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

**Monday March 26, 2012 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens  
(Mtg 04/12)**

The meeting opened at 7.11pm with President Raff Del Vecchio in the Chair.

The President noted that the meeting is to be conducted in accordance with 2005 constitution.

Accordingly, the Board considers the following persons to hold the respective offices:

- President: Raff Del Vecchio
- Vice-President: Ron Ogilvie
- Corporate Vice-President: Michelle Bogatryov
- Football Vice-President: Mark Puterflam
- Treasurer: Emmanuel Alfieris

The President invited Peter Kriesler to attend and observe and there were no objections.

### **04/12.1 APOLOGIES**

There were apologies from Andrew Field, Adam Gwynne and Michelle Bogatryov.

### **04/12.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 03/12 & MATTERS ARISING**

#### **04/12.2.1. Consideration of minutes**

The Board considered the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**Motion: That the minutes of the February 2012 meeting be adopted.**

M: Mark

S: Ron

**CARRIED**

### **04/12.3 REPORTS**

#### **04/12.3.1. Update from President**

Raff reported that he had had a productive meeting with FNSW CEO Eddie Moore. Our outstanding \$100k with them has now been cleared, and we have received another invoice of \$260k for 2012 registrations. Raff noted the significant focus on finances in the previous month, with the work of Emmanuel and Aaron resulted in better reporting for better decisions.

On the constitution, Raff and Aaron met with a number of stakeholders, and Raff indicated that later in the meeting the Board would discuss a draft constitution that gives an indication of what might be presented. The objective is to get a version to go to the membership.

Raff indicated that on Wednesday he was set to meet with Ray Brownlee – the General Manager of Randwick City Council – a key decision maker. Raff indicated that there needs to be a lot of work to re-build relationships with councils. ESFA is the only sporting body that Randwick bypasses to deal directly with clubs. There is a trust issue – clubs need to trust that we will give access to clubs appropriately, but the present arrangements are an administrative nightmare for both clubs and RCC, when it could be so much simpler.

Raff further reported that in very positive news, Coogee Juniors are now tenant at South Sydney High School and are very happy with the arrangement.

At David Phillips Sports Field ESFA is hosting a FNSW coaching update, Tom Sermanni, Alex Tobin and 20-30 ESFA coaches. Raff noted that ESFA needs to promote these things effectively. ESFA has been criticized for not achieving these things in the past and this is something that we're addressing.

Raff also noted the need to thank the office staff for the sheer amount of work churned out, noting it bodes well for the future.

Finally, Raff noted that RCFC have appealed to Sydney Branch against their non-inclusion and that the first hearing date has been postponed.

#### 04/12.3.2. Financial Report

The Board received the financial report.

To avoid cashflow lags from advance schedules not meeting up, ESFA will for 2013 change the terms of our advances to match the FNSW schedules.

### 04/12.4 **BUSINESS**

#### 04/12.4.1. ESFA constitution

The Board considered the draft constitutions that had been provided. The Board considered the document clause by clause and made amendments to ensure the

document most faithfully reflected the constitution as voted on by Member Clubs at the AGM in 2011 while adopting modern sports governance practices.

Changes are noted in the attached draft document.

The Board directed that the draft document be circulated for a consultation period after which the Board will consider comments to us.

Agreed changes worked through and published to clubs.

04/12.4.2.        Judiciary matters

Motion: That all Judiciary matters are dealt with in the first instance by the General Manager.

**M: Ron**

**S: Mark**

**CARRIED**

04/12.4.3.        Declaration of interest

Emmanuel declared that he has taken a senior position with the Commonwealth Bank, and ESFA banks with CBA.

Raff stated that he doesn't see it as a conflict, noting that ESFA have been banking with CBA for a number of years, and Emmanuel deals with other areas. Emmanuel declared he will abstain from any discussion of banking.

The Board noted the disclosure.

04/12.4.4.        Senior Competition Review Proposal

Held over to next meeting.

Office will send an update to clubs communicating the draw issues.

Next meeting scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

With no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 10:33.