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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Wednesday 17 August, 2016 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg 9/16)**

MINUTES

Attendance: Sean Fenton, John Clayton, Mark Puterflam, Jaleh Shafie, Paul Kelly, Aaron Dibdin

The meeting opened at 7:08pm.

9/16.1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Andrew and Tom

9/16.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS 6/16 & MATTERS ARISING

9/16.2.1 Consideration of minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion: That the minutes from meeting 08/16 as amended are taken to be a true and correct record.

Moved: John

Seconded: Jaleh

CARRIED

9/16.2.2 Business arising from the minutes

Aaron reported that the C-Licence had been very well received, with 37 coaches registered, of which 25 were registered with ESFA clubs or Eastern Suburbs-based FNSW clubs

The action items were reviewed and updated.

9/16.3 REPORTS

9/16.3.1 President's Report

Sean did not have a great deal to report – he noted that he had been away for much of the previous 3-4 weeks, and will continue to be away on and off for much of the next few months.

Sean did note that he would help with some sponsorship material.

9/16.3.2 Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial report, and noted that whilst the proportion of debtors past 60 and past 90 days was good, there should be a more robust process for recovering these debts from clubs.

Motion: That the club financial obligations protocol be amended to include that in addition to accruing interest and playing for no points, clubs owing money past 90 days should not be eligible to play finals or vote at the AGM.

M: John

S: Mark

CARRIED

9/16.3.3 Other Reports

9/16.3.3.1 Representative Football and Coaching

The Board reviewed a briefing note from Andrew Field that laid out the options for ESFA's participations in FNSW competitions for 2017 and recommended that we continue with SAP and GSAP but discontinue RYC.

Sean spoke in favour of the recommendations.

Motion: That ESFA apply to participate in SAP and GSAP but not apply to participate in RYC.

M: John

S: Sean

CARRIED

The Board also asked the GM to write to FNSW to put the view that there are already enough SAP licences in this region and that there should be no further licences granted.

9/16.3.3.2 Referees

Paul reported that the appointments for the upcoming Grand Finals are being finalized and that the Referees' Management Committee will be meeting next week to put the finishing touches on and at that meeting will also consider the feedback provided by the Senior Councils.

Paul noted that recently circulated information from the St George Association showed that some of the issues we have had with player and spectator behaviour and the withdrawal of referees' services to the top men's divisions are not unique!

9/16.3.3.3 Judiciary

John noted that there are some small rule changes to be pursued in the off-season but nothing especially dramatic.

9/16.3.3.4 MiniRoos

John reported that we have had a reasonable close to the year, barring the withdrawal of QP from the final weekend of the MiniRoos draw to make way for their presentation, which only served to highlight that we also need to have a set of MiniRoos rules developed and in place for the 2017 season.

9/16.3.3.5 Junior FMC

The Board briefly discussed some of the proposed changes that have been mooted for age groups, formats and times for 2017 (including 12s to 9v9, 13-15s to Sundays, 35-45s to Saturday, etc.) and noted that we need to have the changes discussed between clubs and at the Council meetings. Some changes will have effects that cross between ages because of their effect on field availability.

9/16.3.3.6 Senior FMC

Jaleh shared the finals schedule with the Board and noted that we're good to go for the Grand Finals. The Board asked Aaron to ensure that we have stages and the like at both Heffron and Hensley to ensure that people feel they're getting the same experience at both venues.

9/16.4 BUSINESS

9/16.4.1 Summer football

The Board asked for an update on summer football – Aaron noted that the tender process had not been finalized with the Centennial and Moore Park Trust so we don't yet know if we're running a competition. The Board noted that we'll need a marketing plan in place to get rolling straight away and we'll need to get Presidents to push it along.

9/16.4.2 Other business

There was no other business.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm.