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2017 AFL MASTERS WA Post Season Update

Hopefully you are all enjoying your football down time and putting your time to good use. The Board has been busy in the background ironing out some of the administrative issues that must get done to hold the Association in good stead—but more of that later...

• AFLMWA Constitution

After an extensive consultation process undertaken over several months, the Board put to a vote a new constitution that falls in line with the requirements of the Western Australian Associations Incorporations Act 2015. A special general meeting was held in conjunction with the September Delegates meeting on Tuesday 26th September. With 32 members represented either in person, on the phone or by Proxy the constitution was accepted by a majority of 30 “Yes” and 2 “No” votes. The Constitution has since been lodged with the WA Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. A 25 day turnaround time should see the association able to operate under the new constitution by the time our AGM is held (scheduled for December 18).

By Laws Review :

In addition to the requiring a new constitution there is now also the need to review and bring our By-Laws in line with the constitution and make necessary amendments to reflect how we currently operate as well as how we want to operate going forward. Part of this process has involved removing items from our constitution that belong in our By-Laws and changes that are necessary due to other external circumstances. It is the intention of the board to conduct a similar process to that used for reviewing the constitution. A draft copy is due to be circulated shortly so be ready for some riveting reading.

Metro Comp - Team Sheets

A review of team sheets at year end has revealed quite a few miscreants with regards to providing completed team sheets as per the process agreed to many years ago. A separate communication will be sent to clubs that have transgressed during the 2017 season. Any team sheets highlighted should be forwarded ASAP to the association administrator (James Hunt) via either of the following addresses:

aflmasterswa@gmail.com

jhunt@wafc.com.au

A gentle reminder that the Board does have the power to impose a penalty on those clubs that fail to meet their obligations, but would rather it did not come to that.

Umpire Update:

A further clarification on some outstanding issues from the last fixture:

Cards Issued: It was reported Fremantle Masters were issued with a yellow card in the last round. No card was issued to Fremantle Masters as they had a bye in the last round.

Game called off: What action resulted?

As reported, a game was called off prior to the completion of the last quarter.

However, as no further action was sought (in writing) by the match umpire, the board felt it was not in a position to take any further action.

Where red cards were issued in that round, it will stand that the individual involved will be suspended and unable to play the first round of 2018 (normal proceedings).

• 2018 Draft Metro Fixture

A draft fixture will be discussed at the upcoming delegates meeting. Without going into detail, at this stage the first game is proposed to be 25/3 with the last game being on 9/9.

• Albany Hospice Fundraiser

Our connection with Ultimate Promotions have sent us information with regards to the 6th Annual Albany Hospice Fundraising Dinner to be held on the weekend of the 18/19th November. See the attached flyer for more details.

• End of Year House Cleaning

With the closing of the season clubs normally get to sit back and relax and maybe just get their AGM out of the way. If you are one of the clubs that has done that or will be doing it soon can I please remind all of you that any changes to your committee, or other important positions or info should be conveyed to the Association, preferably by updating your club info held on the wamastersfooty.com.au website. If you are unsure how to do this please contact Geoff Ahearn

• National Affiliation

As mentioned previously, the AFL Masters National group and AFLMWA have been in positive discussions regarding possible affiliation in 2018. The Chairman and the 2 Vice Chairman attended the delegates Meeting held by the National body at this years Geelong National Carnival.

It was a generally positive meeting with discussions still ensuing with regards to affiliation, AFLMWA attendance National Carnivals, the potential to host a carnival in the future and also have access to an insurance option similar to what insurance cover we currently have. We will keep everyone informed of the outcomes as and if the pieces fall into place.

• WAFC Update

The WAFC and other stakeholders have completed their negotiations with the state government regarding the new Stadium. The good news is the outcome sees the WAFC indicating (not confirming) it is in a favourable position to continue to fund community football similarly to recent years. The board will be working with the WAFC to ensure a favourable outcome for Masters football in WA.

• Save the Date :

Nov/Dec - Upcoming Board Elections

Monday 18th December - AGM

TBA:

By-Law Review (in line with the new Constitution)

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Yours in Masters Footy

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