inform him if the report by the Referee comes in on a Tuesday and the Club can't get their case prepared in a short time then Clubs would ask if the matter can be adjourned to the following week and the player to be allowed to play on the intervening Saturday. The concern of the meeting was that Clubs were informed that strict guidelines were to be maintained, however it was not adhered to by the Judiciary in the case of a University player.

-Peter Woods to contact Jim Scardans - re conflict of interest of any referee.

-Major Semi	Kiama Showground
Minor Semi	Shoalhaven
Major Semi	Shamrocks
Minor Semi Final	Shoalhaven
Final	Vikings
Grand final	Wollongong WIN Stadium

-Vincentia indicated that they were hopeful that they made an approach HMAS Creswell to use their facility which is an excellent facility and are waiting on the Navy to advise and it indicated that Shoalhaven and Vincentia will discuss this in relation to one of the Semi Finals to see if something can be arranged to help promote the game and the Board will be kept advised as will the Clubs.

-Concern that Clubs are not attending meetings.

- Peter Woods to contact the Bowral to host the meeting of Clubs on July 13th. Clubs to be advised.
- On the Agenda for that meeting would be as follows;
 - * To consider ramifications for Clubs not attending meetings.
- The June meeting is to be vacated unless Clubs are otherwise informed.
- Kevin Crick of Shamrocks advised that Ocean Park is fully licensed and it is an offence to bring alcohol on to the ground and all Clubs should conform. It was pointed out that all Clubs that have a license bear this same responsibility and all Clubs should respect this.
- Kiama have indicated that they purchased a 6m x 3m marquee and if clubs are interested they may contact Mark Bryant of Kiama and put them on to the manufacturer.
- The Registrar has been asked to keep an eye on statistics of Clubs calling uncontested scrums to see if there is a trend and is asked to report to the Board and in turn the Board shall advise the Clubs.
- The Referee can call on contested scrums and Clubs must be aware of this. It is the first option the Referee must consider 'safety first.'
- Referees queried about accounts for 2008 and noted that Kiama had received their account and had paid and that University had also received their account and paid and that Referees will go back to their Treasurer and make sure that all other Clubs have been notified.
- Advised that there was a Sportsmans Luncheon on the 18th of June at Towradgi Beach Hotel \$80.00 all inclusive. David Foster is the guest speaker and to contact Shamrocks if you wish to attend.
- CHS Championships to be held at Shoalhaven on the 27th, 28th and 29th of May 2009.
- Under 12's State Championships to be held at Camden on the June long weekend.
- Treasurer advised that the fees for this Season have not gone up only that the GST has been added. We will have to look at fees for 1 team Clubs for the future Seasons. If sponsorship is not successful. The view is that 1 team Clubs should be doing more to promote themselves and the game in their area and the fees that they been paying were kept at a bare minimum to assist them in their establishment and have been supported by all the Clubs, but this matter should be looked at again in the future.