



**EASTERN SUBURBS  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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

**Monday 14 April, 2014 at 7.30pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens  
(Mtg 06/14)**

### **MINUTES**

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

The meeting opened at 7.07pm

#### **06/14.1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Elisha McKie and Mark Puterflam.

#### **06/14.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 05/14 & MATTERS ARISING**

##### **06/14.2.1. Consideration of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March were taken as a true and correct record.

Moved: John Clayton

Seconded: Ron Ogilvie

Carried

##### **06/14.2.2. Business arising from the minutes**

The action items were reviewed.

Raff noted that the Board conveys its appreciation to Andrew for getting the RYL setup going in light of a number of difficulties we've had.

The Board asked Aaron to prioritise overdue action items.

It was noted that we need to immediately announce the Board position on fines for dissent and abuse and also the requirement for all clubs to be incorporated for the 2015 season.

#### **06/14.3 REPORTS**

#### 06/14.3.1. President's Report

Raff reported that he had attended SAP last week and was very impressed with the setup, the process ran really smoothly, parents were buoyant and happy with the program. This year we have good numbers and while it isn't the focus of the program, results have been pretty good. The quality of play is very good, and all coaches have at minimum a C-licence.

Raff also reported on conversations had raised a number of issues with Simon Phillips from FNSW and sought specific assistance on a number of items.

Raff also noted that he brought Simon up to speed on the Coogee United matter, and noted that we are looking for tangible, overt support.

#### 06/14.3.2. Financial Report

Aaron reported on the recruitment process which led to the appointment of Dennis Cardakaris as our new accounts officer, and spoke to the financial report.

#### 06/14.3.3. Other Reports

##### 06/14.3.3.1 Junior FMC

Ron gave a report on junior football matters, noting that we dropped short of our own deadlines on a number of areas, particularly for gradings and draws.

With team numbers being down a little, we have been chasing every team and every player to fill holes in competitions, but it's certainly arguable that we accepted changes too late. Team numbers did change somewhat for a range of reasons, so this did affect matters, but it remains that we finalised our competition structures extremely late and that affected everything else. There was, and possibly still is, a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the structure of the U14 competition/s that must be resolved.

##### 06/14.3.3.2 Representative Football

Andrew reported on the commencement of the Regional Youth League season. Teams played their first season games Sunday a week ago, with two draws and two losses on a windswept, rainy pitch. The sides performed creditably in difficult conditions.

We now have a coach and manager for each of the four teams and the sides are training on Monday nights. Andrew expressed disappointment that some club teams are only training once a week, so their players are only training twice a week.

Andrew suggested that it would be a good idea to invite the club coaches from these age groups down to observe training, perhaps in May.

Ron congratulated Andrew and noted that RYL had proven to be exactly what we hoped it would be – a boost to the local competition, and that reports seem to be good on the ground.

#### 06/14.3.3.3 Referees and Judiciary

Paul updated the Board on the referees' preseason preparations with a good seminar, and a good final pre-season branch meeting.

He noted that when we have new referees, we want to give them an idea of what to expect, and noted that most issues are before a match. Paul tabled a document outlining a number of FAQs or "what ifs".

He expressed concern that in most circumstances, where there's an issue we simply play the game and then load up the administration to resolve matters – Paul expressed concern that we're adequately resourced to do that.

The Board discussed the document and tasked office staff to examine and check the details.

#### 06/14.3.3.4 Small Sided Football

Sean noted that he got around to a couple of grounds on the weekend just gone and reported back to Moray and Aaron – this weekend he visited Maroubra and Easts.

At Maroubra, there was a coordinator present and there was a good setup, well organized. Sean caught up with some of the Maroubra members while he was down there and was impressed with what he saw.

Following that, Sean went to look at Easts. Sean noted the local difficulty in that Easts' operation is physically split in half by QPFA playing down the middle. Sean noted that the setup is run reasonably well, and Sean will report to Easts on developing on the ground marketing and a greater focal point.

Sean also reported that at the SSF council meeting clubs indicated that they didn't want older age groups' gala days straight away, and would prefer them towards the back end of the year. We will be doing a girls one in June and U6 and U7s will have one in May. Ron noted that ESFA needs to provide more in respect of logistics, draws, goals etc.; we don't want a situation where clubs do the work and ESFA claims the credit.

Sean also noted that Pagewood will be hosting U10 and U11 gala days this year and all will be welcome.

## **06/14.4 BUSINESS**

### 06/14.4.1. Small Sided Football

The Board discussed the ongoing issues around small sided football clubs with particular reference to clubs who have either sanctioned or unsanctioned programs outside the ESFA SSF program.

The Board approved the signing of an exemption agreement with Coogee United FC, and will send a letter to all current and former 2013 members of Coogee United FC on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

The Board also notes that Coogee United FC have sent communications to the former operator of the Coogee United FC juniors' website, Stanko Zonich, regarding the ownership and use of the former site's domain.

### 06/14.4.2. FNSW competitions, academies and SSF

The Board noted the letter from FNSW outlining new eligibility requirements for the FNSW State Cup and Champions of Champions competitions. The Board discussed the matter and resolved to send the letter to the clubs with a note to say that they should be aware of the rule.

### 06/14.4.3. Other Business

#### 06/14.4.3.1 FNSW status invoice

The Board instructed the General Manager to write to FNSW informing them of our initiative in 2014 to fully rebate the costs of registering U6 and U7 players, with grants contingent on meeting a stringent assessment of their SSF program. Only compliant clubs will receive the grants, and the letter will gauge FNSW's views whether they might cover the cost of the rebate related to FNSW capitation.

#### 06/14.4.3.2 Website

Ron noted that we need to get more fresh content on the website more often

#### 06/14.4.3.3 Dimos Mastoris day, 26<sup>th</sup> April

Sean advised the Board that Pagewood and Waverley are holding their annual Dimos Mastoris day on the 26th April and that all would be welcome to attend.

06/14.4.3.4 Local governments

The Board briefly discussed upcoming developments in the local area, and asked Aaron to again seek meetings with appropriate people from Randwick and Botany Bay councils.

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9.18 pm.