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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday 28 July, 2016 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg 8/16)

MINUTES

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

The meeting opened at 6.46pm.

8/16.1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Sean and Andrew

8/16.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS 6/16 & MATTERS ARISING

8/16.2.1 Consideration of minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion: That the minutes from meeting 06/16 as amended are taken to be a true and correct record.

Moved: Mark

Seconded: Paul

CARRIED

Meeting 07/16 was inquorate.

8/16.2.2 Business arising from the minutes

Aaron reported that dates for a C-Licence in the Eastern Suburbs have now been confirmed and that this has been communicated to clubs and coaches.

Aaron also reported on the progress made so far in preparing a response for the Request For Tender to operate a summer football program at Moore Park.

The Board discussed a range of options for the project.

Motion: That the General Manager be authorized to continue work on the draft response to the Request For Tender.

Moved: Paul

Seconded: Tom

CARRIED

The action items were reviewed and updated.

8/16.3 REPORTS

8/16.3.1 President's Report

In Sean's absence there was no President's Report

8/16.3.2 Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial report.

The Board discussed options for improving the efficiency of reporting, including taking advice from the Association's auditors.

8/16.3.3 Other Reports

8/16.3.3.1 Senior FMC

Jaleh reported on senior competitions, running through the minutes of the recent combined seniors' councils meeting.

Jaleh noted that the Competitions Coordinator had done a good job of staying on top of rescheduled matches to ensure that there were no outstanding fixtures and ensuring that there was a wet weather weekend available for finals.

The semi-final and grand final schedules are under control.

Jaleh noted that the referees were a topic of much discussion and shared with the meeting a set of proposals that had arisen from the discussion at the councils meeting.

The Board noted the proposals and referred them to the Referees' Management Committee for comment.

8/16.3.3.2 Representative Football and Coaching

In Andrew's absence, Aaron reported on the good news that ESFA had confirmed dates with Football NSW for the very first C-Licence to be hosted in the eastern suburbs. Aaron reported that the Technical Director had been in touch with clubs directly to encourage them to sign coaches up.

Aaron also reported that the Football NSW competitions application process had begun and that the Association would need to consider whether or not to re-apply for SAP, Girls' SAP and Regional Youth League.

The Board discussed the different programs and asked Aaron to follow up on due dates for the application.

8/16.3.3.3 Referees

Paul reported that the Referees' Management Committee is now busy working on finals planning, including identifying referees for appointment to Grand Finals.

Paul noted that in spite of a very positive meeting with the Men's Championship clubs at which all clubs present resolved to improve their behaviour around games, only two rounds later there was a match abandoned due to a melee.

Paul stated his concern that clubs with no chance to make finals seem to think they have nothing to lose, whereas other clubs have clearly made an effort to improve matters.

8/16.3.3.4 Judiciary

John noted that since the adoption of the new Disciplinary Committee rules, it seems more matters have been dealt with summarily rather than through hearings, but that a lot of matters related to abuse of match officials are still coming through, particularly from the Men's Championship and men's all-age 1 competitions. John stated that a particular concern is matters where coaches/RTOs have failed to act to prevent or stop abuse.

John asked Aaron for statistics on the number of matters dealt with summarily vs dealt with by hearing.

8/16.3.3.5 MiniRoos

John reported that there had been a gala day at Christison Park on Sunday for U6 and U7 players which appears to have been a success.

More problematic is that in spite of the schedule of MiniRoos rounds being communicated clearly to all clubs at the beginning of the year, and ESFA and all affected clubs being aware that Queens Park would be off-line for the weekend of the 20/21 August (and ESFA making appropriate arrangements to cover for this in its draw published several weeks ago), Queens Park have unilaterally withdrawn from the last week of the MiniRoos program to instead conduct an intra-club gala day. This is frustrating and will create considerable extra work for the MiniRoos coordinator to amend all affected draws to remove the QP teams for that weekend.

Aaron reported that there had been an additional approximately 600 MiniRoos players registered from Pagewood Botany FC.

8/16.3.3.6 Junior FMC

Tom reported on Junior football, noting that whilst he was unable to attend the juniors' council meetings, he had been advised that there were no outstanding games and that the process for dealing with further wet weather had been dealt with so everyone knows what happens if it rains.

Tom also reported that the Grand Final schedule has been set.

Tom noted that there was a discussion point over whether U12 and G12 should go to a 9v9 format in 2017. The Board discussed this, and whether such a 9v9 shift would also mean no longer having competition points.

Lastly, Tom noted that clubs appear to be in favour of the reintroduction of a White Knights-style program if possible.

8/16.4 BUSINESS

8/16.4.1 Feedback from All Clubs Meeting

Aaron distributed a summary of feedback.

8/16.4.2 Other business

There was no other business.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm.