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Rugby Committee Meeting

Bowral Rugby Club
7:00pm
Monday 13th July 2009

Minutes

Attendance: As per Attendance Sheet
Apologies: P. Woods (Board), B. Roodenrys (Board), J. Richardson (Board), J. Scardanas (Referees), V. McInnes (Camden) and J. Pemberton (University).
Affiliates not in attendance:
Engadine, Vikings and Referees.

Minutes from May meeting were confirmed

Moved K. Crick (Shamrocks) **Seconded** F. Isaac (Shoalhaven)

Carried

Agenda Items:

S. Barrett Australian Rugby Union Development Officer for the Southern NSW area. Sean has a new reporting system and his report will be sent out to all members via the Administration Officer.

School Liaison Officer in each area:

Could clubs contact Sean with names of members that would be interested in working as a SLO.

The SLO program will be set up in schools in term four where they will get contact details of possible players for clubs in that area which the club can follow up with in term 1 of 2010.

Bledisloe Cup Road show will be in the Illawarra on the 10th August 2009 where they will attend three schools in the area before setting up at Vikings Rugby Club.

Sean is also now doing a guest spot on I98fm where he is asked general questions and he gives a report on the local competition also on the Waratahs and Wallabies.

Sean has continued his involvement with the Bundanoon Charity Cup on 26th of July where there will be three games a coaching clinic and a visit from the Visy Tah Man.

D. Mahar and R. Wood has agreed to assist P. Leiner in his role as the Chairman of the Rugby Committee.

Colts for 2010, club were asked if they would be interested in a colts competition in 2010 and what age group would be covered by the colts, it was felt that the present pathway in NSW Country was under 20's so Illawarra should look at a under 20 colts competition for 2010. Kiama, Tech-Waratahs, University, Bowral, Shamrocks and Camden all indicated that they could possibly have a team in this competition. It was felt that these Clubs should get together and report back to the next Rugby Committee Meeting with the format they would like to see the competition in 2010, this Meeting to be chaired by R. Wood.

Competition Rule 6.9 which was requested by Avondale for clarification.

Player eligibility.

6.7 A player will be eligible to play in any *final series* match if the player has been in a starting team for the *club* in at least 5 *competition* matches during the *competition* season.

6.8 A player will not be eligible to play in a lower grade in any *finals series* match of the *grade competition* if the player has played in a higher grade in 3 of the player's last 5 *competition* matches unless the player has done so only as a replacement after having participated in a complete match on the same day in the lower grade.

6.9 A player will be eligible to play in any *grade* in any *finals series* match if the player qualifies under rule 6.7 or obtains permission under rule 6.8 and the *club has* all its grade teams playing in the *finals series*.

6.10 A player will not be eligible to play in any *final series* matches of the *junior competition* unless the player has played in at least half of the *competition matches* played by the player's team.

6.11 Despite rules 6.7 and 6.10, a *club* can apply in writing to the *board* for permission for a player to participate in a *final series* match. Permission can be given if the *board* is satisfied that the player is ineligible under the relevant rule only because of injury, illness, representative rugby commitments, forfeits or something else which reasonably prevented the player from becoming eligible.

6.12 Each club having teams qualified to participate in *finals series* matches must, by 3.00pm on the Monday before the first of those matches, furnish to the registrar for confirmation the names and registration numbers of all players to be included in those teams and the grade in which the *club* considers each player is eligible to play. The *registrar* must give each of those *clubs* a list of their eligible players before the commencement of the *finals series* matches.

6.13 The provisions of rule 5 apply to *finals series* matches except to the extent that they are inconsistent with the provisions of this rule 6.

After much decision A. Watts was asked to contact J. Peedom about rewriting rule 6.9 and to get the rewritten rule back to the next Rugby Committee Meeting.

The question was asked about a player who transfers from one Club to another Club during the season, what is his requirement to be able to play in the final. This is covered by 6.7 where he must play 5 Competition for the Club.

Match Result Sheets: A big thank you to all Clubs for the Match Results Sheets as they are now very readable, coming in on time and for the Match results getting phoned to David Vaughan on time, just one small matter to have everything right and that is the Referees Points, can all people completing the forms please mark the Referees Points.

Clothing, Players are reminded they need to comply with the Competition Rules.

5.7 Player uniform

5.7.1 Each player taking part in a match must wear a jersey (with sleeves), shorts and long socks in the colours of the player's *club* approved by the *IDRU*. The back of each jersey must have a distinguishing number. Numbers must be of a minimum height of 150 millimeters and be of a colour that is easily discernible at a reasonable distance from the match.

5.7.2 No 2 players can wear the same number jersey.

General Business:

Referees must not allow players when taking a Free Kick or a Penalty Kick just to touch the ball against the players foot, the ball must propelled a visible distance.

Could all Clubs please look at the proposed draft for the 2010 Competition and return their proposals to A. Watts before the next meeting so all proposals can be disrupted for all, so a full and frank discussion can take place at the next Rugby Committee Meeting.

Bundanoon asked what happen to the Referee for the Bundanoon, Engadine match, this question needs to be asked of the Referees Appointments Board.

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

Confirmed as true and correct.

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Peter Leiner Chairman Rugby Committee.