



Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 27 November 2024
6.30pm – 8.30pm



Apologies: Dave Kalpesh & Alison Claxton
Attendance: Ossie Pereira, Dawn Pereira, Peter Allen, Ann Devereaux, Alex Papalia, Mary McKinnon, Darren Brooke, Laszlo Jakso & Sue Nickisson

1. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (25 September 2024).

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September were accepted as a true record by Ann and seconded by Dawn.

2. Actions carried forward / updates from previous minutes.

- I. Alison to update the Sunday Coaches Policy during the closed season.
- II. Dawn to look at options for First Aid training for coaches, prior to next season
- III. Garry to add to Playfootball.com as part of the registration process, that all fees will need to be paid in full prior to the start of the season, unless there is a genuine payment plan in place.
- IV. Players to be removed from the team selection on Squadi if they do not pay their fees
- V. Ossie to speak with Alan Dunlop re: painting the wall royal blue.
- VI. State League Reserves coach, Simon Vinciguerra has been appointed for the 2025 season.

3. Treasurer's/Sponsorship update:

Sue provided an overall update regarding the Club's finances, noting that the latest quarterly payment from Lakers and the FW raffle money had been deposited in the Club's bank account. The Committee accepted the update as a true record of accounts.

4. 2025 Registrations:

The Committee agreed that players will be expected to pay \$300 at the point of registration and then pay the balance by the start of their respective season (excluding our State League First Team, as fees are negotiated as part of each Player's Award).

Sue advised that PlayFootball.com are updating their system for the 2025 season. This will involve all administrators requiring a Working with Children Check card and the FW/Football Australia fees being automatically debited from the system.

Actions:

Ann and Alison to provide their WWCC cards to Garry to upload on the system.

5. AGM date:

The committee agreed to the new date of the 2024 AGM of Wednesday 4 December at 7pm. Sue advised the Committee that this date had been advertised on our website and social media platforms within the required timeframe.

Action: Committee to arrive at 6.30pm to assist with setting up for the meeting.

6. Committee members 2025:

Peter advised that he was stepping down from the Committee after serving for more than 11 years, to focus on coaching the State League team. The Committee thanked Peter for his support. All other committee members present agreed to serve another year.

7. Ground Marshalls:

Ann agreed to be a ground marshall during Sunday morning matches and Mary agreed to deputise as/when required.

Actions:

- a. Ann to contact Garry, Richard, Alex and Jimmy to see if they are happy to continue with their ground marshall roles for the State League games.
- b. Ossie to speak to Jamie Burns re: u18s support with setting up for the State League home games.

8. General business:

- i. Ossie advised that the City of Gosnells Council have completed the drainage, and irrigation works on the grounds. However, vandals have unfortunately damaged the floodlight cabling which will not be repaired until January, leading to further delays in access to Cassidy Road oval.
- ii. Sue reminded the meeting that the current line marker is retiring after this season and if anyone was aware of a reliable and willing person to take on the role.

Action: Sue to organise a poster to advertise the role on our website and social media platforms.

- iii. Ossie informed the meeting that the power bills have significantly increased this season and now equate to approximately \$12k.

Action: Ossie to research a grant to enable the installation of additional solar panels.

- iv. Sue advised that she and Ossie met with the u15s B coach to discuss the complaint raised regarding some player's unsocial/threatening behaviour on social media platform.

Action: Sue to email FW to seek guidance and support on how to deal with the complaint.

- v. The committee agreed to Junior training finishing by 6.30pm and Senior training to commence at 6.45pm at the earliest. The meeting also agreed that the roles of a coach, ground marshall and team manager be included in the proposed new handbook, along with practical instructions on how to set goals/nets etc.

Action: The above to added to the Parents/Coaches handbook for next season.

- vi. Mary informed the meeting that she has acquired her Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate, enabling her to support in serving behind the bar.

- vii. **Action:** Sue to share the email sent to clubs in SL1 regarding get entry fees.

- viii. **Action:** Darren to send the details RE: EOI for players for the women's team to Garry to create a poster and advertise on social media.

- ix. Dawn informed the meeting that staff behind the bar will be pushing the club membership next season. The Committee agreed for this to remain at \$30 for the 2025 season.

- x. Alex advised that his football academy has been placed on hold due to work commitments. He also advised that he will be coaching an u18s Sunday team next season and will also be liaising with the u18s State League coach.

Action: Alex to send his proposal on how he can support GCFC etc. to Ossie.

xi. **Action:** Laz to compile a recording re: governance storage/host domains et. and share with the Committee.

xii. The committee agreed to source sturdy, stackable and light additional chairs for spectators.

Action: Dawn and Sue to look at suitable options via Facebook marketplace etc.

xiii. Ossie advised that he was successful in acquiring a grant for portable goals. Additionally, the City of Gosnells have agreed to build a storage compound to accommodate them.

Action: Sue to ask Garry to email FW re: eligibility and sizes required for State League matches.

xiv. Peter requested that the GCFC Club Song be mounted on a plaque and hung on the wall in changing rooms as follows (sung to the tune of "Roll Out The Barrel"):

"Who Are We?

We're Gosnells City, we are a barrel of fun.

Super Gosnells City, we have them all on the run.

We'll keep on fighting, through all the pain and the fear (yahoo)

Coz we play for Gosnells City, and the gangs all here."

Action: Sue to liaise Applied Graphics re: costings and to ask Garry to add the song to the GCFC website.

xv. Ossie advised that it would be a good idea to have the accreditation details of all Coaches, so our Club can assist them with their development.

Action: Sue/Ann/Alison to provide a list of all Coaches and an email sent out asking if they would like to further their development.

xvi. Last Local did not provide any sponsorship last year even though our Club supported them by regularly drinking and attending functions there.

Action: Ossie to arrange a meeting with the owner Mickey to discuss further.

xvii. Ossie asked everyone present what type of Club do they see Gosnells City FC as, as we do not have the facilities nor the financial support of other Clubs to compete in the NPL? The Committee discussed this at length and agreed that we are a Community/Grassroots Club that should focus on developing young players and establishing ourselves as an acclaimed State League First Division Club.

Action: All Committee members to ensure that all our Club's Policies, Procedures and publications are aligned with this understanding, and any actions and commitments made by our Club are in keeping with this philosophy.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 6.30pm