

Meeting Commenced at 7.45pm

- 1. Present** Jeff Dutschke, Belinda Gibson, Stephen Spurling, Darren Jones, Inke Jones, Brendan Hennessy, Latchman Singh and Sarah Swift.

Visitors Andrew Crawford (Touch SA) and Ben O'Donnell (Committee flunky) were welcomed as visitors to the Committee meeting.

Apologies Apologies were received from Tahlia Christie (doing the touristy thing in Vietnam). Steve Finney (staying true to form) was recorded as absent and silent.
- 2. Minutes** For the edification of everyone other than myself, it was suggested that Laura Tickle, Ma Ma Jones and Shazza Lowe be amended to Laura Teakle, Mark Jones and Sharon Lowe. Incorporating the aforementioned changes, the minutes from the previous Committee meeting on 4 December 2006 were accepted as a true and correct record.
- 3. Business Arising**

Junior Waite Competition (Andy) Andy advised that Touch SA was looking to hold a junior touch competition at Waite next summer, the intent being to encourage the younglings to come out and have a run. Understanding that the University owns the Waite fields, TouchSA was keen to have the AUTC involved.

Andy advised that TouchSA would run and finance the competition. Any support from our end would be most appreciated and could come in the form of referees (paid) and coaches.

Two types of formats were suggested:

 1. beginners 8-12 yr old, teaching skills for 45 mins then playing a game
 2. schools based/participation based yrs 8/9/10/11 time 4pm to 6pm

After some discussion, the club advised TouchSA that it was keen to support it in this endeavour, having a preference for the second format. It was noted that holding the competition on a Thursday night (4pm-6pm) would make for a good prelude to the AUTC competition.

A motion was put to the Committee allowing Jeff to liaise with TouchSA on the planning of a senior schools based competition to be held on Thursday nights next summer.

Motion Passed

O'Week (Ben) Training for the newbies will be held every Monday (starting on the 26th Feb) at the parade.

Ben to check with Penny (Sports Assoc) as to when the fields have been booked till, understanding that there are no lights and daylight savings will end umm... sometime soon.

Ben advised that the following marketing ploys would be used to attract people to the AUTC stand:

 - A target through at which people could throw a touch ball
 - A raffle (one of Duchy's old touch shirts, stain inclusive)
 - A free drink-bottle (sans alchylol) with every membership
 - A TV showing the AUTC peeps in action

Duchy put a motion to the Committee, that Ben be given an O'Week budget of between \$250 to \$400, with an option for an increase (subject to justification and/or bribes)

Motion Passed

Bench-Marking Touch football Australia is seeking to establish a bench marking processes. Andy asked that someone from the AUTC committee fill out a standardised form. This form would enable Touch Australia to rank and compare each clubs facilities. The rankings would start at bronze, through to silver and gold, with super 6 being the top rank.

Duchy advised of his willingness to fill out the form and the Committee advised of their willingness to let him.

- Interested?** Jeff/DJ/Tahlia to investigate a high interest account and provide three options with recommendations to the Committee at its next meeting. Jeff will liaise with Tahlia upon her return.
- 4. Committee Reports**
- El Presidente* – Advised that the club needed to look at recruitment and retention. Noted that Colley Reserve 5 aside was coming up in Feb with the club having submitted two teams.
- Treasurer* – On behalf of treasurer, Duchy advised that the sports association had requested payment by January 1st 2006.
Action: Tahlia
- Asst Committee Reports:*
Waite Coordinator - Trophies for Waite had been organised, with an order for 100 big and 100 little white drink/sports bottles. Cost = \$900.
- Medals for the best players in each division (male/female) had also been arranged.
- Advised that three teams had outstanding fees, owing about \$200 each. Commented that they would not be allowed to play in the finals unless they were completely financial.
- On behalf of the Committee, the President thanked Belinda for all her efforts (nice work Bel, above and beyond the call!)
- Waite Ref Coordinator* - Inky asked that finals be structured such that each game would have two referees.
- 5. Agenda Items**
- 5.1 Henna's Highlights** Henna to chase up videos from previous touch games and put them up on the AUTC touch site via you tube (yes that guy behind the tree with the video camera was in fact Henna).
Action: Henna
- 5.2 Beach Touch** The general conclusion was that Beach Touch was very successful. The costumes were outstanding, with 13 teams having vied for the glory of being Beach touch champions.
- Suggested that next year the club have a banner this could be suspended from the jetty, advising passers by who we are, what we're doing, our website etc. Belinda said she'd be happy to organise this over the next six months.
- Duchy also thanked Ben, noting that the lines marking the fields had been very effective.
- Duchy offered support for national beach touch competition and made a request of Andy, that TouchSA take note of our scheduled dates for beach touch (held annually) and work it so that no State League games are scheduled on the same day/weekend. Andy advised that this wouldn't be a problem.
- 5.3 O'Week** As covered above.
- 5.4 Communicate?** Duchy had spoken with the Adelaide Uni rugby club who were happy to provide boys for the winter touch season). Duchy to approach towards before winter.
Action: Jeff
- 5.5 Plan for the year** In a nutshell -
- O'Week
 - Autumn season
 - Winter season
 - Summer season
- 5.6 Wednesday Training** Duchy to coordinate as we get closer to autumn/winter touch.
- 5.7 Social Engagements** Umm, this was flagged as an agenda item, but we didn't really discuss it so, in the absence of anything else to write... I went out to lawn bowls on Friday, had a party on Saturday, and Sunday, well Sunday was a bit quiet. Actually, no wait, I went out for tea on Sunday!

**5.8 DJ – Touch Player
Extraordinaire**

DJ advised that Australia had come second (Wohoo!). Whilst we didn't end up getting that fashion parade (refer previous minutes) DJ said he was happy to write up a para for the AUTC website.

On behalf of the club, the president congratulated DJ on attending the world cup, noting that it 'was a marvellous achievement with all of us aspiring to that level of greatness'.

6. Other Business

6.1 O'Week (continued)

The Committee discussed some possible options with regards to signing up new members at O'Week. These included key rings and hats. Duchy to make enquiries into costs etc.

Action: Jeff

Committee agreed that for those who sign up during O'Week, club membership for 2007 would be reduced from \$10 to \$5.

Motion Passed

6.2 Hmm... Donuts!

It is usual practice for the club to subsidise (to the tune of \$10) a thankyou dinner for our Waite referees. This will be held in the next few weeks.

Action: Swifty

6.3 Quiz Night

Sarah advised that the Quiz night would be held sometime around August/September

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm. Next Meeting to be held on 19 March 2007.

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Date