

EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 5th July 2010

7.30, ESFA Offices

Suite 1, Level, 1371 Botany Rd Botany

ACTION SUMMARY LIST

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Past Meetings)

Nil

(Current Meeting)

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MINUTES

- 1. APOLOGIES -** Reddam House

IN ATTENDANCE: Danny Said (Junior Council Chairperson); Michelle Bogatyrov (Corporate Affairs Director); Taleah Neowhouse (Competitions Manager); Bondi United ; Easts FC;; Maccabi Juniors; Maroubra Utd; Mascot Kings; Olympic Eagles; Queens Park; Pagewood

ABSENT: Heffron Hawks; Coogee United

- 2. CHAIRPERSON WELCOME**

Michelle introduced herself to the meeting as the Corporate Affairs Director on the ESFA Board. Michelle explained to the meeting that Board members will be attending more meetings to become more aware of the issues that are affecting the competition. Board members will be particularly visiting contentious meetings such as the Girls and Junior Councils. It is an idea to bring the board closer to the clubs.

- 3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was moved by Easts that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record.
Seconded by Olympic

- 4. 13 TEAM REGRADING**

Taleah mentioned to the council that Heffron Hawks had suggested as an agenda item to propose that Heffron Hawks move up from 13/2 into 13/1 and move Maroubra down from division 1 into division 2. Taleah explained that as the divisions have different number of teams that if there is going to be a change that the change is going to affect all teams as not all teams are going to play everyone twice as the sequence of games will be mucked up.

Danny suggested that in the second division that there is a strong competition between Heffron Hawks, Queens Park and Mascot. Maroubra suggested moving down to fill the gap left by the bye. Michelle suggested that it may be too late in the season.

The clubs discussed all options.

Maroubra suggested moving down to fill the gap to be played as a friendly. Maroubra are happy to move down and not collect any points as long as the teams are willing to turn up to play the friendly. In division 1, the points will be removed and clubs now play the bye.

Clubs agreed to this idea. Michelle suggested that Danny takes the proposal back to the FMC to give it the ok and then will give the proposal to clubs to leave feedback on.

5. REFEREES BRANCH UPDATE

Taleah introduced George Magoulias to the Council Meeting as a member of the referees standing committee. Taleah invited the referees branch to the meeting to explain the high rise in incidents of abuse from junior, players, coaches and parents against referees.

George explained that the referees are losing a lot of kids because of the abuse, even in the Under 8 – Under 10 where the games are non-competitive, the referees are still witnessing abuse.

Clubs discussed the issue in depth, and all agreed that refereeing is tough.

Maroubra suggested that they needed to know who it was that is abusing the referees so that the clubs can take action. Taleah suggested that there had been a high rise in incidents going to the Judiciary and that it was only last week that it was decided that the FMC will hand down verdicts on whether the incidents are to be sent to the Judiciary, fined or given a formal warning and that those clubs involved would be given warnings accordingly.

Michelle mentioned to clubs that ESFA took a leap with the referees branch but we might lose it if the abuse continues and we fail to get referees onto the park. George suggested that the onus is on everyone to protect the referees. Pagewood suggested appointing RTO or ground marshals to protect the referees.

Maccabi suggested that it is the culture of the game and that there needs to be one weekend where parents, coaches etc cannot say anything. Clubs mentioned that they did have a weekend as part of the SSHH campaign.

Taleah suggested to clubs that it was vital for clubs to complete the referees evaluation reports so that the referees branch can monitor referees and can evaluate whether or not those referees are up to doing a certain standard of game as there is no way that the referees branch could be at every game on the weekend.

Taleah suggested that it has been discussed with the Referees manager that if the abuse continues particularly in the division 1 of the juniors that referees will be removed from division 1 games for 1 weekend to give, RTOs , coaches and parents the chance to referee the game to see how hard it is.

George suggested to clubs that kids are reluctant to give red cards so not all cases are going to go before the judiciary. Clubs suggested that it is something that the referee's branch needs to educate the referees on.

Clubs discussed the issue.

Bondi suggested that the young referees did not protect their children and as a result two were injured. Michelle suggested that everyone makes mistakes and unfortunately the referees branch is under resourced and until we get the right mix kids are going to leave if the abuse continues.

Michelle mentioned to clubs that the board is currently reviewing the code of conduct and that there will be harsher penalties for clubs, player etc who abuse referees next year.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Playing Up Rule during School holidays

Queens Park asked clubs how they felt about the playing up rule being relaxed on School Holidays when clubs are finding it hard to fill teams. Maccabi mentioned that it was the same for all clubs. Bondi asked why kids

could not play freely in the Under 9 and Under 10 competition as everywhere else in the world allows this to happen. Michelle mentioned that it was called stacking and it disadvantaged clubs.

East asked why the Juniors could not adopt the girls rule of play 4 times and on the 5th time being regarded. Taleah suggested that Danny brings it to the FMC for consideration for 2011.

5.2 ID Cards

Mascot complained that there had been several opposition cards that had photos of 5 and 6 year old boys on them who were playing in the Under 13's. Taleah mentioned that clubs will need to report them and clubs whom have young photos will just need to return the cards to the office to get reprinted.

Meeting Closed 8:25pm