



**EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday 11 March, 2013 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office Eastgardens (Mtg. 4/13)

MINUTES

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

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Emmanuel Alfieris

4/13.1 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 3/13 & MATTERS ARISING

4/13.1.1. Consideration of minutes

Motion: **That the minutes of the February meeting be adopted.**

Moved: Paul

Seconded: Ron

Carried

4/13.1.2. Business arising from the minutes

The Board reviewed and updated the outstanding action points.

4/13.2 REPORTS

4/13.2.1. President's Report

Raff reported that he had had a considerable amount of communications with various members to do with the Under 12s competitions.

Easts have asked it to be brought to the attention of the board tonight.

Raff also noted that between meetings, the Board was advised that Ron had accepted the position of President of Rockdale Raiders in the St George Association.

Board gave consideration, and deemed it not to be a conflict.

4/13.2.1.1 Member issues

The Board resolved to go in camera.

The Board ended its in camera session, following a discussion of strategies to improve SSF registrations.

4/13.2.2. Financial Report

Aaron presented the financial report.

The Board requested an updated list of receivables to be provided in the coming days.

The Board requested that clubs going into the 61-90 days past due category need to receive letters outlining consequences of ongoing non-payment.

Ron noted that the papers include a cash flow forecast going out to June.

4/13.2.3. Other Reports

4/13.2.3.1 Small Sided Football

Mark reported on small sided football. Maccabi have their 'fun day' on Sunday at which they often pick up up to 100 players.

Clubs have been recruiting and doing well, Maroubra taken a great strategy in attracting players – \$95 for U6 and U7 players.

There's some pain in SAP age groups, but younger age groups are good. Early to say but in the main we're looking strong.

4/13.2.3.2 Junior FMC

Ron reported on junior football matters and noted that the JFMC had put a couple of motions up at the All Clubs Meeting.

Final team nominations have come in today and councils will meet Wednesday to do grading, though there is likely to be only one competition in several age groups. There is the possibility that girls 13s and 14s will combine and same for girls 15s and 16s.

The general theme is to follow on from a good 2012 with consistency and transparency, but that it's clear junior competitive age groups are a real challenge going forward.

4/13.2.3.3 Senior FMC

1. Premier League

Elisha reported that the Premier League will be a 9 team comp. After discussions with Nestor at UNSW it is clear that they will not have the quality of players to participate in the Premier League. Elisha reported that Nestor told her that NSW State League 2 will also have 9 teams in its competition this year. The situation has been outlined with clubs and they are looking to have a grading meeting next Tuesday.

4/13.2.3.4 Representative Football

Raff noted that the standing report for representative football need no longer be a standing item, but asked Andrew to work up a plan for a “centre of excellence” or similar for park players and perhaps ask other associations if they would like to play games between groups in similar programs, and perhaps enter teams in the Kanga Cup.

4/13.2.3.5 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported on the ongoing workings of the Referees Branch, outlining the structure and functioning of the Standing and Management Committees for the Board and discussed the interface between the two.

Paul reported that there are a range of initiatives in the mix this year so while some changes might be suggested the imperative is that there should be no great upheaval.

The Branch are enthusiastically recognizing the status of Premier League Women and we are keen to see them supporting the Association in all its endeavours.

Ron noted that there is a feeling out there that we will give 100% coverage – if we don’t achieve it we get trouble from members but it simply isn’t realistic. ESFA needs to find a way to manage expectations, but also needs to monitor coverage as well to see no team or ground consistently has uncovered games.

4/13.3 BUSINESS

4/13.3.1. Other Business

The Board asked Aaron to write to Randwick City Council suggesting that ESFA be a football representative on the council sporting grounds group, and ask how do we get nominated.

The Board asked that Greg regularly approach the couriers about stories – a positive note this week could be about the increase in SSF numbers.

Andrew noted that there was an Associations' meeting recently at which he raised the revival/retention of Association cups – like the Frank Broughton and Centenary Cups. These could be run as Association gala days – invite other Associations, charge a registration fee to pay referees and hire the ground. These discussions will be ongoing.

Andrew also noted that it would be good to work out a plan for a centre of excellence to provide quality coaching to kids registered in local clubs – a night a week at a local park with good coaches. It would have to be selective to be quality, and the groups selected could form the teams to play in the Association cups.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm