

WOLLONGONG TOUCH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

GENERAL MEETING

Venue, Date & Time	Collegians City Club, 17th October 2005,
Meeting Opened	at 6.10pm with President Terry Sylvester in the chair
Attendance	B Bresolin G Brickell, B Jackson K Kyriacou T Sylvester K Ruzzene Diane Kiely Ali Day
Apologies	M McGrath P Anthony
Previous Minutes	Minutes from 19th September 2005 were accepted as a true record
<i>Matters Arising</i>	<i>Nil</i>

Correspondence In

1. Funding request – Mick McCall – Australia Cup - \$???
2. Funding request – Mick McCall – Youth World Cup - \$???
3. Funding request – Mick McCall – City v Country - \$??
4. Funding request – Ali Day – All Nations Championships – New Zealand - \$1850
5. Funding request – Barry Jackson – All Nations Champs – New Zealand - \$1850
6. Funding Request – Gary Brickell – City v Country Referee - \$265
7. Funding Request – Michael McGrath – City v Country Referee - \$265

Correspondence Out

1. WCC – Request for special event status – ground hire JSC
2. WCC – Renewal of Licensing agreement
3. WCC – Sponsorship agreement - JSC 2006
4. Ryan's Carpet Cleaning – declining mixed nomination for summer competition
5. Treasury Restaurant – declining mixed nomination for summer competition
6. Dapto Rovers – declining men's nomination for summer competition

***Matters Arising:** M McCall's funding requests were left over until copy invoices have been received. Financial details were incomplete. All others were paid at the agreed rate of 50%.*

Notice of Motion – Nil

Reports–

Juniors - games were cancelled this week due to the wet weather. There is only four weeks to go in the competition. A final series will be played in the Tuesday competition the week before Christmas. There is no coaching being done, especially the referees. A request will be made of the senior players, especially the representatives to assist in coaching.

General Business

1) Suns Championships

- Championships were very successful, winners WO, W 35's, M 50's, runner up in M 40's, M 30's and Mx O.
- We were second in the overall affiliate trophy challenge
- No team sheets were supplied in advance for ratification
- Women players were selected from outside our current competition, Erin Clayton (Albury), Carly McCall and Laura (friend of Carly's) from Canberra
- A number of male players paid in two men's sides
- Men's Open players also played for our opposition (Kiama) in the mixed competition

Ali Day (Coaching) and Terry (President) to resolve through an informal discussion with the coaches and managers, and report back with an explanation.

2) State Championships – four teams to be sent, W 23's (K Ruzzene & A Mounsey), Mixed Open (T Rixon), M 40's (R Ognenovski) and M 50's (J Ruzzene) and eight referees.

3) Future Presentations – to continue with a total review of timing. Try and incorporate the summer & winter competitions.

4) Current Senior Competition. –

- Problems with referees getting the score cards correct. Michael to remind referees of our request that they not confirm the score at the end of the game with the teams. The team managers have been instructed that they need to ensure they record the score themselves.
- Duty team referees – first priority is to have a senior referee on every field, buddy up the duty referees with senior referees when that is achieved.
- The sub boxes are not be used correctly. Referees are to be asked to ensure the correct use of the box is achieved, with a reminder to remove all dangerous obstructions, example bicycles from the side of the field.
- The attitude of some of the representative players, playing in lower divisions needs to be reviewed. We have had two physical altercations during the mixed competition, both in teams consisting of majority of junior players, both involving senior rep players.
- The absence of committee people on competition nights is a major concern. All the work is being left to a few people

5) Junior Representative Funding

- A similar criteria to senior structure needs to be drawn up. The junior development funds may not be there forever. Already \$2000 has been distributed this season.

6) Referees – M McGrath

“As director of referees at Wollongong touch, I am seeking permission from the committee to utilise the members from the Southern Suns referees coaching panel (of which I am a member), to carry out written coaching sheets, on referees during Wollongong competition nights. Several members have indicated they would be prepared to assist the referees in improving their skills and obtaining higher badge levels. This can only assist our association become stronger, and also with our current duty referee also

encourage and work with these referees, in the hope someone may wish to referee full time. These panel members are also prepared to work with our junior referees as well. I would also ask that when a current referee who also holds a level 1 or above coaching certificate, carries out written assessments on our referees/ duty/ juniors, that they receive payment equivalent to that of our current refereeing rate”

The concept is to be trialed for the remainder of the current summer season, with a remuneration of \$20 per night will be paid to the assessor. Assessment sheets copies to be supplied to the administrator for ratification.

- 7) **Committee Roles – as discussed with each director to build on the following criteria for further development of our association.**
- a) **President:** Ensure that all efforts are made to run a safe & successful association. Liaise with other directors to ensure they are coping with their roles to maximize longevity
 - b) **Finance;** ensure the funds of the association are correctly reported in line with legal & financial requirements, report balances regularly to committee meetings in simple form. Develop & Review association budgets to ensure our financial viability.
 - c) **Coaching:** Oversee the representative area of our association; ensure coaches/managers of representative teams abide with the decisions set down by the representative committee. Work with the "park" players to ensure the standard improves, in respect of playing, understanding and coping with decisions of referees.
 - d) **Juniors;** Develop a suitable base of junior players to ensure a long-term association. Provide a safe and enjoyable competition for the younger members. Utilize the expertise of other directors to ensure these members are involved at maximum levels, so as not to loose them to other sports because of discontent.
 - e) **Referees;** Appoint referees to the most suitable games that allows for the development and enjoyment of both the referee and the players. Coach referees to ensure a high standard of rules understanding and application are maintained. Ensure the referees abide by any competition rules that may apply, and referee accordingly.
 - f) **Grounds;** Work with council to ensure a safe surface is available at all times. Regularly organize line marking days to allow the competition to be played without conjecture towards filed markings. Review with competition administrator, ground quality and rotate fields as necessary, to ensure safe competition and longevity of fields. Liaise as needed with Assets manager as to the maintenance and upgrade of the lights and any future amenities.
 - g) **Canteen;** Make the canteen area a profitable resource for the association. Ensure stock served and levels are maintained as per Health & Safety regulations
 - h) **I T & Assets;**
 - i) **Publicity;**
 - j) **Administrator;**

Next Meeting Date

Date to be set

Items for discussion

1. Junior State Cup
2. Junior Representative Funding Proposal

Meeting Closed

7.55 pm