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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Monday 1 December, 2014 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg 1/15)**

MINUTES

Attendance: Sean Fenton, John Clayton, Mark Puterflam, Ron Ogilvie, Paul Kelly, Aaron Dibdin

The meeting opened at 7.09pm

1/15.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Andrew Field.

1/15.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 12/14 & MATTERS ARISING

1/15.2.1. Consideration of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 21st October were taken as a true and correct record.

Moved: John Clayton

Seconded: Paul Kelly

Carried

1/15.2.2. Business arising from the minutes

John sought an update on candidates to be endorsed by the Board for positions on the RMC. Paul noted that he would deal with that in his report.

The action items were reviewed and updated.

1/15.3 REPORTS

1/15.3.1. President's Report

Sean noted that he had spent his first week as President in a number of meetings getting to know people and introduce himself.

He had met with Old Boys Union FC and had discussions with them about how ESFA can facilitate their forming a cooperative relationship with an existing club to bring their football teams into the ESFA competition and that discussions have commenced with an existing club.

This is important as they are looking to bring sides in to participate in the Men's Championship competition, for which we have been looking for new teams. There may be an MOU struck so that if at some point they 'demerge' by agreement their independent entry to ESFA is not impaired.

Sean also reported he had had a conversation with George Phillips regarding the Randwick City Sports Committee, and Sean is keen to meet with Randwick City Council officers to discuss further. Aaron was asked to seek the future meeting dates of the Sports Committee and to gather demographic information that could be of use to ESFA.

Sean led a brief discussion on directors' interests, and asked Aaron to work with John to update our process for keeping a register of interests.

The Board thanked Sean for his report. On behalf of the Board, Ron welcomed Sean to the role and offered all assistance he may require.

1/15.3.2. Financial Report

The General Manager spoke to the financial report and took questions.

The Board asked Aaron to look into getting an EFTPOS terminal for the Association to provide the opportunity to take payments by card, minimising risk of unpaid registrations in representative programs.

1/15.3.2.1 Draft Budget 2014/15

The Board reviewed the draft budget, and asked Aaron to review a number of items and make a number of adjustments for the next meeting.

The Board asked Aaron to seek information regarding the GST liability that ESFA incurs when we pay referees for their services (GST free) but bill clubs for refereeing services (GST inclusive).

The Board discussed a number of options for the billing for and payment of referees.

1/15.3.3. Other Reports

1/15.3.3.1 Small Sided Football

The Board discussed the casual vacancy in the position of Director of Small Sided Football and resolved to consult with clubs.

1/15.3.3.2 Senior FMC

The Board discussed the casual vacancy in the position of Director of Senior Football and resolved to again ask the ESFA community at large to propose a suitable candidate.

1/15.3.3.3 Representative Football

Sean noted that the RYL trials are ongoing but that there are coaching vacancies. Sean asked Aaron to contact Football NSW to see if we can get in touch with locals who may have recently completed their C-Licences.

1/15.3.3.4 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Referees' Branch. Elected to the Referees' Management Committee by the membership were Paul Kelly, John Garcia and Oliver Newling.

Paul recommended to the Board that Wayne Hillier and Jack Bell be endorsed as candidates to sit on the RMC.

Moved: Paul Kelly

Seconded: Ron Ogilvie

Carried

The Board discussed a number of options for attracting more referees to boost our coverage.

1/15.4 BUSINESS

1/15.4.1. Proposal: Renewal of Lease at Westfield Eastgardens

Aaron spoke to the proposal to renew the lease for the ESFA offices at Eastgardens.

The Board was satisfied that the rent offered is competitive and advised Aaron to request a month free on a new two year lease.

1/15.4.2. Club Participation Agreements

John presented three draft documents relating to participation agreements that he proposed we adopt for 2015.

The Board discussed them at some length. The Board considered it best if the participation agreement itself be reviewed, but that the EOI form be adjusted and sent to clubs.

1/15.4.3. Strategic plan

Sean asked the Board to consider whether we should meet to work on a broader strategic plan for the Association. The meeting would be out of the office for a full day, setting a range of KPIs for the Board and office staff. The intent is to set markers against which we are able to measure our progress and ensure that we set and follow a strong agenda. The day would be led by an external facilitator to keep it on track.

The Board considered the idea and discussed having Raff as the facilitator. A date would be set for either late January or early February.

With no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 10:00 pm.