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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Monday April 30, 2012 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg 05/12)**

The meeting opened at 7.10pm 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.

05/12.1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Adam Gwynne and Mark Puterflam.

05/12.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 04/12 & MATTERS ARISING

05/12.2.1. Consideration of minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the meeting of 27th March 2012.

Amendments to persons invited to attend.

Motion: That the minutes of the March 2012 meeting be adopted.

M: Ron

S: Raff

CARRIED

05/12.2.2. Matters arising

Michelle made points of clarification in respect of the relationship of the Director to Judiciary decision making processes in 2011.

05/12.3 REPORTS

05/12.3.1. Update from President

Randwick City matter went to a hearing at Sydney Branch. Raff thanked Aaron for his work on the ESFA submission.

ESFA challenged the process for lack of procedural fairness – ESFA only heard about the appeal hearing date on the Monday for the Friday night. We also submitted that Randwick had a lack of appealable grounds. ESFA submitted that Sydney Branch did not have jurisdiction, Sydney Branch found that they did.

Sydney Branch dismissed the appeal and has since been dissolved by resolution of FNSW Board on 26th April.

05/12.3.2. Competitions

The GM reported that the last few weeks have been good, there have been a few issues with referees, things seem to be ok with draws, and they're up and running and are being well run and updated in a timely fashion.

Michelle noted issues with the draw and noted that it is being updated late in the week. Information might be getting out to clubs but not to referees.

The office will track referee coverage data: appointed vs. actuals.

The RSC is appointing a weekend watch person for referees on a bat phone.

Ron noted that there have been a few teething issues but we are working through.

ACTION: Board will be provided with update on emerging issues each weekend.

05/12.3.3. ESFA constitution

Raff reported that we received only a small amount of feedback in respect of the constitution and regulations, and that we will need to circulate a resolution for approving the constitution and regulations by email.

Raff noted that a lot of work went into that and for that Raff thanked Aaron.

The GM was tasked to send a reminder to clubs that submissions are due Friday.

05/12.3.4. Financial Report

The report was received.

Raff noted that we should ask FNSW to alter their invoice schedules to suit Associations – Associations can't be put in a position where they need to ask clubs for money they haven't yet received.

Raff also noted that to get to a truly sustainable position we will need to make significant changes.

The GM will prepare a document contemplating options for potential savings and making recommendations to be discussed in a meeting called for that purpose.

05/12.4 **BUSINESS**

05/12.4.1. Club payments

Raff indicated that the Board needs to examine their options under the 2005 constitution to deal with clubs owing past their terms.

05/12.4.2. Eastern UNSW Lions

Peter Kriesler reported that this has been the most successful start to a season yet. The Joint Venture has good staff, processes, selections and the juniors are rising through the ranks.

a. Chairperson

The board discussed the position of Chairperson of the Eastern UNSW Lions committee.

b. Agreement

The board discussed the future of the Eastern UNSW Lions Joint Venture Agreement.

05/12.4.3. Technical Development

05/12.4.3.1 Skills Acquisition League:

Andrew reported that the SAL sides have played six games, 12s lost 1, 11s lost 2; they're competitive and playing good football and training 3 nights a week.

Grounds are bedded in, though there will be a minor issue with DP re: refurbishment.

05/12.4.3.2 Development Squads:

Andrew reported on development squads going ahead for 9/10 boys, 10/12 girls. Sally has coaches sorted, GM is sorting the grounds.

The GM reported that pending RCC confirmation of the grounds, an invite to come and trial will be going in the May newsletter.

05/12.4.3.3 Barcelona trip:

Andrew reported that ESFA has been invited to provide teams to go to a FC Barcelona tournament.

The sides will play games at FCB training facilities, visit the museum and see a first team game.

ESFA U11 coach Bruce Tilt has relationship with the FCB group and will organize travel. ESFA will select the sides, not Bruce.

Andrew noted that we're used to teams applying for entry to comps like Kanga Cup, and given the selective nature of this tournament it is a good advertisement for ESFA.

It fits into a model FNSW has followed as recently as last year.

Raff made a declaration that his son is in the ESFA U12 team that would be travelling.

Andrew reported that the invitation came through Bruce Tilt, U11s coach.

Raff argued that there needs to be due diligence in respect of authenticity and commercial viability of trip, but that many of the parents have significant means; there is strong desire to go.

Raff noted that those things need to be on record, minuted and discussed before this is approved, but notes that it is by invitation and at no cost to ESFA – it is the participants who are paying.

Andrew noted that if the side goes deep into the tournament they will play on the Nou Camp.

Raff stated that if ESFA sanction this there will be value added for these teams.

Andrew argued that this is a genuine opportunity – the players and families will stay in good child friendly hotels with properly organized parental/guardian supervision.

Andrew noted that selections have to be managed appropriately, not bringing in kids from other areas.

Ron noted that there's a commercial aspect, someone's making money, but that is normal for these sorts of events.

Andrew noted that it doesn't affect the SAL competition as the teams have a bye that week.

MOTION: That the Board endorses ESFA teams to take up the invitation to participate in the Barcelona trip.

CARRIED

05/12.4.4. Street soccer

Michelle reported on the Gamarada Cup - Jodie Thorn from the Big Issue thanked us for coordinating a side on short notice. Michelle noted that she has set up a meeting with NCIE to discuss developing a 3 way partnership: NCIE, ESFA and Street Soccer Australasia. Michelle reported that she is to meet next Thursday - Michelle and Peter will attend and report back.

Andrew noted that we sent a team of 8, and it was a disappointment that we were unable to get a team to attend on the Friday Gala Day. The kids all mixed in with other sides and had a brilliant time; it would be good to get the opportunity to do it again next year. It would be good to organise an outing with the boys from the country.

05/12.4.5. Operations update

Aaron gave an update on operational matters.

Next meeting scheduled for the 15th May at 7pm.

With no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 9.13pm.