



**EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Wednesday 15 April, 2015 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg 6/15)**

MINUTES

Attendance: Sean Fenton, John Clayton, Mark Puterflam, Ron Ogilvie, Andrew Field, David Owens, Aaron Dibdin

The meeting opened at 7.05pm.

6/15.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Paul Kelly.

6/15.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 5/15 & MATTERS ARISING

6/15.2.1 Consideration of minutes

The minutes from meeting 5/15 were taken to be a true and correct record.

Moved: David

Seconded: Mark

CARRIED

6/15.2.2 Business arising from the minutes

The action items were reviewed and updated.

The Board discussed placing a communiqué on the website reiterating the “playing for no points” process. Further to this, the Board discussed a general review of rules and regulations to address items such as ongoing rights and obligations of member clubs, debtor clubs, voting rights at councils and committees and the mandates of councils and committees, and any other items in need of review or update.

In respect of the coaching courses outstanding, the Board requested that we get Skill Training and Game Training update dates sorted and work Senior and Game Training coaching course dates in around them, and then publish a 2015 calendar.

6/15.3 REPORTS

6/15.3.1 President's Report

Sean reported briefly on the potential for further teams being incorporated into the ESFA program, and noted that we would await further correspondence before considering the matter further.

6/15.3.2 Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financials.

Motion: That the outstanding representative fees from the 2014 season are unrecoverable and should be written off

Moved: Mark

Seconded: David

CARRIED

The Board asked the General Manager to write to Phoenix regarding outstanding debts, outlining their obligation to meet all 2015 financial obligations within terms and further outline the terms of a payment plan for past seasons' debts to be met over the course of this calendar year.

The Board asked for a revised budget to be provided to the May meeting to account for increased registrations and related expenditures.

6/15.3.3 Other Reports

6/15.3.3.1 Referees and Judiciary

The Board discussed processes for dealing with incidents that occur off-field. The Board asked the General Manager to communicate the social media policy to Members, outlining its application and effects to the ESFA community at large. The intent is educating people to understand that comments online and in other forums are public and can be brought as evidence in Judiciary matters.

6/15.3.3.2 Representative Football and Coaching

Andrew reported on the start of the SAP and Regional Conference seasons.

Andrew discussed with the Board the difficulties that have arisen regarding the Regional Conference sides having to travel to Griffith twice, noting that this is a great impost in terms of time and expense.

6/15.3.3.3 Small Sided Football

David and Aaron reported on the preparations for the first week of the MiniRoos hubs for the coming weekend, noting that we had coordinators in place and volunteers fairly well organised.

David noted that there will be a hub coordinators meeting to take learnings from week 1 and help to flesh out our operational planning for future weeks and the remainder of the season.

The President suggested that in May, ESFA should take the coordinators and key volunteers out for dinner to thank them for their efforts so far.

The Board emphasised that coordinators should all be on consistent terms with ESFA driving a standard level of both commitment and compensation at each hub.

The President suggested that we ought to reward key hub volunteers and coordinators personnel to dinner in May to thank them for their work.

6/15.3.3.4 Junior FMC

Ron reported that with the preparations for the SSF rollout, the Junior competitive divisions had been somewhat secondary concerns, but that a number of issues are being worked through regarding length and timing of competitions and spare weeks, and external factors such as the Regional Conference trips to Griffith affecting boys' championship sides through player absences.

Ron reported that there had been some issues with the registration and team nomination process. Aaron reported that from an administrative point of view, all of our big junior clubs had fallen short of what we had hoped in respect of timelines. This contrasts with some other associations where teams and players are locked in far earlier. Ron and David both expressed the view that we could learn from others' processes, and the Board agreed that we ought to review team nomination process in order to expedite the grading and registration processes for clubs and the Association. The ESFA office should also produce a 2016 calendar of the season dates as early as practicable in order to assist clubs.

6/15.3.3.5 Senior FMC

Aaron reported very briefly that there had been a reasonably smooth start to the Senior season.

The Board discussed the wet weather field capacity, and Sean asked Aaron to check on availability of Monday nights at Heffron and also whether Sydney Uni still had bookings at Booralee at night times (that might serve as an alternative training venue if fields are taken for night games).

6/15.4 BUSINESS

6/15.4.1 Other business

There was no other business transacted.

With there being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9:15pm.