

**MINUTES OF THE
BOP SENIOR FOOTBALL CLUBS and WAIBOP PRESEASON MEETING
Held on Wednesday, 11th March 2015
At Sport Bay of Plenty, Tauranga 7.30pm**

Welcome & Introduction: Karyn welcomed and thanked all for attending and introduced WaiBOP staff. Clubs then introduced themselves.

Present: Karyn Walters (WaiBOP), Mark Christie (WaiBOP), Paul Higgins (WaiBOP), Holly Nixon (WaiBOP), Graeme Blake (WaiBOP), Mike Pidduck (Papamoa FC), Steve McIntyre (Te Puke FC), Paul van der Salm (Papamoa FC), Denise Miller (Otumoetai FC), Jeremy Macdonald (Otumoetai FC), Barry Lusher (Otumoetai FC), Chris Lowe (Otumoetai FC), Helen Webb, (Tauranga City United AFC), Dan Sheahan (Tauranga City United AFC).

Apologies: Mike Brouwer (Ngongotaha AFC), David Cook (AFC Fury), Barry & Rose Hawkes (Plains Rangers).

Regulations: A query was raised about the age eligibility for youth playing in senior leagues. Karyn said that dispensations can be requested and these will then be discussed with the WaiBOP Football Development team. Karyn highlighted that a signed parental consent is required with dispensations. If a club has this consent in the terms and conditions on a registration form, and the player is registering to a team, then this would suffice.

ITC: Karyn acknowledged that this is a long, involved and cumbersome process.

- Karyn explained that it is a FIFA regulation that New Zealand Football and WaiBOP have to comply with. Non-compliance in the past has resulted in the national body being severely financially penalised. The procedures now in place are to try and avoid NZF, WaiBOP and schools/clubs from facing any penalty.
- An ITC is where you're born, not your citizenship.
- Minor ITC's are now 10 – 18 year-olds.
- Minor ITC's also apply to exchange students.
- There is no longer any Guest Player status. The ASB Premiership has changed to minimum 8 NZ born players in squad. Karyn imagines this is where NZF will head with this for all leagues.
- NZF Regulation 5 has been rewritten.
- NRFL regulations are out and say nothing about Guest Players.

Team Cards: Were available at the meeting for clubs to take. If playing in WaiBOP Premiership or WaiBOP Championship (formerly Federation 1 & Federation 2) please get match results through ASAP after game. All leagues have to send their team cards through to teamcards@waibop.conz

Fairplay: This will be conducted the same way as last year. It will be updated more regularly this season than last.

GoalNet: Graeme Blake outlined the process of how to send GoalNet reports as CSV files by email (attached). If clubs need any help with GoalNet please feel free to contact Graeme who is here to help.

Playing Dates: FIFA U20 brochures handed out to clubs.

- 28 March - WaiBOP Premiership and Championship begins
- 11 April – BOP senior leagues begin
- Anzac Weekend – No games for Mens and Womens Bay Leagues and Youth Leagues
- Queens' Birthday weekend – Mens Bay Leagues & Youth play
- Queens' Birthday weekend – no games Womens Bay League
- FIFA U20 – no games scheduled on the below dates -
 - 31 May
 - 6 & 14, 20 June
 - Clubs can arrange to play each other on these days if both teams agree.
- A question was asked why the Women leagues don't play long weekends. Karyn replied because that is what clubs have requested.

Leagues:

- **Women** - 11 teams entered in Women's Bay 1. It was decided to play a full round and then work on consensus if another full round is played or split top half and bottom half for the remainder of the season.
- **Men** - 8 teams entered in Men's Bay 1. It was decided to play two full rounds and then split top half / bottom half for the remainder of the season. 12 teams entered in Men's Bay 2. It was decided to play one full round and then split top half / bottom half for the remainder of the season.
- **Knockout Cups** - are currently scheduled at the same time as last year, except the Pullar Cup which will be moved to a bit earlier.
- **Federation Women's crossover** will operate the same as last season.

General Business:

- Knockout Cups – an email was sent from WaiBOP recently saying 16 players in the squad. This will be amended to 18 players per squad (as per agreement at end of season meeting).
- The referees have lost the services of 25 referees across WaiBOP Federation, this means Men's Bay 2 will be really lucky to get referees and Men's Bay 1 are unlikely to have a referee appointed to their games.
- An increased number of referees are doing NRFL games and more teams in the BOP are playing NRFL, which has put additional strain on referee availability.
- WaiBOP Premiership will always have 3 point control. NRFL Division 1 Reserves will have one referee appointed.
- WaiBOP Championship will always have a referee appointed.
- Federation Youth Leagues will have a referee appointed where possible.
- Women's Bay 1 will take priority on Sundays and will always have a referee appointed unless there is long distance travel and large scores have been recorded in previous games.

- Every senior team must have an accredited CBR attached to the team (an accredited CBR is someone who has done a CBR course from 2012 onwards). A grace period will apply as teams get CBR's accredited but this will be monitored.
- CBR's have all rights of an official referee.
- Referees will not be appointed to games that they're not at a level to control.
- Referee appointments will be posted on the WaiBOP website by Friday lunchtime each week.
- Clubs are encouraged to get players to attend CBR courses – see WaiBOP website for details or contact Paul Higgins.
- Karyn thanked clubs for their help with ground availability, this was much appreciated.

Meeting closed: 8.30pm