



**EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday 19 August, 2013 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office Eastgardens (Mtg. 8/13)

MINUTES

In attendance: Raff Del Vecchio, Ron Ogilvie, Andrew Field, Mark Puterflam, John Clayton, Emmanuel Alfieris, Elisha McKie and Aaron Dibdin (General Manager).

The meeting opened at 7:07pm.

8/13.1 APOLOGIES

Andrew and Mark to be late

8/13.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 07/13 & MATTERS ARISING

8/13.2.1. Consideration of minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the July meeting be adopted.

Moved: Paul

Seconded: John

CARRIED

8/13.2.2. Business arising from the minutes

The Board reviewed the open action items.

On regional league – given that applications close 6th September, we will apply but keep options open.

Raff will send another message to Eddie Moore.

The Board reiterated that the ESFARB revamp needs to be ready for the AGM.

8/13.3 REPORTS

8/13.3.1. President's Report

Raff reported on his upcoming meeting with Randwick Council, but also noted that we have now received minutes of the Sports Grounds Committee.

Raff also noted that there had been ugly incidents on the weekend and that both clubs involved have received communications.

Raff raised a technical question before the JFMC in respect of a refereeing error in a semi-final. The Board discussed the matter briefly, noting that there is no automatic overrule in spite of the error at law; the matter will go back to the appropriate authority to make a ruling with a right of appeal to the Board.

Raff also briefly discussed membership matters for the 2014 season.

8/13.3.2. Financial Report

Aaron spoke briefly to the financial report, noting that receivables are very healthy and that our profit/loss is strong. Emmanuel made particular note that the balance sheet is looking very good.

8/13.3.3. Other Reports

8/13.3.3.1 Small Sided Football

Mark reported on the end of season for small-sided football, and noted the contents of our discussion paper sent to clubs putting forward the proposal for 2 hubs as a discussion point.

Raff asked that the discussion paper be immediately sent to all clubs with a covering letter.

Mark reported that the Girls' Gala Day didn't happen in the end as there were too few nominations to make the day viable.

8/13.3.3.2 Junior FMC

Ron reported that this weekend is the weekend of Junior Grand Finals and that the team is working hard through a long list of to-dos.

Referees coverage looks set to be ok. Ron emphasized the importance of adequate ground marking is important and ropes.

Player IDs will be checked on the field before game, and Referees have asked that official from ESFA be present.

8/13.3.3.3 Senior FMC

Elisha reported that preparations are similar for senior grand finals.

Some divisions' semi-finals kicked off last weekend, weather is the only problem. The Senior FMC and Aaron will have to consider contingencies in case we have a washout on the 1st September.

8/13.3.3.4 Referees and Judiciary

Paul noted the importance of sending a memo regarding alcohol at finals and communicating with rangers and police.

Raff noted that the Board shares Paul's concern for welfare of our referees, particularly the juniors.

Paul noted that we are not anticipating major dramas, but looking to be prepared.

Within the branch, the Referees' Committee is looking at implementing fitness assessments 3 times a year. As part of the assessment, it is intended that GPS data be included and that we get a little smarter about how we do it. Paul reported on potential introduction of new technologies to improve referee coaching and game management.

Paul also noted that traditionally there are summer competitions that we provide referees to and that this year we have been approached by KikOff at Kensington and Fraser Park. KikOff struggles to get a consistent standard and quality of referees and so has approached us.

Raff noted that the Board will need to be appraised of developments there.

Paul reported that it should be looked at as an incentive to stay with the Referees' Branch all year long and that he is very keen to keep the 15-18 year old referees who keenly want to be referees active over the summer because it is a good opportunity for development.

Raff asked Paul to do a proposal for the summer competitions and to work through any potential issues regarding the technological developments.

8/13.4 BUSINESS

8/13.4.1. U6 and U7

Ron proposed that two motions be discussed at the Board, and they were taken on notice:

1. That ESFA does not officially register U6 and U7 players with FFA and FNSW in 2014, and instead uses money to provide to clubs for coaching and development.
2. That ESFA is committed to the SAP program, but that in 2014 we allow players to train and play with local club if they want.

8/13.4.2. Other business

Board gave consideration to a letter from David Owens nominating Andrew Field for Life Membership of the Association and the following motion was put:

“That the Board recommends that Andrew Field be nominated for Life Membership of the Eastern Suburbs Football Association at the Annual General Meeting in 2013”

M: Paul Kelly

S: Elisha McKie

CARRIED

There being no further business, at 8.42pm, the meeting was closed.