



**EASTERN SUBURBS  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Developing football for everyone.**

## **MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Wednesday 23 July, 2014 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens  
(Mtg 09/14)**

### **MINUTES**

Attendance: Raff Del Vecchio, Andrew Field, John Clayton, Mark Puterflam, Sean Fenton, Ron Ogilvie, Paul Kelly, Aaron Dibdin

The meeting opened at 7.01pm

#### **09/14.1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Elisha McKie, and Andrew Field had advised he would arrive a little late.

#### **09/14.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 08/14 & MATTERS ARISING**

##### 09/14.2.1. Consideration of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June were taken as a true and correct record.

Moved: Sean Fenton

Seconded: Paul Kelly

Carried

##### 09/14.2.2. Business arising from the minutes

The action items were reviewed and updated.

#### **09/14.3 REPORTS**

##### 09/14.3.1. President's Report

The President updated the Board on meetings with the Halo Effect and Epilepsy Action Australia to further plan the charity game to be run in conjunction with the ESFA Men's Championship Grand Finals.

Aaron is to get in touch with Botany Bay Council and ask if they'd consider donating the pitch hire costs for the game.

The Board endorsed the event and authorized the President to sign the MOU with The Halo Effect.

The President also briefed the Board on other meetings in respect of development opportunities for talented youth players in the region and indicated that more would be discussed under the representative football report.

The Board agreed that ESFA should promote the bulk ticket offer provided by the organizers of the Asian Cup 2015 tournament, noting that it is a huge event in our backyard and great for football.

Lastly, the Board discussed two tickets that had been allocated to the Association to attend the Juventus vs A-League All Stars game. The Board discussed who would be appropriate to send along to the game and it was resolved that the President and one other would attend. For this and future similar events, it was resolved that a register of gifts should be created covering any gifts or similar items received by directors or staff.

#### 09/14.3.2. Financial Report

Aaron spoke to the financial report and took questions.

ESFA will wait until our request for a credit against U6 and U7 registrations is responded to in writing before remitting the registration fees for those age groups.

#### 09/14.3.3. Other Reports

##### 09/14.3.3.1 Small Sided Football

Sean reported that he had been to all clubs through the course of the year and everybody was compliant with FFA requirements, with correct fields and formats, managing ability matching well and providing a good product.

In particular, the mixed hub between Mascot, Waverley, Heffron, Kincoppal and Olympic is a great operation.

Consequently, ESFA will deliver the SSF rebates in full to all clubs with feedback to assist in further developing our SSF operations.

Sean will deliver a presentation to the Board at its next meeting and following that will engage with clubs to bring about a 'preferred model' of SSF across the Eastern Suburbs.

1. Update on exemption agreements

The Board discussed breaches of the exemption agreements struck at the beginning of the season and potential action to be taken in response.

09/14.3.3.2 Junior FMC

Ron reported to the Board on preparations for the finals. The Board directed that all results for juniors should be resolved by the 10<sup>th</sup> August in order to allow finals to be scheduled in a timely fashion.

09/14.3.3.3 Senior FMC

The Board received a written report from Elisha in absentia, detailing progress on rescheduling and catch-ups and outlining steps for the review of the Men's Championship competition.

09/14.3.3.4 Representative Football

The Board discussed the outlook for representative football in the Eastern Suburbs in 2015, and ESFA programs within that particularly.

Motion: That ESFA apply for a licence to continue SAP and Regional Youth League in 2015

Moved: Andrew Field

Seconded: Paul Kelly

CARRIED

Andrew reported that SAP is running very well, and RYL has been positive for our first year and we have identified areas of potential improvement.

The Board discussed the idea of organizing a joint presentation for the SAP and RYL teams.

Andrew also reported on the model coaching sessions that the RYL and SAP coaches are running in early August.

09/14.3.3.5 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported that the last Branch meeting was well promoted and attended. On referee numbers, we are a little thin, with no shortage of excuses but not

enough cover to be able to punish referees – we need to recruit to bolster numbers.

Appointments for Grand Finals will be made on a merit-based selection process – rewarding our best referees.

There is a consistent theme coming from the referees of poorly marked fields, missing sideline ropes and dissent against referees. Referees are becoming increasingly frustrated with these recurring issues.

John noted that there are issues with club-appointed referees not being shown the appropriate level of respect; we may need to establish guidelines to help protect them.

#### **09/14.4 BUSINESS**

##### 09/14.4.1. Communications Policy

The Board agreed to adopt the Communications Policy as circulated.

##### 09/14.4.2. Other business

The President made a point to note that the website has looked very good in recent weeks with a steady flow of content.

The Board set a date for the August meeting (meeting 14/10): Monday 18 August, 6:30pm.

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9:01 pm.