

Rockdale City Raiders Soccer Club Inc

Meeting type: General Meeting

Date, time: 28 October 2019, 6.45pm

Attendees: Claire Curtin, Huw Taylor, Pip Taylor, Gerald Jimenz, Ron Ogilvie, Monte Taylor, Jo Farrell, Matthew Smyth, Riad Riad, Raymond Elassal

Apologies: Nancy Hunt, Paul Taggert, Victoria Taggert

Agenda:

| Item # | Item | Action and responsibility |
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| 1. | Welcome and formal opening | N/A |
| 2. | <p>Update on J Graham</p> <p>Ron advised there is a meeting Thursday 30/10 at 9.30am (later rescheduled for Tuesday 5/11 at 5.30pm) with Bayside Council to provide a further update on the synthetic field program of work.</p> <p>Ron advised that the re-grassing of J Graham was a decision taken by Parks & Wildlife team of Council, which wasn't communicated with the Sport & Recreation team. Ultimately it means the Raiders will be playing at J Graham next season.</p> <p>Ron advised there are four points of contention, and he anticipates we'll only be successful with the first, on the basis that a significant program of work will be taking place at J Graham after next season, in conjunction with RMS installing turf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-grassing of the minifield – likely to happen• Mending the fence to the canal – unlikely• Improving lighting – unlikely• Upgrading toilets – unlikely <p>Ron proposes the Raiders investigate the increased use of Ador Avenue next year for training purposes, primarily to reduce the impact of poor lighting (which limits the operable sections of J Graham after dark).</p> <p>Ray noted that the timing of the use of Ador is strictly controlled, with no leniency to pack up. Ron noted that this should be expected with the high demand of this quality field.</p> | N/A |

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| 3. | <p>Planning for 2020 season</p> <p><u>Player numbers:</u> Ray advised the Coptics are doing an internal survey on retention, and should be able to advise numbers in about two weeks' time.</p> <p><u>Uniforms:</u> Jo advised about 50 per cent of jerseys purchased at the start of last season will be reusable (combination of non-returns and damaged jerseys).</p> <p>Agreed best approach is to order uniforms for manufacture overseas and have numbers put on the jerseys (for competition players) locally.</p> <p><u>Equipment:</u> Pip advised that Paul and Monte had been through the existing gear and made a shopping list of equipment requirement for next season at the time the sheds were cleaned out. (Note: this list is contained in the Bayside Grant application September 2019 saved in Dropbox.)</p> | <p>Ray – advise estimated number of Coptics' players at next meeting</p> <p>Jo – advise numbers and sizes of existing, usable uniforms at next meeting</p> |
| 4. | <p>Finances</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report:</u> See attached</p> <p><u>Proposed fees for 2020:</u> Deferred to next meeting</p> <p><u>Grant opportunities:</u> Pip advised that there are two grant opportunities currently available through the NSW Office of Sport. Pip cannot complete the application due to a conflict of interest, and sought a volunteer to do these applications. Riad advised he's willing to do so, with advice from Pip.</p> <p><u>Sponsorship:</u> Ron advised that there is informal agreement from Sydney Airport to continue their sponsorship of the Raiders</p> | <p>Pip – provide grant links to Riad and provide advice as required</p> <p>Riad – complete grant applications by 25 November 2019</p> <p>Pip – Formally write to Sydney Airport Authority seeking their continued sponsorship</p> |
| 5. | <p>Coaching proposals for 2020</p> <p>Ray advised he will put forward a coaching proposal for professional support for all coaches. The intention is that this will utilise the funds provided by the last successful grant application.</p> <p>Ron suggested that, from mid-January, optional training and/or coaching sessions could be offered for all players and coaches.</p> | <p>Ray to provide a coaching proposal out-of-session, for decision at the next meeting</p> |
| 6. | <p>Strategic workplan</p> <p><u>Target size:</u> After some discussion, it was agreed that the size of our field will ultimately drive the maximum size of the Raiders, and the club is probably essentially at capacity now.</p> <p>It was agreed that Raiders will not embark on any attraction strategies to find new players, but will work to retain its</p> | <p>N/A</p> |

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| | <p>current size, ensuring new teams of U6s come through every year.</p> <p><u>Proposed management committee:</u></p> <p>Pip advised that the model Constitution under the new Act involved Directors of the Board who take on portfolio responsibilities (such as Finance or Communication), rather than the traditional model of President, VP, Secretary etc. There was some discussion around what was the best fit for the Raiders, but this matter was deferred until a later meeting when we have a draft Constitution to discuss.</p> <p>There was discussion about potentially holding an AGM in 2019; however ultimately it was agreed it was more appropriate to wait until we have a new Constitution and can form a new Committee under that Constitution.</p> <p>All other matters under this agenda item were deferred until next meeting.</p> | |
| 7. | Pre-season social – deferred until next meeting | N/A |
| 8. | <p>General business</p> <p>Gerald shared the results of the end-of-season survey – see attached. General themes: we did a pretty good job in 2019; communications could be strengthened; Facebook is clear preference for communications, as well as text or app through team manager; some feedback received is out of Raiders’ sphere of influence (eg. provision of complete season schedule at start of season, J Graham facilities need improving).</p> <p>Ron advised that he and Chris attended a Council Sports Breakfast and met Council Management.</p> <p>Ron also advised that SGFA have formed a sub-committee to look at giving more attention to Mini Roo (6 -11yr) teams.</p> | N/A |
| 9. | Next meeting – Monday 2 December at 6.30pm | |