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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Monday 5 October, 2012 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg. 10/12)**

MINUTES

In attendance: Raff Del Vecchio, Ron Ogilvie, Mark Puterflam, Adam Gwynne, Peter Kriesler, Michelle Bogatyrov, Aaron Dibdin (General Manager).

10/12.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Andrew Field and Adam Gwynne

10/12.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 09/12 & MATTERS ARISING

10/12.2.1. Consideration of minutes

Motion: that the minutes be approved pending addition of the attendance.

Moved: Peter Kriesler

Seconded: Michelle Bogatyrov

10/12.2.2. Business arising

Raff noted that FNSW is yet to provide a response to the questions we put to them in respect of their value proposition.

Raff also directed Aaron to email UNSW to finalise discussions regarding the Eastern UNSW Lions MOU.

10/12.3 REPORTS

10/12.3.1. Financial Report

Aaron presented the Financial Report.

The Board noted Phoenix's proposal for extension of time.

Michelle raised the issue that Phoenix has already collected money from their players and they haven't paid us.

Ron proposed that we put to Phoenix that we accept \$2.5k at the end of January and the balance at the end of February with interest payable at 1% per month.

Moved: Ron

Seconded: Raff

Carried, with the Board noting Michelle's dissent from the resolution

On Queens Park, propose that the GM write a strongly worded letter to the President demanding that outstanding sums be paid and that 1%/month penalties apply.

On UNSW, take the same action as against Queens Park.

Moved: Mark

Seconded: Peter

Carried.

10/12.3.2. Other Reports

10/12.3.2.1 Junior FMC

Ron reported that the Junior Councils had wrap up sessions with David Owens and Alan Charak re-elected as chairs for 2013. The councils had good discussions in respect of 2012. This year the discussions were largely about technicalities rather than big issues which is a good thing. ESFA will be pushing hard to enforce rules again about match cards and cards on field, and the Councils will again be meeting again at the start of the year to lock matters away.

10/12.3.2.2 SSF

Mark reported that the SSF Council met 2 weeks ago but that the meeting was not well attended. Moray Vincent (Easts FC) was elected chair for 2013.

In 2012, there were 3 blocks of 5 weeks to review results and team standards relative to other teams in their groups.

There was quite a bit of discussion around options for the last block of weeks. This year, the last block of 5 weeks had 10s and 11s mixed together and the same was offered to 8s and 9s with a generally positive reception, bit with some unhappy teams too.

There were also discussions about gala days next year. A proposal is to hold gala days for ESFA hosted by a club and invite clubs from outside the area to join in. Gala days are generally run on Sundays in other associations, and at least Maccabi, Maroubra and maybe Easts could potentially be both willing and able to do that.

10/12.3.2.3 Representative Football

Raff reported on the Frank Broughton and Centenary Cups – the U11s made the semi-finals of the Frank Broughton Cup and the U12s won the Centenary Cup. Raff noted that for a very small association, we are doing exceptionally well – in the case of the Centenary Cup we won it for the second year in a row.

Raff also noted the social experiment of moving from the non-competitive season to competitive tournament at the end of the season. The behavior of parents and coaches in particular was markedly different when scores were being kept.

Raff further reported on progress with UNSW – last discussion was asking what their response is to our proposal. They wanted \$25k. We proposed an extension of the old agreement.

Peter noted the date for application has passed and that consequently the Board can infer that UNSW have formally terminated the agreement and that Aaron should write to them asking if they have notified FNSW of the termination and that ESFA has no involvement, financial or otherwise?

Peter noted that there are implications for the Technical Director position and joint development squads.

10/12.4 BUSINESS

10/12.4.1.1 Randwick City FC

Peter reported on the appeal proceedings in respect of the Randwick City FC (RCFC) application for affiliation. Sydney Branch Appeals Tribunal (SBAT) held that when we delegated, the power never came back, so the Board did not actually determine the matter. Football NSW Appeals Tribunal (FNSWAT) felt that we had power to determine, but while we agreed the SBAT decision was illogical, we hadn't appealed against the SBAT ruling that the delegation had not been returned, so they had to hold that we substantially agreed with SBAT decision.

RCFC's appeal was therefore upheld as the logic of the SBAT decision was flawed. FNSWAT ruled that matter had yet to be determined.

RCFC argued successfully that in interests of transparency the Board must give reasons for any determination.

The Board considered the matter and resolved to reject the application.

Aaron will draft the Board's response for Board approval.

10/12.4.1.2 FNSW SAP

Raff noted that ESFA has registered interest in a SAP licence. He argued that as a Board we need to canvass junior clubs as there are up to 24 kids in each age group 9, 10, 11s and 68 kids in total. We have an opportunity to run a SAP franchise but we don't want to draw too deeply from the parks.

Raff noted that the deadline is 12th October. Mitigating against numbers coming out from the parks is the fact that there are already Eastern Suburbs kids in SAP and PDP.

Pros:

- Relevance and a place on the FNSW elite pathway
- We have a good track record in running rep programs
- If we don't do it we are left just running a park competition

Cons

- Potentially drawing too many kids away from park football
- If Hakoah gets in to Elite 1 or Elite 2 and runs a program we'd be over catered in the Eastern Suburbs

The Board resolved to continue canvassing clubs – if there is an overwhelming response in one direction or other then go with that. If not, come back to board and in the meantime Aaron is to continue preparing an application.

10/12.4.1.3 GDTF

Raff reported that there had been a letter circulated to all clubs giving an update on progress.

10/12.4.1.4 FNSW junior recruitment proposal

Aaron presented the proposal from Football NSW to provide a ball, bag and either shin guards or bottle to clubs as part of a junior recruitment push to players up to age 9.

The Board rejected the proposal on cost grounds, but note that it is important to gather clubs together to discuss recruitment for 2013.

10/12.4.1.5 ESFA communications

Aaron presented to the Board Greg's interim report, with the final version to come for the next meeting.

Raff noted it's full of useful information and congratulated Greg on his work.

10/12.4.1.6 ESFA annual report

Raff reminded directors to please get their reports in quickly.

10/12.4.1.7 Dunbar Rovers juniors

Raff noted that Dunbar has submitted a request to enter junior teams in 2013. There is some ambiguity as to whether the AGM process applies to their application.

The Constitution's wording is ambiguous, but the intent was clear in 2009 that clubs would be subject to democratic approval.

The Board gave consideration to the matter and unanimously supports their application, but believes that the intent of the rules was clear.

The criteria for a new club don't apply as they are already members; solely that they need to pass the 50% and they will have well in excess of 75 players.

Aaron is to draft amendments that clarify the rules.

10/12.4.1.8 AGM

The Board resolved earlier in the year that the terms of the three directors appointed to fill casual vacancies and the one who was not elected at the last AGM should expire at this AGM – these being Peter Kriesler, Andrew Field, Adam Gwynne and Michelle Bogatyrov.

Consequently positions to be elected at the AGM will be:

- Director of Senior Football
- Director of Technical Development and Modified Football
- Director
- Director

Michelle declared that she is not standing for election. Peter Kriesler also indicated that he was not intending to stand again.

Meeting closed 9:50