



**EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Developing football for everyone.

MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Wednesday 21 May, 2014 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg 07/14)**

MINUTES

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

The meeting opened at 7.05pm

07/14.1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

07/14.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 05/14 & MATTERS ARISING

07/14.2.1. Consideration of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 8th April were taken as a true and correct record.

Moved: Ron Ogilvie

Seconded: Sean Fenton

Carried

07/14.2.2. Business arising from the minutes

The action items were reviewed.

The Board noted that progressing the incorporation of clubs, coaches' council meetings and consultations with local government are priority items.

07/14.3 REPORTS

07/14.3.1. President's Report

Raff reported on meetings he had had since the last meeting pursuant to the issues related to ESFA members' involvement in and support for unsanctioned competitions.

The Board discussed recent developments and resolved to take a number of steps to make some progress to bring about a resolution.

Raff also reported on recent discussions with Football NSW related to our seeking support for our SSF rebate program.

07/14.3.2. Financial Report

Aaron spoke to the financial report.

The Board noted that the report is an impressive pack with helpful notes. The Board thanks our new accounts officer, Dennis Cardakaris, and the General Manager for their work.

07/14.3.3. Other Reports

07/14.3.3.1 Small Sided Football

Sean reported that he has undertaken more club visits, including a couple of additional visits to ESFA clubs. He is very pleased with the level of organization and the quality of offering across the parks, and has noted that our clubs are working very hard but getting good results. Easts have responded really well to some constructive feedback and their setup is looking better and better.

There will be some ongoing discussion about head coaches and the roles they perform at different clubs (especially different clubs of different sizes). The discussion that FNSW has started regarding academies will also come up.

Sean is looking forward to pulling together a presentation closer to the end of the season outlining what we've learnt and where we can develop and improve.

07/14.3.3.2 Junior FMC

Ron reported on recent discussions of a strategic nature in respect of the continuing inclusion of small-sided football alongside the competitive ages at the JFMC. It was felt at the JFMC that it is useful to keep the groups together as they share a lot of information and can learn from one another.

There was also some discussion about the relationship between the FMCs and the league councils.

Ron spoke to junior football matters, stating that there is some ongoing discussion about the best organization and format for junior competitions. As we lift standards of organization to try to mimic the state leagues and so on

above us, we also have a more 'participatory' stream of players who aren't really interested in all that.

The JFMC, councils and clubs will need to have some discussion about the way we organize competitions going forward to ensure that we continue providing offerings that are inclusive and attractive for as many junior players as possible.

07/14.3.3.3 Senior FMC

Elisha reported that we have a list of 45 outstanding washout games to be rescheduled but that they are largely progressing well and clubs are doing good work. Competitions are generally running reasonably well, but we do have the issue of needing to review the ESFA Men's Championship competition for 2015.

07/14.3.3.4 Representative Football

Andrew reported on the Regional Youth League, noting that the process of country teams playing weekly with everyone else's games being staggered needs a little bit of tidying, but Barry and the coaches have done well to keep the teams together and working hard between games.

There is some potential for the RYL sides to play against local club sides through the year too to provide a little more value for both.

07/14.3.3.5 Referees and Judiciary

Paul noted that referee drop-out rates had increased somewhat this year and that there had been a number of concerning incidents of abuse on parks in recent weeks.

Paul raised an important issue regarding rescheduled games – we often appoint referees on very short notice to rescheduled games and this is not ideal. It would be better if games were not approved with less than seven days' notice.

Aaron highlighted that we have two contrasting needs – to appoint referees to all games and to get all rescheduled games played. If clubs organize themselves to play then it is very hard for us to say no and it is very hard for us to not appoint a referee. Paul agreed, noting that it is part of our value offering that we do try to get referees.

07/14.4 BUSINESS

07/14.4.1. EAA Football Challenge

Raff noted that a proposal had been circulated related to a charity football challenge that ESFA can be involved in and assist in the hosting. The Board discussed combining the event with our Men's Championship Grand Finals to bring a bigger crowd in and build the profile of both.

The Board gave its general approval of the concept, and Aaron and Raff will work further to develop the idea.

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.