



**EASTERN SUBURBS  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Developing football for everyone.**

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

**Monday 1 June, 2015 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens  
(Mtg 7/15)**

### **MINUTES**

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

The meeting opened at 7.08pm.

#### **7/15.1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **7/15.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 6/15 & MATTERS ARISING**

##### **7/15.2.1 Consideration of minutes**

**The minutes from meeting 6/15 were taken to be a true and correct record.**

Moved: David

Seconded: John

CARRIED

##### **7/15.2.2 Business arising from the minutes**

The action items were reviewed and updated.

The Board discussed the entry of new teams to the MiniRoos program – these teams have come to Pagewood Botany FC after having initially been signed to the private academy known as Coogee White Tigers.

#### **7/15.3 REPORTS**

##### **7/15.3.1 President's Report**

Sean reported that he had attended the Sydney FC vs Tottenham Hotspur game as a guest of Football NSW and that ESFA had been singled out for praise for its success in slowly reconciling the Association and a number of clubs.

Sean said that there's been a lot of good work done by Boards over several years and there must be recognition of that long process of reconciliation and the work that went into it.

Sean also reported on positive ongoing discussions regarding facilities. He met both the FNSW CEO, Eddie Moore, and the FNSW Facilities Development Manager, Riccardo Piccioni, as well as continuing discussions with the Mayor of Botany Bay and the Randwick City Council Director of City Services, Jorde Frangoples.

Lastly Sean reported on discussions about the protocols of communication regarding matters within directors' 'portfolios'. Relevant directors ought to be kept briefed on matters that affect their areas of interest.

Two action items were foreshadowed:

- To set the agenda for the strategic planning sessions
- To congratulate ESFA clubs on their fantastic work driving us towards record registrations in season 2015.

#### 7/15.3.2 Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financials and the revised budget.

The Board also discussed and approved a proposal to address ongoing outstanding sums owed by a member club.

#### 7/15.3.3 Other Reports

##### 7/15.3.3.1 Senior FMC

The Board discussed a club disputing a decision in respect of a forfeit being applied. The Board considered the matter and it was proposed that the matter be referred to the Judiciary Committee for determination.

M: Sean

S: David

CARRIED

##### 7/15.3.3.2 Representative Football and Coaching

Andrew reported on the technical session delivered by Kelly Cross, noting that it was a good session but numbers in attendance were disappointing.

Sean indicated he would write to Club Presidents urging them to get their coaches to go along.

Andrew also reported on the ongoing issues facing the regional league sides trying to get teams together for the second trip to Griffith.

Ron moved for ESFA to help by funding the buses to take the teams.

M: Ron

S: Sean

CARRIED

#### 7/15.3.3.3 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported that the Referees' Branch had organized another course and recruited yet more referees. The Branch has also had two more assessors accredited, bringing us up to 8 assessors in total.

Paul raised concerns regarding the 25m rule and ensuring that communications were clear, with referees not left in the middle.

A resolution was put that the Board accepts the recommendation of the JFMC that the 25 metre rule be implemented and notice be given to clubs that the rule will take effect on the weekend following the July School Holidays.

M: John

S: Andrew

CARRIED

Paul raised that we need to review our rules on ropes and crowd control generally as we have documented issues with putting ropes up at a number of grounds.

If ropes are impractical we ought to consider alternatives like marked lines or lines of cones to ensure spectators do not encroach on the field.

#### 7/15.3.3.4 Small Sided Football

David reported that whilst the hubs generally are operating reasonably well, Queens Park is overstretched and we will need to consider how we might be able to make it work a little better. There have been a few instances of double-booked fields too, which requires careful attention.

David also reported that we'd got through one re-grading meeting and have the Vasin cup coming up, and that we would have to consider what sort of 'big bang' event to close the year with.

#### 7/15.3.3.5 Junior FMC

Ron had distributed a written report in advance of the meeting noting that washouts had been rescheduled with some rounds pushed back. A number of 'early' re-grades had been taken in advance of the council meetings to deal with obvious mismatches, but there is an outstanding issue with one team that is seeking to move down an age-group – Aaron was asked to check with FNSW what the position is with respect to insurance.

### **7/15.4 BUSINESS**

#### 7/15.4.1 Other business

Ron raised a few other issues:

- Voting rights at council and other meetings needs to be clarified in the regulations to better reflect the original intent of the proportional voting rules
- There needs to be some analysis of the effects of the FNSW competitions review on ESFA competitions
- The JFMC ought to discuss the merits of shifting to a 9v9 format for U12s
- Should the association consider having a patron?

#### 7/15.4.2 Strategy day

The last item was to finalise details for the Strategy Session on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.  
Meeting was set for 8:--am to 10:30am.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:40p

With there being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9:50pm.