



**EASTERN SUBURBS  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Developing football for everyone.**

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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday 23 September, 2013 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office Eastgardens (Mtg. 9/13)**

#### **MINUTES**

In attendance: Raff Del Vecchio, Ron Ogilvie, Mark Puterflam, John Clayton, Emmanuel Alfieris, Elisha McKie and Aaron Dibdin (General Manager).

The meeting opened at 7:05pm.

#### **9/13.1 APOLOGIES**

Andrew

#### **9/13.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 08/13 & MATTERS ARISING**

##### **9/13.2.1. Consideration of minutes**

Motion: That the minutes of the August meeting be adopted.

Moved: Emmanuel Alfieris

Seconded: Elisha McKie

CARRIED

##### **9/13.2.2. Business arising from the minutes**

The Board reviewed and updated the open action items.

#### **9/13.3 REPORTS**

##### **9/13.3.1. President's Report**

Raff reported on the coming Board elections, noting that this present Board is a harmonious group, with directors who have not always agreed with another and had robust debates, but who have always had best interest of the membership at heart.

Raff concluded that this has been the best non-profit Board he has had the pleasure to serve.

Raff also reported that he met with the Mayor of Randwick City, Tony Bowen. A key topic of discussion was the Randwick Council sports grounds committee. Raff explained that he still strongly holds the view that as peak body we should be represented along with our existing representatives. Raff asked Aaron to seek collective endorsement from clubs to request a seat at the table, and indicated that we would write to club presidents of Randwick City ground tenants to seek their support.

#### 9/13.3.2. Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial report, and requested that Aaron take on notice a request for greater detail on the status of referee abuse fines.

#### 9/13.3.3. Other Reports

##### 9/13.3.3.1 Small Sided Football

Mark reported on the SSF clubs' meeting from last week to discuss the paper that had been circulated. The meeting was reasonably well attended, though neither Queens Park nor Pagewood attended. The discussion revolved around having 'hubs', and potentially trialing a hub for U8. Given size of that age group, we couldn't run them all on one ground so there would be a north hub and south hub.

Mark continued that in any case we took views from all clubs. The topic of reconciliation with Pagewood and Queens Park became a centre of discussion; FNSW heard loud and clear that clubs want something done.

The discussion was good in that we were clear that any change we make to the structures will be because we want to do what will benefit the association, not just pragmatically trying to draw Pagewood and Queens Park back into the fold.

In terms of changes, Moray, Aaron and Mark will get together and coming up with a proposal based on feedback received. This will be put to clubs.

The next meeting will be the SSF council meeting. Want proposal out before that meeting – make that decision along with the Council Chair for 2014.

##### 9/13.3.3.2 Junior FMC

Ron reported that we will call for nominations of Ted Simmons Junior Football Medal shortly.

##### 9/13.3.3.3 Senior FMC

Elisha reported that the grand finals were a success, with very good atmosphere, though we might need to look at whether we can do something more special in terms of fields to get better surfaces to play on.

A key task is getting 10 teams in Premier League, we will go through same process as last year to ask clubs to apply.

#### 9/13.3.3.4 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported on referee coverage in 2013, making the general observation that we have had better coverage with fewer referees.

Referees have started covering summer competitions with UNSW and KikOff – the timing was a little sooner than expected but we wanted to do it; did not want to miss an opportunity to engage referees all year around.

There is also a beach soccer tournament coming up involving international students and NSW Police. From a referees' perspective, the referees will volunteer their time. It will provide some good PR, as the event will be covered by the Southern Courier.

Paul also noted that given that we have our own logo, we are looking to brand ourselves on our uniform. We are looking into getting new kit and we would want to incentivize getting the new kit.

Raff noted that we will need to go through an appropriate process; encourage people to apply to provide to us and invite the current provider.

### 9/13.4 BUSINESS

9/13.4.1. Motion to prevent member support of football activities detrimental to ESFA

The Board commenced in camera discussion.

The Board ended in camera discussion.

Motion: **That the following motion be recommended to the Annual General Meeting:**

**“That a member of the Association shall not be permitted to nominate a team or teams in competitions for players aged between 12 and 18 years unless the member also either:**

- i. offers, and enrolls players aged between 6 and 11 years in, a small sided football program organised or approved by the Association; or
- ii. refers players aged between 6 and 11 years to another member or other members that provide a small sided football program organised or approved by the Association.”

M: John Clayton

S: Ron Ogilvie

CARRIED

Motion: **That the following motion be recommended to the Annual General Meeting:**

**“That a member of the Association must not, and must not permit any of its members to, establish, promote, assist or co-operate in the operation of or sponsor any football programmes or competitions in the Eastern suburbs region unless such programmes or competitions are organised or sanctioned by the Association.”**

M: Elisha McKie

S: Paul Kelly

CARRIED

Motion: **“That we write to PBFC and QPFC to ask those clubs to show cause as to why the Board should not take action to discipline them for failing to meet their obligations under 37.3. They shall have 14 days to respond.”**

M: Emmanuel Alfieris

S: Paul Kelly

CARRIED

We will call a meeting of all club presidents for after the replies are due. We will also review our membership and affiliation processes, and Raff will follow up FNSW with regard to previous correspondence.

9/13.4.2. Other business

Aaron informed the Board that in keeping with previous years, the AGM will be on the last Monday in November, that being the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Raff asked all directors to get their annual report text to Greg by 30<sup>th</sup> September; Emmanuel noted that he will need detailed to receive financials as soon as possible.

There being no further business, at 9.53pm, the meeting was closed.