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EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ALL CLUBS MEETING

Monday December 12, 2011 at 7:00pm, Juniors @ The Junction, Maroubra

In attendance: Raff Del Vecchio (President), Emmanuel Alfieris, Andrew Field, Adam Gwynne, Ron Ogilvie, Mark Puterflam (ESFA Board); Aaron Dibdin (General Manager); Dmitriy Chachko (Bondi United); Jake Peacock (Coogee United); Ger Connolly, Andrew Heading (Dunbar Rovers); David Owens, Oonagh Power (Easts); Pam Sypher (Glebe Wanderers); Lachlan Bhim, Mark Hedge (Heffron Park); Kosma Tzannes (Kytherians); Ilan Bloom (Lions FC); Bob House (Lokomotiv Cove); Alan Charak (Maccabi Hakoah Juniors FC); Mary Ivancic, John Reid, Caroline Memmolo, Frank Friedmann, Tony Musumeci (Maroubra United); Alan Chow, Pam Chow, John Mavroudis (Mascot Kings); Mark Kraljevic (Pagewood Botany); Barry Kelleher (Phoenix); Jaleh Shafie, Peter Vaneris, David Patch (Queens Park); Wally House, Nick Procopiadis (Redfern Raiders); James Clarke (Sydney University); Roy Belcher (Waverley Old Boys).

Meeting opened: 7:15pm

1. Apologies

There were apologies from Michelle Bogatyrov, Peter Kriesler, Maccabi Seniors, Olympic Eagles, UNSW, Mark Bryant, Christine Hohne, Stewart Ross, Craig Behrmann, Curtis Jackson, Chris Brunner.

2. Introduction

The President, Raff Del Vecchio took the chair and welcomed delegates to the All Clubs Meeting. He noted that the meeting will be the first conducted under the new Proportional Representation rules and will deal with the budget and fees, proposals for a Ground Development Fund and a Junior Development Levy, the application from Randwick City FC to become a member of the Association and the election of Chairs of League Councils for 2012.

Raff stated that the application from Randwick City would be dealt with at the end of the meeting and that their representatives would offer a 10 minute presentation. There would be no question and answer session, and the representatives would then leave the room while Clubs discussed the application with

speakers for and against the application. Raff noted that the Board would be abstaining from the vote. While the Board has conducted its due diligence and states that prima facie the application appears to satisfy all criteria, the Board intends to leave the question to member clubs to determine.

3. The Budget and Schedule of Fees

3.1. The Budget

The President called the Treasurer to introduce the 2012 Budget and Schedule of Fees.

Emmanuel addressed the meeting, highlighting the work that has been done to extract efficiencies from the budget and reduce the cost base to levels similar to 2007, and thanked the office for their work to achieve these efficiencies. Emmanuel also noted that cost to players and clubs has been kept flat or reduced where possible.

Motion: “That the proposed budget and schedule of fees for financial year 2011/12 be adopted”

Moved: Andrew Field

Seconded: Ron Ogilvie

MOTION CARRIED

3.2. Ground Development Levy

Emmanuel Alfieris introduced the proposed Ground Development Levy as per the document circulated to the meeting.

Emmanuel noted that a key aim of the Association is to develop a home. Associations with home grounds have access to grants and other funding to put towards the betterment of the game, and get to reduce a number of costs in other areas. Our association never gets the chance to attract this funding and cannot make the same savings as funds for strategic aims like grounds compete with our recurrent spending.

A Ground Development Levy will provide us with the capacity to work towards developing these grounds and facilities separate to the usual budget strictures. Accordingly, the funds will be held in a trust managed by one person elected by the Board and two people elected by the Members.

\$10 a year per player amounts to nearly \$70,000 per annum on 2011 player numbers. Over a five year period this becomes a significant fund to direct towards facilities.

Benefits could include a ‘home’ for the Association to conduct finals, training, midweek matches.

Motion: “That the ESFA adopt a Ground Development Levy to be put in a trust whose objects will be to develop grounds and facilities in the interests of football”

Moved: Emmanuel Alfieris

Seconded: Mark Puterflam

MOTION CARRIED

3.3. Junior Development Fund

Andrew Field introduced the proposed Junior Development Fund as per the document circulated to the meeting.

Andrew noted that Small Sided Football has changed the way football works for junior players, and that no longer can we have a system where each team puts forward a dad who is given a bag of balls and told “see you at the presentation”. It is essential that junior players receive coaching from accredited coaches and that the Association and Clubs coordinate to ensure that every player has access to a program that is in keeping with the national curriculum.

Accordingly, the Association proposes a Junior Development Fund, into which clubs will pay and which will then redistribute funds to clubs to help pay for accredited coaches.

This approach anticipates the rollout of the FFA’s program of Club Accreditation, where the FFA will require all clubs to have appropriately qualified coaches to be allowed to register teams.

The Fund is intended to be redistributed to Clubs – Clubs will be granted funds upon application to fund approved coaching activities.

Motion: “That the Eastern Suburbs Football Association further develop a Junior Development Fund which Junior clubs will contribute to and which will be directed to funding coaching and development with the intent of having a final proposal ready for the All Clubs Meeting in February”

Moved: David Owens

Seconded: Andrew Field

MOTION CARRIED

4. Electing Councils Chairs for 2012

4.1. Small Sided Football Council Chair

There was one nomination received from Frank Friedmann. There being no further nominations, Alan was declared elected unopposed as Chair of the Small Sided Football Council.

4.2. Girls’ Council Chair

There was one nomination received from Alan Charak. There being no further nominations, Alan was declared elected unopposed as Chair of the Girls’ Council.

4.3. Junior Council Chair

There was one nomination received from David Owens. There being no further nominations, Alan was declared elected unopposed as Chair of the Junior Council.

4.4. Men's Council Chair

There was one nomination received from Wally Holzer. There being no further nominations, Alan was declared elected unopposed as Chair of the Men's Council.

4.5. Women's Council Chair

There was no nomination for the position of Women's Council Chair; Jaleh Shafie indicated she would consider taking the role. The position was declared vacant.

Raff noted the hard work of Ron and Adam to develop a structure to review the competitions and ensure that 2012 will be a great year with our two Football Management Committees overseeing smooth, professionally run competitions.

5. Determining any applications for new clubs to enter the Association

Ben Folino and Richard Baldwin made a presentation on behalf of Randwick City FC in support of their application to join the Association.

Following the presentation, representatives of Randwick City FC left the room and the floor was opened for Members to discuss the application.

Delegates were given the opportunity to speak in favor and against the application. At the conclusion of a balanced debate, the President and the General Manager conducted a ballot to resolve the matter.

Motion: That the Eastern Suburbs Football Association should accept the application for affiliation from Randwick City Football Club and their entry into Senior competitions.

The count was conducted by the General Manager and observed by the President, with John Reid (Maroubra United) and Charlie Muscat (Randwick City) scrutineering.

The result of the ballot was:

YES: 17

NO: 21.

MOTION LOST

4. Electing Councils Chairs for 2012 (revisited)

4.5 Women's Council Chair

Jaleh Shafie indicated she would be willing to accept the role as Women's Council Chair, and there being no further nominations Jaleh was declared elected unopposed as Chair of the Women's Council.

Raff thanked everyone for their attendance and wished delegates all the best for the festive season. There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9:30pm.