

# SPX Football Supporters Club

## Meeting Minutes

7pm, 24 May 2022, via Zoom

Present:	Simon Yue (St Pius X College College Senior School Football Convenor) Paul Cummins (St Pius X College Junior School Football Convenor)  2022 SPX Football Supporters Club (SPX FSC) Committee Members: Lorna Hammond (President and Chair) Cathy Thomson (Treasurer) Liz Ward (Secretary) Grace Hartry (Football Merchandise)  St Pius X College Parents: Rob Kneeshaw (Year 7 Parent)
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### 1. Opening

Meeting opened with Welcome and Prayer

### 2. Announcements

The Chair advised that there are new committee members for 2022, Lorna Hammond (Chair), Liz Ward (Secretary), Grace Hartry (Merchandise), Maureen Hurley-Bryan (Trybooking / Holiday Camps / Grading Day), Lorie Parkinson (Trivia Night), Janis Lo (Trivia night / Fundraising) and Cathy Thomson (Treasurer). Natalie Bacic has taken on a Parent role in the 1st XI's. Cathy Thomson was President from 2019 to 2021, including other roles as well, for the past 5 years from 2017 to 2021; Cathy cannot be thanked enough for the contribution she has made. The Chair also acknowledged the support of Christopher Lilley who has contributed to Club enormously over the past 3 years and is focusing on his personal commitments at this time.

### 3. Discussion

#### 3.1 SPX FSC President update – Lorna Hammond

The President offered a thank you to all the volunteers that assisted on the recent grading day, with so much help it was a great day resulting in all the boys being graded.

The President restated the objectives of the SPX FSC are to:

- Support the school with the delivery of a football season at St Pius X College.
- Fundraising to support Football club activities as well as the school football season.
- Continue a strong football community at St Pius X (SPX) College.

There were no questions asked of the President.

### 3.2 SPX College - Junior School Football Convenor update– Paul Cummins

It was noted that there has been a challenging start to the 2022 SPX football season with interrupted trials due to Covid and rain but despite this the season has kicked off with the boys and coaches enjoying themselves, as the season progresses any re-grading that needs to occur, will be done.

The School has engaged Coerver Coaching to support football coaching for SPX College. Coerver take a fun approach to coaching, it is skills based and allows for input from coaches, with direct instruction and providing a challenge to the boys. The boys are enjoying the coaching. In addition to Coerver Coaching, ex-students are helping with mini-games.

The SPX College Prep-A football team will participate in National primary school football tournament held in Tamworth each year during the July 2022 school holidays. In prior years, a generous donation was given by the SPX FSC to supports the purchase of football jerseys and other related tour costs.

SPX College also coordinates referees for the weekend matches. Ideally there would be a few more SPX senior school boys to ensure coverage for the coming years. The SPX FSC discussed raising awareness of the referee program and what ages refs can begin i.e., Year 7 boys are able to referee Under 10 & 11s, it was also agreed that the Referee Course should be mentioned at Friday sports assembly and run in the newsletters. It was noted that Referees are also able to be linesmen to learn (and paid the same rate) and that during covid a number did the online referee course, so it would be beneficial to follow up those boys (approx.15) to gain interest for further involvement.

**Action:** Send list of boys who completed the online Referee Coaching course to Simon/Paul for follow-up – Cathy Thomson. This matter was actioned by Cathy on 23 May 2022.

There were no further questions of the Junior School Football Convenor.

### 3.3 Senior School Coordinator – Simon Yue

A thank you was given for the grading day assistance, whilst impacted by Covid it was largely successful. Senior school football training has commenced, incredibly impacted due to rain and Covid. Drainage issues continue on Watkins and Walsh football fields at Oxford Falls with plans to fix drainage underway. Training has had to be cancelled at times but fortunately no matches have been cancelled.

Coerver Coaching has also been introduced for the senior school 2022 football program at after school training on Monday and Wednesdays; as part of the PE program for years 7-10 and to run the Saturday Colour Competition at Oxford Falls for years 7-9. The introduction of Coerver Coaching is a trial for 2022 football season. Coerver Coaching, will be rotated to different football teams and year groups on Monday and Wednesday after school training. This approach

has been taken to keep costs down but still get the benefit of the Coerver Coaching Program. The boys are very excited about this program.

Coerver Coaching will also provide coaching for the SPX football school holiday camp to be held during the first week of Term 2 July 2022 school holidays. In relation to the Camp, a bus will be provided to assist with transport from the College to Oxford Falls each day, details are to be provided in the newsletters and booking opening shortly. The SPX FSC Committee raised several matters to be addressed regarding the camp (costing / logistics / communications) and it was agreed that a separate offline discussion would be held.

Regarding the ISA football draw, the 2022 football season had a challenging start with the first weeks dominated by Oakhill College and St Patrick's College proving tough competition. It was clarified that unlike the Junior School, Level 2 or 3 badge football referees are required for ISA senior school football games.

The following questions were asked by the attendees:

- With flu and Covid hitting the teams hard, what are the plans for substitute players?  
Looking at all avenues to field full SPX ISA football teams within allowed competition rules. It was agreed in the ISA to invoke the mercy rule where no result can be beyond a '7 goal margin'.
- What is the process to notify absence for Saturday games?  
Parent to email to coach if it is a SPX teacher, alternative is to email Simon Yue or Paul Cummings to forward through to coach if coach is an SPX old boy.
- SPX Boys appear to be missing out playing for the SPX College in the ISA competition, why is that?

Unfortunately the number of SPX ISA teams is limited by constraints of the ISA competition. The competing schools cannot always field enough teams enough teams for all SPX College boys to play in the ISA competition. This constraint was addressed by the introduction of an Internal Colour House competition at SPX College to enable all SPX boys who wish to play football to do so with specialist football coaching provided by SPX College. It was noted that there are strong numbers competing for the ISA teams in Years 7 and 8 but then numbers fall away in Years 9 and 10 and boys return to play football in Years 11 and 12.

**Action:** Simon/Lorna/Cathy to discuss Holiday camp – costings, logistics, communications – Lorna Hammond. Discussions held on 24 May 2022 and agreed arrangements to be actioned by SPX FSC.

**Action:** Details for SPX parents to advise of game absence to be put in SPX newsletter – Simon Yue / Paul Cummins

#### 4 SPX FSC Treasurer update – Cathy Thomson

##### Fundraising:

- The cash outflow of the SPX FSC is exclusively directed to the SPX Football program for both senior and junior schools. The SPX FSC has budgeted that the cash outflow on the program will be \$20,000 for 2022 and the SPX FSC has to date committed \$16,786 to the program, principally for football coaching for 2022.
- The cash inflow from the SPX P&F contribution from the SPX P&F levy paid by SPX Parents to the SPX FSC is \$7,000 per annum. The SPX P&F have provided an additional \$3,000 once-off contribution for the 2022 year.
- The 2022 SPX Trivia night is scheduled for Saturday 10 September 2022 which is the major fund raising event for SPX Clubs included the SPX FSC for 2022. All attendees were encouraged to spread the word and seek out donations from SPX Football families and volunteers to help with organising the event. The SPX FSC typically receives a cash inflow of \$4,000 to \$5,000 from SPX Trivia night.
- In 2021, the Club-Hub mega-raffle was initiated by the SPX FSC to benefit all 5 major SPX clubs (Football, Rugby, Basketball, Cricket and PAPA) at the SPX Cocktail Party held on 26 March 2021 raised approximately \$12,000. The SPX P&F are keen for the SPX Club-fund raising initiative to also be undertaken at the 2022 SPX trivia night. There was no 2021 SPX trivia night due to Covid lockdown and the Club-Hub mega-raffle was the alternate SPX Club fundraising initiative in 2021.
- The 2022 budgeted cash shortfall on funding commitments of \$4,000 to \$5,000 can be paid from SPX FSC funds not spent in the last 2 years due to shortened 2020 and 2021 SPX football seasons during the Covid lockdowns. The SPX FSC has spent this money in support of the Coerver Coaching program for the 2022 SPX football season as requested by SPX College. It was noted that to keep the Coerver Coaching program will require further fundraising support from SPX football family community.
- Other SPX FSC possible social events were briefly discussed including a social night event for SPX Football parents or a SPX Football family end of season event.

**Action:** Promote 2022 SPX trivia night donations and volunteers during involvement in the SPX football community - All

**Action:** Send in fundraising ideas to the SPX FSC email account- All. Rob Kneeshaw proposed recycling bottle collection fundraising idea via email on 24 May 2022.

#### 4. Closing

The SPX FSC President thanked all attendees for their contribution and closed the meeting in Prayer at 8pm.