



# Football Supporters Group

## Meeting Minutes

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**Date and time:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm

**Location:** Think Studio 1 – St Paul's School

**Attendance:** Amanda Carter, Janet Payne, Matt Hodgins, Craig Norton, Paul Carroll, Karl McLaren.

**Apologies:** Linda Bevin, Sally Handyside

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### Welcome

Confirmation of previous FSG meeting minutes (meeting held on 10 July 2024) Moved by Lisa and seconded by Janet.

There were no matters arising from the past minutes.

### AGENDA:

#### Presidents Report:

- School score board arrived and was found not to be to the quality or specifications advertised and has been sent back to China.
- The school board has shut down all orders until outstanding invoices have been paid. FSG has no outstanding invoices. Football was incorrectly invoiced for \$1500 for scoreboard contribution and this has been amended following Amanda Cater explaining that all FSG funds are currently allocated. FSG is open to fundraising for this in the future if indicated as needed.
- Blue day raffles: Gratefully received two jerseys courtesy of Matt Hodgins. Decision agreed following committee discussion was to draw the Australian football jersey on Blue day. The more valuable Southampton shirt will be raffled over 3 weeks and drawn on the 5-a-side end of season event: 29/8/2024
- Titans rugby shirts Dynasty has donated two signed Gold Coast Titans shirts: Amanda has auctioned one of the two Titans playing shirts on eBay. The winning bid was \$127.50. Profit after fees deducted: \$117.94. Committee decided to hold the second jersey until later in the NFL season in the hope of getting a better price if the Titans do well. Amanda Carter currently has the second jersey.

- The Trevor Wendt award: To be paid for by the school will be a perpetual trophy. Place for 20 names, each year one boy will have their name engraved and receive a medallion. Charlie Wendt to decide on recipient at this Blue day.
- First team dinner: 7 September at Casa Cibo (Italian restaurant at Chermside):  
Invited guests: Mr John O’ Sullivan Williams, Ms Sally Handyside and Rev Stephen Brown. Amanda Carter and Janet Payne will represent the committee. Committee and students are paying for their tickets \$45 pp and invited guest are funded by the FSG. This dinner is a small group event to acknowledge the lifetime awards – two children this year; as well as present the G12 and 1st team players of a gift of a backpack by the FSG.

### **Vice – President Report:**

“5-a-side” End of season event (in lieu of the previous dinners held) is still awaiting approval by the school. Update to Lisa from Sally Handyside is that the approval is currently under review by Mr Jon Andrews. The school are required to ratio 1:15 for staffing. With the high number of attendants, they are looking to allocate the number of staff required.

With limited time remaining a sub committee has tentatively been arranged pending approval. Decision to divide the event into two groups. This is to accommodate the junior school disco and ensure safety of smaller children. Teams will be comprised of 7 players, playing 10min halves. First round is G4 to G7 and second round is G8-G12.

Concerns raised by parents expressed to Lisa:

1. Payment for referees: committee voted against – looking for volunteers.
  2. No award / trophy; players are playing for the “title and bragging rights”- the event is about community engagement and love of the game.
  3. Safety of players; age related discrepancies as well as rough play close to finals-
- Lisa is to action the requirement for 1<sup>st</sup> Aid.**

### **Treasurer Report:**

-1<sup>st</sup> canteen saw \$1600 in sales, in addition there is \$600 to be reimbursed by the school for 1<sup>st</sup> team meals. (total profit \$2200). Expenses of +/- \$1000 to be deducted. Net profit \$1276.00.

- Titan’s shirt profit of \$117.94 as previously mentioned.

- \$10 000 - currently allocated to purchase new game day playing kit for junior, senior boys and girls (not 1<sup>st</sup> team).

- Balance available \$2800.

## **General Business:**

Following call out for new executive representatives for next season as current executives are all stepping down; Mr Matt Hodgins has volunteered for the role of President, Mrs Barb Gehan has volunteered for secretary. Position of treasurer is yet to be confirmed.

Discussion of sponsorship going forward: To cover cost of training shirts for junior, girls and boys \$10,000 was recommended by Amanda Carter. Matt has volunteered to sponsor \$5000, Mr Paul Gehan: \$1,000 (My Tesla Accessories).

The committee has discussed and agreed that there will be a change to the sponsorship timeline: going forward with the new executive the sponsorship will commence in term 1 with the girl's season and work on a calendar year. All sponsors will be the same for the girls and boys, no longer each having to allocate their own funding.

**Action – new committee to review sponsorship packages, amend terms in the sponsorship agreement and obtain approval from Dylan Malloch before invoicing sponsors for 2025.**

VP Lisa recommended the new executive considering the additional executive of VP to share the workload of a two-term sport.

Meeting closed at 7.48pm

**Next meeting is the AGM on October 9, at 6.30pm. Sutton Building**