



MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Wednesday 30 October, 2013 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office Eastgardens
(Mtg 11/13)**

MINUTES

In attendance: Raff Del Vecchio, Ron Ogilvie, Mark Puterflam, Andrew Field, Paul Kelly, John Clayton, Elisha McKie and Aaron Dibdin (General Manager).

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

12/13.1 APOLOGIES

None received.

12/13.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 10/13 & MATTERS ARISING

12/13.2.1. Consideration of minutes

The Board endorses a note on the September minutes to refer to October minutes in respect of decision to not proceed to a pre-AGM meeting of clubs.

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as amended.

Moved: Mark

Seconded: Paul

CARRIED

12/13.2.2. Business arising from the minutes

Aaron was asked to pursue a meeting of the Ground Development Trust and send the agreed correspondence to the Mayor of Randwick City.

12/13.3 REPORTS

12/13.3.1. President's Report

Raff reported the sad news that Daniel Romeo, one of our young referees passed away recently. The Romeo family are prominent in the ESFA community, with the Referees' Branch, Maroubra and Heffron Hawks particularly touched. Raff reported that he attended the funeral along with Paul, Ron, ESFA staff and a huge swathe of the ESFA community. It put in perspective the fragility of life and the importance of family. Raff noted how proud he is of the football community that we pull together in tough times.

Raff offered his thanks to everyone for their contribution and noted that in time we may have a conversation about how we can honour Daniel's memory.

12/13.3.2. Financial Report

Aaron presented a draft budget with a range of scenarios.

The Board asked Aaron to investigate some options to address the cost of football.

12/13.3.3. Other Reports

12/13.3.3.1 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported on the referees' presentation day, attended by a range of referees but in particular a lot of junior referees aged 14-17.

The Romeo family came along and participated, and it was good to be able to offer some support to the Romeo family.

The referees present had a good time, gave out our trophies for referee of the year, rookie of the year, junior referee of the year and 5 years' service awards; winners of the awards will be on the website.

12/13.4 BUSINESS

12/13.4.1. Unification actions

The Board discussed motions that are to be put to the AGM. Consultations with clubs have been ongoing and will continue. Football NSW has offered its strong support.

12/13.4.2. AGM Agenda

The Board discussed and determined its preferred order of business for the AGM:

- Apologies
- Minutes
- President's report
- Treasurer's report
- Life member election

- Motions on notice
- Elections

12/13.4.3. Regional League

The Board considered the declaration from FNSW in respect of the Regional League for 2014.

Prior to commencing the discussion, Paul and Andrew both declared that they have accepted coaching positions at non-Eastern Suburbs clubs in FNSW competitions for 2014.

The Board resolved that it is in its best interests to see a committee appointed quickly to appoint coaches, find grounds and conduct trials for an Eastern Suburbs Football Association Regional League setup and work with all interested parties.

The Board determined to delegate the task of discussing Regional League with Hakoah to Ron and Andrew.

12/13.4.4. SAP update

Andrew reported on SAP preparations, and that he looks forward to the SAP coaches undertaking a seamless, transparent and fair trial process.

12/13.4.5. 2014 Administration / Staffing strategy

The Board commenced in camera discussion.

Board had a general discussion regarding staffing. Recommendations will be provided post-AGM, and input will be sought from the General Manager.

The Board concluded its in camera discussion.

12/13.4.6. Referee dissent fines

Ron reported that he has concerns about the list of owing clubs. The board asked Aaron to seek information on any club which has fines outstanding.

12/13.4.7. Unfinancial players

The Board considered a proposal on dealing with unfinancial players. Following discussion, the Board determined that they would need to take some advice on privacy implications.

12/13.4.8. New branch rules

The Referees' Branch AGM is tentatively scheduled to be held in late November.

The new Branch rules will need to be approved for the meeting.

The Board did request that the Board be represented at the Committee through the director with portfolio responsibility for referees holding a position where they do not typically vote but able to exercise a casting vote in the event of a deadlock.

The Board will review the rules and revert any feedback to Paul with a final version to be circulated by the end of the week.

There being no further business, at 9.08pm, the meeting was closed.