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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Wednesday 18 May, 2016 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office, Eastgardens
(Mtg 6/16)**

MINUTES

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

The meeting opened at 7.15pm.

6/16.1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Andrew and Jaleh

6/16.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS 5/16 & MATTERS ARISING

6/16.2.1 Consideration of minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings.

Motion: That the minutes from meeting 05/16 as amended are taken to be a true and correct record.

Moved: John

Seconded: Paul

CARRIED

6/16.2.2 Business arising from the minutes

The action items were reviewed and updated.

6/16.3 REPORTS

6/16.3.1 President's Report

Sean thanked John for the amount of work that had gone into managing the process (and related correspondence) to do with the Pagewood matter, as well as his assistance with correspondence relating to MiniRoos and referees.

Sean reported also that he has been approached by other regular users of Hensley Athletic Field about approaching Council to lobby for a reduction in hiring rates.

The Board asked Aaron to investigate hiring rates and availability on other synthetic fields in the region (e.g. Heffron, Moore Park and Waverley) for mid-week games and to investigate hosting semi-final matches on synthetic fields.

The Board encouraged Sean to meet with City of Botany Bay Council to discuss Hensley.

Sean also noted that the All Clubs Meeting was coming up on the 30th May.

6/16.3.2 Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial report.

The Board considered the Club Accounts Policy and agreed that it should apply from the weekend of the 28/29th May.

The Board noted that the onus should be on clubs to pay their bills, and if they have any queries to approach us before the bills fall due.

The Board asked Aaron to check a number of items in the financial report.

6/16.3.3 Other Reports

6/16.3.3.1 Representative Football and Coaching

Aaron reported that the coach education program and club visits programs were ongoing and well-received, and that the most exciting development is that we look set to host the Eastern Suburbs' first C-Licence course later in 2016.

The Board noted that Jaime will need to have a record of all visits and contacts to show that we are providing value direct to clubs.

6/16.3.3.2 Referees

Paul reported on two recent resignations from the Referee's Management Committee.

The resignations carry a common thread – a frustration among the Committee and referees more generally about the standards of behaviour on the sidelines of ESFA games:

- Lack of identifiable team officials
- Lack of identification checks of players (or even any identification)
- Lack of technical areas and roping of sidelines
- The pattern of 'back-ending' problems (e.g. let's play and let the office sort it out later) rather than dealing with it at the time.

There are questions as to how to address this. There is a slackening of standards, and it's competitions like the Men's Championship which are among the worst. There are questions among referees as to whether the Men's Championship competition should be set up as the 'poster boys' to model better behaviour. To achieve this perhaps Sean and Paul ought to meet with the Men's Championship coaches.

There is an ongoing clash of expectations between clubs who "just want to play football" and clubs who want the rules to be enforced. Ultimately our job is to organise the sport – we need to be able to organise it!

The Board resolved to invite the Referees' Management Committee to the All Clubs Meeting on the 30th May.

6/16.3.3.3 Judiciary

John noted that by email circular the Board has now agreed to the regulations governing the new Disciplinary Committee.

To roll forward, we will need to appoint a Review Committee. The Regulation requires that the Review Committee consists of a person appointed by the Board and a person appointed by the GM.

John recommended that the Review Committee be John and Paul and the Board agreed.

6/16.3.3.4 Senior FMC

The Board took note of the written report provided by Jaleh.

6/16.3.3.5 MiniRoos

John reported on the MiniRoos. There are a couple of issues relating to late production of the draw and the reintegration of girls' teams from Pagewood Botany Football Club, but these are close to being finally resolved.

John reported that he had attended Jellicoe and met with volunteers on the ground there, and noted that parents on the ground seem unaware of the reasons for them not being in the ESFA MiniRoos program.

We are currently undertaking regrading and will be getting the draw out to the end of Term 2, and there are gala days this weekend for the U6 and U7 teams.

6/16.3.3.6 Junior FMC

Tom gave his thanks to Adrian for the efficient and tidy handling of the regrading and management of competition formats and splits. Tom passed around the snapshot of competitions for the Board to examine – it gives a clear view of what is coming up for the rest of the season in the Junior competitions.

6/16.4 BUSINESS

6/16.4.1 Other business

Paul briefly reported that there will be an all-girls crew of match officials on the park on Sunday, which will be an exciting development and a good news story.

6/16.4.2 ESFA Regulations

The Board asked Aaron to ensure that the adopted Regulations are published online and publicized to clubs.

The Board also asked Aaron to create a list of issues to resolve for the regulations to be further amended for the 2017 season, and Aaron suggested that the 'scenarios' document produced for the Referees' Branch in past seasons may be a good place to start.

6/16.4.3 All Clubs Meeting

John noted that he will prepare an explanatory memorandum to lay out the Board's rationale for decisions taken on Pagewood and provide brief Directors' rundowns of the year so far.

6/16.4.4 Football NSW

Aaron spoke to correspondence that had been circulated since the last Board meeting relating to the Board of Football NSW. Football NSW now has a new Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and four of the nine Directors in office prior to the last Annual General Meeting are no longer on the Board.

Accordingly, Aaron proposed that we write to the new Chairman to ask for an update on what he sees as the future direction of the Company, and urge him to ensure that the interests of the Associations and the 96% of Football NSW's players who play their football at Association level be kept front of mind. The Board agreed for Aaron to draft a letter.

6/16.4.5 Summer sixes

Sean proposed that he and Aaron start arranging meetings with ground providers to enquire about hosting an ESFA summer six-a-side competition and the Board agreed that he should make approaches.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9:35pm.