



Sydney FC's Fan Representative Group Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details:

June 4th 2024; 6pm, Sky Park, Macquarie University Sports Field & Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Yousef Hussain [Chairman]
- David Shaw
- John Apotsis
- Michelle Morris
- Gavin O'Farrell
- Michelle Prasad
- Winston Gentry
- Jeremy Butler [Sydney FC]

Apologies:

- Rio Alexander

Agenda Item 1: Purpose of Sydney FC FRG

The group discussed whether the FRG was fulfilling its objective as prescribed by the APL by acting as a consultative body to provide the APL with guidance on proposed APL future planning in regard to the growth of the game. The FRG agreed the group was not currently fulfilling this purpose due to inaction by the APL, but agreed to continue to meet with the intention of generating ideas to help grow the game which can be presented to the APL at a future date. The group proposed Sydney FC action the FRG's ideas to showcase them to the APL.

Jeremy Butler outlined the FRG's agreed terms of reference is to focus on areas that relate to the growth of the game of football in Australia and the part Members and supporters can play in providing the Australia Premier League [APL] with initiatives and feedback to achieve this goal. He indicated that Sydney FC will listen to the FRG's ideas but could not commit to acting on them.

The FRG also discussed revising the group's structure and changing its initial guiding principles relating to terms served by each Member. It felt the change to the APL's approach to FRGs denied the Sydney FC FRG the opportunity to achieve its goals and therefore Members of the FRG should be serve two-year terms to allow the group more time to work with the APL.

The group also decided to add an additional three Members to the FRG to raise its number to the 11 non-Sydney FC members as initially envisaged in the formation of the group.

Action: Jeremy Butler to set up a shared document that allows FRG Members to collect suggestions on improvements to the APL that can also be reviewed by Sydney FC.
Jeremy Butler to solicit interest from candidates to join the Sydney FC FRG.

Agenda Item 2: Changes of staff at APL

The FRG requested an update of staff changes at APL.

Action: Chairman to request an update on the staff changes at the APL at the next APL FRG meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Request for update from APL on National Second Division

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Action: Chairman to request an update on the National Second Division at the next APL FRG meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Request for update on improvements to the APL App.

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Agenda Item 5: Request for update on improvements to the Paramount+ App.

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Agenda Item 6: APL changes to TIFO management

Winston Gentry updated the group of challenges faced by The Cove during the process of displaying the Tifo at the last Sydney Derby. Jeremy Butler indicated the APL and Allianz Stadium will hold a meeting with Active support regarding Tifo's ahead of next season.

Action: Winston Gentry to update the FRG on outcome of meeting with APL & Allianz Stadium.

Agenda Item 7: Dedicated sections for travelling supporters at Women's games.

Michelle Morris called for all clubs to provide a dedicated section for away supporters at Women's games to help create enhanced atmosphere at Women's games. The FRG suggested this issue should be raised with APL at the next meeting.

Action: Chairman to raise this as an action for APL at the next APL FRG meeting.

AOB:

The Chairman, Yousef Hussain, indicated that the APL have not communicated a date for the next APL FRG meeting.

With no further items to attend to, the meeting closed at 7.12pm.