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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Wednesday 20 January, 2016 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg 2/16)**

MINUTES

Attendance: Sean Fenton, Mark Puterflam, John Clayton, Jaleh Shafie, Paul Kelly, Tom Adam,
Aaron Dibdin

The meeting opened at 7.15pm.

2/16.1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Andrew.

2/16.2 CASUAL VACANCY

The Board welcomed Tom Adam to the meeting.

Sean reported that Tom had been approached to fill the casual vacancy that exists for the
position of Director of Junior Football.

Tom introduced himself to the Board, stated that he was willing to join the Board, and explained
his football and professional background.

Sean proposed the following motion:

**That Tom Adam be appointed to fill the casual vacancy for the position of
Director of Junior Football in accord with section 17.1 of the ESFA Constitution.**

Moved: Sean

Seconded: Paul

CARRIED

2/16.3 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 01/16 & MATTERS ARISING

2/16.3.1 Consideration of minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

**The amended minutes from meeting 01/16 were taken to be a true and
correct record.**

Moved: John

Seconded: Mark

CARRIED

2/16.3.2 Business arising from the minutes

The action items were reviewed and updated.

2/16.4 REPORTS

2/16.4.1 President's Report

There was no President's Report

2/16.4.2 Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial report and the budget.

2/16.4.3 Other Reports

2/16.4.3.1 MiniRoos

The Board discussed preparations for the MiniRoos hubs, and in particular refinements at the Queens Park hub and potential creation of a new hub to slim down the Queens Park hub.

The Board discussed the casual vacancy that remains in the position of MiniRoos director.

The Board discussed options for filling the position, and discussed the following motion:

That Marko Kraljevic be approached to invite him to fill the casual vacancy for the position of Director of MiniRoos in accord with section 17.1 of the ESFA Constitution.

Moved: John

Seconded: Mark

CARRIED

2/16.4.3.2 Junior FMC

Aaron reported that at the combined Councils meeting, a proposal was raised to change the U12 competition from 11v11 to 9v9 for 2016. This was discussed at the meeting and put to a vote via email, and the majority were opposed.

A proposal to shift the U16s competition to Friday nights was not supported, noting that the notice was short for clubs who had already been recruiting for a Sunday competition, and it posed problems with grounds given that clubs have submitted ground booking requests already.

2/16.4.3.3 Senior FMC

Jaleh reported on developments in the Senior competitions for the year:

- We have asked clubs to nominate U21 teams and will run a competition if we get 6 nominations;
- We will be running with online team sheets and have circulated a new draft operations guide (to replace the RTO manual);
- We discussed having semi-finals on neutral venues; ultimately ESFA will decide based on field availability and field quality;
- We updated clubs on all important dates, and;

- The Women's Championship is likely to remain a 6 team competition.

2/16.4.3.4 Representative Football and Coaching

Aaron reported on the coaching courses that have been scheduled; there was a full program advertised with only the Game Training not proceeding due to lack of numbers.

Aaron also noted the Association's gratitude to Marko Kraljevic and Pagewood Botany FC for their assistance in providing grounds for pre-season courses.

Aaron reported on the representative programs, noting that SAP was running well and Girls' SAP was still recruiting, but reported that RYC has some issues. There are insufficient players to form a viable U16 side, and there are concerns about the standard of the other squads. Aaron reported on the player drain that has arisen from the creation of new NPL Tier 2 clubs in the Metro-East region (Dunbar Rovers, Balmain, Dulwich Hill and Stanmore) which all draw additional players out of the local association competitions.

The Board discussed looking at the sides' performances in trial matches, but preparing contingency plans for development squads.

2/16.4.3.5 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported on fresh work that had been done on a Non-Disclosure Agreement for members of the Referees' Management Committee to sign if they need to access the Referees' Website, including personal information.

The document has been drafted and the General Manager has provided some feedback, and it will also be provided to John for his feedback and advice.

Paul reported on numbers of referees registered being well up on the year-to-date figure from 2015, and that there were 48 new referees who had attended or were registered for courses for 2016.

Lastly, Paul discussed the notion of creating a definition for active and inactive referees and needing clarity regarding items like sideline ropes in the competition rules.

John reported on progress on the revised Judiciary Rules.

John also reported on remarks made by the Member for Heffron in the NSW Legislative Assembly relating to the Association and the General Manager last week.

John reported that he and Sean had worked on a response to be issued if the matter is raised in media or otherwise in a public forum, and the Board asked John to investigate the Association's options for addressing the remarks on the record in the Legislative Assembly.

2/16.5 BUSINESS

2/16.5.1 Other business

2/16.5.1.1 Special General Meeting

The Board discussed the order of business for the meeting, and asked the General Manager to send a reminder of the meeting to all members, and communicate the process of the meeting to the applicant clubs.

2/16.5.1.2 2016 Rules

The Board reviewed the draft rules and agreed to circulate the draft Schedules B and C to members with a view to adopting them as Regulations in accord with Section 36.3 of the Constitution.

2/16.5.1.3 FNSW Associations Standing Committee

The Board discussed the standing vacancy for the ESFA nominee for the FNSW Associations Standing Committee, and discussed the following motion:

That Aaron Dibdin be nominated to represent the Eastern Suburbs Football Association on the Football NSW Associations Standing Committee.

Moved: Sean

Seconded: Mark

CARRIED

2/16.5.1.4 Defibrillators and First Aid

Sean noted that he had been approached by Simon Preston of ALSCO regarding defibrillators, and had asked the General Manager to look into options for the provision of defibrillators to grounds around the Association.

The Board discussed the idea, noting that there were a range of factors in play, including whether ground owners already had defibrillators in place (or were looking to install them), whether football was the only tenant of the ground and who would take responsibility for the defibrillators once installed.

The Board asked the General Manager to provide information to clubs to have an informed discussion.

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