



**EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday 8 April, 2013 at 7.00pm, ESFA Office Eastgardens (Mtg. 5/13)

MINUTES

In attendance: Raff Del Vecchio, Ron Ogilvie, Mark Puterflam, Paul Kelly, John Clayton, Emmanuel Alfieris and Aaron Dibdin (General Manager).

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

APOLOGIES

5/13.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Andrew Field and Elisha McKie

5/13.2 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 4/13& MATTERS ARISING

5/13.2.1. Consideration of minutes

Motion: **That the minutes of the March meeting be adopted.**

Moved: Paul

Seconded: John

Carried

5/13.2.2. Business arising from the minutes

The Board reviewed and updated the outstanding action points.

5/13.3 REPORTS

5/13.3.1. President's Report

The President initiated a discussion in respect of the strategic direction of ESFA given

- Falling junior player numbers
- Continued non involvement of Queens Park and Pagewood extending to under 12's in 2013
- Ongoing sustainability of ESFA

The Board reinforced its view that ESFA rules and processes must be adhered to for the good running of the competition.

The Board directed that communications be sent to all clubs by lunchtime Tuesday regarding:

- Rescheduling of washed out games
- Set cutoff for data to be finalised for production of cards for the coming weekend and a reminder of the enforcement of "no card no play" rule

5/13.3.2. Financial Report

The Board examined the financial report.

The Board noted that Coogee, Pagewood and Phoenix all have accounts outstanding for 90 days or more and should these accounts not be cleared up by the close of business Friday 12th April their sides will be playing for no points in accordance with policy communicated to members.

The Board took note of the revised SAP budget, and Aaron noted that aggregate player registration numbers are stronger than budgeted. While there are losses in some age groups (particularly teenage boys and girls), the total numbers are strong and seniors in particular are very strong. Emmanuel noted that this is in keeping with other Associations. Aaron noted that the numbers should mean that registration revenues and budgetary forecasts will hold up well.

5/13.3.3. Other Reports

5/13.3.3.1 Small Sided Football

Mark reported that the bulk of small sided football was washed out on Saturday with the closure of Queens Park and Waverley Park, but that Maroubra went ahead.

Mark stated that he went to see the Maccabi setup on Sunday and it was fine, but that next weekend will be more of a test with everyone playing. It was noted that the draw for the first 5 rounds had gone out and had been well received.

5/13.3.3.2 Junior FMC

Ron reported on some of the issues facing the junior competitions this year.

Registration numbers are down a little bit and there are a number of 5 team competitions. There is a down trend in girls leading to combined 13/14 and 15/16 age groups to give more chance of getting the good teams together and it allows the clubs a little bit of flexibility to get the teams together.

Ron did note that we need to improve our communications to clubs to keep them up to speed and that we need to develop a stronger culture of adherence to rules and processes.

5/13.3.3.3 Senior FMC

Elisha provided a report in her absence that was tabled and noted by the Board. The report noted that the Premier League competition will be contested by 9 clubs, and that team numbers are steady in most competitions and growing in All Age Men.

The report also noted that the process of grading was very smooth and congratulated Andrew, Adam and Jaleh.

5/13.3.3.4 Referees and Judiciary

Paul reported that he is looking to senior referees to visit junior refs to ensure they're supported and mentored and we help out our new recruits.

The Board discussed a paper that had been presented to the Board out of session in respect of the future structure of the Referees' Branch and its committees.

The Board took recommendations on next steps and John and Paul will meet to discuss options in prospect.

5/13.4 BUSINESS

5/13.4.1. SAP Organisation

The Board considered a proposal from Moray Vincent to coordinate the SAP teams week to week and agreed to its implementation.

5/13.4.2. Kensington Bowling Club

The Board considered a proposal from Roy Belcher to submit an Expression Of Interest to take on the Kensington Bowling Club, but decided against making a submission. The Board thanked Roy for his work, and noted that while this is not an opportunity that we will be pursuing, the Association must keep an eye out for opportunities where increased revenue might be generated with an acceptably low level of risk.

There being no further business, at 9.10pm, the meeting was closed.