



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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MINIROOS COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Newmarket Hotel
Corner of Botany Rd & Gardeners Rd, Mascot

COMMENCING AT 6:30PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Gerry Frittman (Dunbar); Peter Siles (Heffron); Patrick Hardy (Maroubra); Maria Tsangaris (Olympic); Marko Kraljevic (Pagewood); Alan Walker (Easts); David Owens (Miniroos Director of Football); Moray Vincent (Miniroos Council Chair); Aaron Dibdin (General Manager) Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator) - you missed Phillip C from Mascot I think?

Meeting opened at: 6:46pm

Agenda

1. Season Review - what we have learnt
2. Resourcing
3. Elect new chair
4. Other business

Apologies

Waverley, Marc Fior, Maccabi

1. Season Review – what we have learnt

Previous Minutes cleared

ESFA were reasonably successful in grading this year
- Easts and Queens Park had the similar promotions and relegations

- (QP had a little more movement, as it's their first year back in Minirooms)
- Pagewood generally under graded, with more promotions (first year back with ESFA)
 - Maroubra generally over graded, with more relegations

Roughly 6 teams moved more than once in regrading
Track teams success from year to year
Ability matching is a high priority

We were able to minimise the number of blowouts – and are hopeful to lower the percentage each year. As we grow, the number of blowouts and regrades should reduce (more divisions)

East – positive feedback, with the majority coming back next season. 8's in particular had a really good season. Parents number 1 priority is the speed of the draw being released

Coloured vs numbered divisions – keep colours, not necessary to number in non-competitive format

Sms vs. email – discussed the best form of communication, contacting manager vs parent, with sms to manager the fastest mode of communication, but this is a decision for individual clubs

Pagewood – Travel the biggest problem, prefer actual hubs next year (this year more like home and away), division 1 will travel but the lower divisions do not want to travel. Keep teams geographically closer together (north vs. south). South Hub (PBFC, Maroubra, Mascot Olympic, Heffron) and North Hub (Queens Park, Easts, Maccabi, Waverley, Dunbar)

Grading period: suggested to adopt the same concept as competitive football, delay the graded draw until the end of April

Dunbar- private school sport clashes: short of players with the early fixtures in u9s. No one else has problems with times (Easts have many private school kids).

Olympic – hard to adapt to playing a larger selection of teams. Otherwise happy with the year. Noted they had a very positive experience with the Teamstuff App this year for team managers and encouraged others to try it

Mascot – would like longer periods at the roving hub e.g. 5 weeks in a row, at the same venue, not 1 week at LÉstrange and then 1 week at Heffron etc.

- U8 and U9's: not enough games in the area.
- Mascot vs Pagewood shouldn't be at Waverley

Head Hubs Coordinator needed at Queens Park (much like Marko at Jellicoe)

7v7 > 9v9 transition can be a little slow. May need to allow time between games (5-10 minute change over period)

Suggested that next year draw can be displayed as a “whole of age group” i.e. one single division, although fixtures will operate behind the scenes as they have done this year with graded groups of 6 and all play all with promotion and relegation between phases

Aaron also said that the whole draw could be displayed for the season and then at the phase changes it was easier just to re-arrange teams within the existing draw

General agreement at the meeting these were very positive changes that should be adopted for next year

2. Resourcing

Miniroos Coordinator to be employed in 2016

Duties include: draw, general operational advice, working directly with General Manger and Referees Coordinator, and Competitions Coordinator

3. Rules discussion/proposed changes

10m Retreat rule should be introduced to Miniros rules (received well, to be reviewed by JFMC). Currently Miniros rules say 5m, but this was felt to be insufficient

4. Elect new council chair

No nominations

Clubs having AGMs over the next couple of weeks, delegates may become available

Council Chair position needs to be filled, to allow operations to run smoothly

Position remains vacant

The Council thanks Moray Vincent and David Owens for the successful year.

5. Other business

Synthetic grass pitches: 1 field in Moore Park, 1 field at Waverley park, and 1 park at Heffron park, possibly also field at Rodney Reserve

-Will help with field availability in 2016

ESFA to tell clubs to book certain dates in February, to help prepare for the season

Point raised about Miniros extending to U12's in rep football (SAP). ESFA was not going there in club football in 2016, but decided this should be actively discussed in 2016 for a possible move in 2017.

-Ultimately better for field placement and development but doesn't make sense to be the only association to do this on our own unilaterally.

-Was noted the discussions on this would need to involve Junior and Girls Councils as it was effectively taking one age group from them

Three quarter fields needed. Jellicoe, Queens Park, Waverley, and Coral Sea have 9 v 9 fields permanently marked

Meeting finished at 8:13pm