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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 1/16)**

MINUTES

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

The meeting opened at 7.15pm.

1/16.1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Andrew.

1/16.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 12/15 & MATTERS ARISING

1/16.2.1 Consideration of minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes from meeting 12/15 were taken to be a true and correct record.

Moved: John

Seconded: Paul

CARRIED

1/16.2.2 Business arising from the minutes

The action items were reviewed and updated.

1/16.3 REPORTS

1/16.3.1 President's Report

Sean reported that we've had an exciting start to the year with our two new staff members joining.

Sean met Jaime on Monday to discuss the program for technical development during 2016, noting that this is a program that is funded by the clubs, so the priority is on ensuring that they receive good value for the investment.

At the end of the year, the clubs will be the ones who determine the agenda going forward and if the TD position is to be continued.

Jaime is fully on board with this, so whilst there is obviously a role for supporting the pathway programs, the focus is on servicing clubs.

We will aim to raise the bar on coaching, bringing us up to a level where we have a greater ratio of qualified coaches per player than any other Association and getting all coaches of Championship teams accredited with an age-appropriate qualification.

With the new staff on board, we now have a situation where the GM is free to lead, taking on tasks like sponsorship, advocacy with ground owners and strategic engagement in a fashion that has been difficult in the past owing to workload.

In the immediate term, the resolution of an outstanding appeal matter is the number 1 priority.

For the Board, there remain two outstanding positions. Sean and the Board discussed a number of potential candidates.

1/16.3.2 Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial report and the budget.

Mark noted the potential for significant downside risks on the spending side and will meet with Aaron and Dennis before the next meeting to discuss.

1/16.3.3 Other Reports

1/16.3.3.1 Junior FMC

No report.

1/16.3.3.2 Senior FMC

Jaleh reported on post-season meetings to discuss rules and a number of other items.

Sean raised the idea of O35s and O45s being played on Friday nights. The idea can be put to clubs to vote on.

1/16.3.3.3 Representative Football and Coaching

Aaron reported briefly that we have had trials for SAP, Girls' SAP and RYC, with squads selected for all but an outstanding issue of numbers for the U16s. We will advertise directly to clubs.

1/16.3.3.4 Referees and Judiciary

John reported that the Judiciary rules are under review and good progress is being made.

Paul reported on referees' courses being scheduled.

Paul moved:

That the Board endorse Kirsty Clee to be a member of the Referees' Management Committee

Moved: Paul

Seconded: John

CARRIED

1/16.3.3.5 Small Sided Football

No report

1/16.4 BUSINESS

1/16.4.1 Other business

1/16.4.1.1 New Clubs

Sean reported that following the Annual General Meeting, at which the applications of Sydney CBD FC and White Tigers FC were unable to be put to the membership for technical flaws, it was informally put to members that we could seek to make such rule changes as to permit us to put the new clubs' applications to members at a later time but in time for the 2016 season.

This met with a warm response, so Sean proposed that we draft motions to put to a Special General Meeting in February to change the rules to allow us to put the applications to the membership immediately and allow members to decide.

John agreed to prepare motions for the General Meeting to consider. Ultimately it would be up to the clubs to decide.

With there being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 9:30pm.