

FERNWOOD FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
AGM

Wednesday August 19, 2013
8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
McDonalds

AGM MINUTES

Attendance: Miko Ross, Stefan Hall, Paul Schure, Matthew Seeger (left early), Jose Moreno, Aydin Culhaci, David Grace, Rick Sweeney, Phillip Bazzard, Richard Ingle, John Capelli.

1. Approval of the Agenda
 - Approved
2. News item: Teams in 2013-14 & material bought in Summer 2014
 - 4 teams:
 - New Practice fields
 - i) Doncaster Elementary School in August and September
 - ii) Bullen Park on Wednesday nights for winter, Intramural teams for the Div 4's
 - New practice and game balls
3. Reports from the ad hoc Summer 2013 committees
 - a. Social committee – David Grace, Barry Goodson, Glen Williams
 - Has organized the Dodgeball fundraiser as well as 2 BBQ weekends
 - Lost \$50 on the BBQ, will be repaid to David Grace
 - b. Corporate sponsorship committee – Paul Schure, Del Christensen, Glen Williams
 - Del Christensen has secured sponsorship for the new team (Fernwood Kal-Tire)
 - Paul Schure has secured the Dodgeball fundraiser
 - c. Strategic planning committee – Stefan Hall, Paul Schure, Miko Ross, Tim Collins
 - i. Build sustainable organization
 - 1) 4-5 teams to allow savings through numbers
 - 2) Different levels of competition to attract more players
 - 3) Clear rules and guidelines for governance
 - ii. Update constitution
 - iii. Create election committee

Two committee motions as a starting point towards creating a strategic plan (see below) – passed.

4. Election of Fernwood FA executive for 2013-14
 - a. 4-8 Board members to be elected
 - b. Ideally at least 1 member from each team

Members elected:

President:	Stefan Hall
Town:	Paul Schure
Dragons:	Matthew Seeger
Kal-Tire:	Del Christensen
United:	Adam Holley

5. Any other business
 - none

6. Meeting Adjournment

Strategic planning committee motions

Motion 1: That the 2013-14 FFA Board work on building a “sustainable organization” in the sense outlined below and following the three general principles outlined below.

Background. By “sustainable” in the motion we will mean “self-perpetuating” in a form in which it contributes to its goals as set out in the Purpose of Fernwood FA (Constitution, Article 2).

Principles/necessary conditions when creating a sustainable organisation:

1. The governance of the organisation is to be spelled out well. Things should not depend too much on the goodwill of a single person because such a person may not always be there. Rather, the model should be team work, where the responsibilities of the team of FFA “stewards” are clear. These stewards are of course the board members.
2. Have a critical mass of teams who all contribute to the association as well as their teams. Four or five teams is probably a good number in terms of critical mass. Three teams makes things like field rentals, purchasing equipment, and organising group events expensive and/or onerous.
3. Have a collection of teams that compete at different levels of competition. For example, having a Master A team and a Masters B team would be “easier” than having two Masters B teams. First, recruiting players is probably easier if the association can offer opportunities for players of different skills levels. Also teams of various levels of competition can support each other more effectively through possible call-ups and transfers.

Motion 2: That the future FFA Boards work through establishing election committees as described below up to the moment that the membership votes repeals this procedure at a general meeting of the FFA membership.

Background: Assuming agreement on the objective (i.e. Motion 1 above) it is next important to establish how to create a sustainable organization. It would be helpful if the membership give the board some guidance on this. Working in line with the constitution is clearly important. This is obvious and does not require a motion.

But here is something that is perhaps helpful. A very tricky moment for continuity is always the transition from old to new boards. We believe that the creation of an election committee is necessary for this. Such a committee would consist of one or more persons that know the organisation well, that demand the respects of the Fernwood members in good standing, and that are not aspiring to become a Director in the year of the election. The election committee would make sure that there is at least one candidate for president, and that each team provides enough Directors by the time of the AGM. Normally the board would recruit an election

committee by February or March of each year. The Election committee would ensure that all members are invited to run for a position, and not endorse certain members over others.