

FAR NORTH COAST RUGBY UNION INC

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 24 JANUARY 2024

BY ZOOM COMMENCE 6.35PM

PRESENT: Ben Carroll, Dave Graham, Sonia Makings, Emily Cox, John Ryn, Rob Berry and Heath Donald.

APOLOGIES: Troy Doughty

AGENDA

- 1. FNCRU Coaching Appointments**
- 2. WAR request to move draw forward one week**
- 3. Issues with proposed draw for reserve grade**
- 4. U18 Comp**
- 5. Equipment Supplier**
- 6. Board Roles**
- 7. Banking**
- 8. Fees**
- 9. Website, mailchimp, emails and social media budget**
- 10. Pre-season comp**
- 11. DO position**
- 12. Meeting with Referees**
- 13. Coaches Meeting**

1. FNCRU Coaching Appointments

Ben and Dave gave update on coaching appointments. Still vacancies with u11, u 12 and Women. All others filled. Beth has indicated able to assist with women program.

2. WAR request to move draw forward one week

Ben advised Bill Johnstone contacted him to see if possible to move season forward one week due to a scheduling conflict end of year. They have player getting married end of season. General discussion around this. Unanimous agreement not to move forward.

3. Issues with proposed draw for reserve grade

Ben advised that Troy raised concerns re number of back to back byes in reserve grade. Some teams have no games for three weeks. Ben will review and make amendments by moving rounds and circulate to clubs.

4. U18 Comp

In discussions with GC. Looking at some kind of merged comp. Could be 1st past the post for combined winner and separate finals series. Would need to play Friday nights for cross border games to keep clubs together on Sat to allow for colts to sit bench/back fill senior teams. Most clubs with colts looking to rely on them in this role.

5. Equipment Supplier

Dave been talking to a number of suppliers. Will prepare shortlist and circulate. Important consideration is ability to host online shop.

6. Board Roles

Ben noted that we have no secretary or senior co-ordinator. Asked if anyone wants to take on. Ben asked Sonia if she interested in secretary, she advised that she has taken on new role and would not have time available to commit to that role. Ben to aske Wayne to assist in meantime.

John said he would discuss what involved in senior co-ordinator with Ben

Heath to put something on social media to see if any interest.

7. Banking

Resolved to nominate Ben, Rob, Wayne and John as signatories on Newcastle Permanent account. Retired directors to be removed.

8. Fees

Ben advised number of clubs been in contact wanting to know what zone fees will be. Discussed not wanting to increase. To discuss with Wayne.

9. Website, mail chimp, emails and social media budget

Heath has been putting together sponsorship packs. Discussed different options for communication with stakeholders. Heath to prepare outline and budget.

10. Pre-season comp

Discussed preseason comp. Need to work around existing rials and rep program. Yamba, Casuarina and WAR have offered to host. Ben to get details of existing trails and identify potential dates.

11. DO position

It was noted that Troy has resigned. Discussed potential candidates. Ben to discuss with Stephen O'Brien.

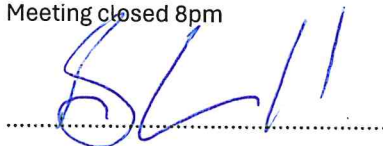
12. Meeting with Referees

Meeting with referee's has been organized for the 29th of January to update on season plans and co-ordinate planning. John and Ben to attend.

13. Coaches Meeting

Meeting has been arranged with incoming FNC coaches. Dave and Ben to attend. Meeting is scheduled for 7 February at 6pm

Meeting closed 8pm



Ben Carroll