



**EASTERN SUBURBS  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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

**Tuesday 21 October, 2014 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens  
(Mtg 12/14)**

### **MINUTES**

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

The meeting opened at 7.09pm

#### **12/14.1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Elisha McKie.

#### **12/14.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 11/14 & MATTERS ARISING**

##### **12/14.2.1. Consideration of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> September were taken as a true and correct record.

Moved: Sean Fenton

Seconded: Paul Kelly

Carried

##### **12/14.2.2. Business arising from the minutes**

The action items were reviewed and updated.

The Board noted that one action item in particular relating to the position descriptions and contracts of staff must be prioritised for completion before the next meeting.

Also noted was the need to seek meetings with local Councils to advance our case for field allocation and developments.

#### **12/14.3 REPORTS**

##### **12/14.3.1. President's Report**

The President advised that he did not intend to continue past the Annual General Meeting.

There was then a positive discussion about Board renewal.

## **12/14.4 BUSINESS**

### 12/14.4.1. Annual General Meeting

The Board reviewed the draft AGM notice and suggested possible amendments.

In particular, the Board noted that there ought to be included a reminder to clubs that they need to be incorporated by January 1 to remain a Member of the Association.

The Board asked Aaron to call for nominations for the Ted Simmons Junior Medal.

### 12/14.4.2. Audit

The General Manager reported on the progress of the audit, noting that the fieldwork had been completed last week and we will see the final report in a couple of weeks.

The Board asked the General Manager to seek a review meeting with the Auditors prior to the AGM to gain their feedback, but noted that we are in a solid position compared to past years.

### 12/14.4.3. New club application – Old Boys' Union FC

The Board discussed the Old Boys' Union FC application and its merits.

The Board asked the General Manager to urgently seek feedback from a range of potentially affected clubs, and to discuss with OBU FC potential options.

### 12/14.4.4. FNSW State Dinner

Raff reported that the FNSW State Dinner was coming on November 8, and that Board members should consider attending with their partners and that we should consider nominating recipients for awards.

## **12/14.5 OTHER REPORTS**

### 12/14.5.1. Financial Report

The General Manager spoke to the financial report and took questions.

The Board noted that the progress achieved in recent years in paying down debt and laying down a cash buffer has been a real achievement and is the legacy of some hard work and hard decisions.

The last three years have yielded cumulative surpluses of approximately \$170,000, leaving us well clear of our overdraft at our lowest point of the cash cycle.

Mark noted that between the General Manager and Accounts Officer we are in good shape and the President noted that the state of receivables from clubs in particular is very healthy.

The Board asked if the Accounts Officer could be invited to the next meeting.

#### 12/14.5.2. Football Reports

##### 12/14.5.2.1 Small Sided Football

Sean reported that he is hosting a SSF review meeting on Tuesday at ESFA to draw out a consensus view on the best direction for ESFA SSF in 2015, but noted that there had been some very fruitful discussions with a range of clubs.

##### 12/14.5.2.2 Junior FMC

Ron reported on the junior review meetings noting that they were relatively positive, though clubs acknowledged isolated instances of poor sportsmanship in the leadup to the Grand Finals.

Ron further reported that there had been positive discussions about potential amendments to the structure and operation of some junior competitions to better serve both the more competitively minded and the more recreationally focussed players.

Lastly Ron noted that there may need to be some consideration of reform of the structure and operation of the Councils themselves.

##### 12/14.5.2.3 Representative Football

Andrew reported that we have been accepted into the FNSW Regional Conference; a competition largely similar to the 2014 Regional League, but differentiated from the 2015 Regional League which is full-time with dual-registration prohibited. The Board noted that this de-facto reintroduction of a third tier of youth league has the potential to be very damaging to grassroots youth football.

Andrew noted that we will need to seek interest from individuals who would like to serve as coaches or technical director for the Regional sides.

The Board asked Aaron to look into the Regional budget to see if we can bring the cost down from the FNSW mandated cap.

Andrew also reported that SAP trials are underway and that we have retained most players and coaches from the 2014 season.

#### 12/14.5.2.4 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported briefly that the Referees' Branch AGM was coming on November 17 and that there will be an end-of-year social function for the Branch.

The Board asked Paul to submit names for the Board-appointed directors for approval in advance of the AGM.

### **12/14.6 OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 12/14.6.1. Club compliance

John proposed that our club affiliation documents for 2015 include within them a Participation Agreement to cover off a number of areas of club conduct that offend the interests of the Association as a whole and empower us to act.

#### 12/14.6.2. Next meeting

The next meeting was set down for November 18.

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9:30 pm.