

**ESFA Referees Branch RSC MINUTES: 18/09/2011**



**Start time: 6:05pm**

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| <b>Attendance</b>                   | Alex Imvriotis<br>Ben Abraham<br>George Magoulias<br>Ned Sparkes<br>Paul Matthews<br>Wayne Hillier  |                           |
| <b>Apologies</b>                    | Greg Calacouris<br>Louise Mazzaroli<br>Paul Bonomy  |                           |
| <b>Adoption of Previous Minutes</b> | Previous Minutes unanimously approved   |                           |
| <b>Off Season Agenda</b>            | <p><b>Set-up of ESFARB Appeals Committee:</b></p> <p>At this point in time if a referees wants to appeal a decision decided by the Referees Standing Committee the Branch Laws state that they will go before the ESFA Appeals Committee to defend themselves.</p> <p><b>19.2 An Appeal will be heard at first instance by the ESFA Judiciary Committee and a subsequent appeal may be heard by the ESFA Appeals Committee in accordance with the rules of those Committees.</b></p> <p>As it is a refereeing matter the decision should be made in house from our own, separate Appeals Committee rather than the Football Associations.</p> <p>Go to the ESFA Board to seek approval of the following:</p> <p>An Appeals Committee to be set-up by the Referees Standing Committee (RSC). A fixed Chairperson will be in position and when a case arises the committee will be formed with an</p> | <p>Paul M.</p> <p>All</p> |

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|   | <p>additional two members from the ESFARB.</p> <p>The committee has suggested that Ted Simmons would be a prime candidate to Chair this Appeals Committee.</p> <p><b>Content for ESFARB rules:</b></p> <p><b>19. Appeals</b></p> <p><b>19.1</b> No change.</p> <p><b>19.2</b> An appeal will be heard at first instance by the <b>ESFARB Appeals Committee</b> and a subsequent appeal may be heard by the <b>Sydney Branch</b> in the accordance with the rules of those Committees.</p> <p><b>19.3</b> All appeals must be submitted within seven (7) <b>working</b> days following notice of that decision.</p> <p><b>19.4 All decisions will be made available to the member within five (5) working days of the hearing.</b></p> <p><b>Bold = Amendments of the Branch Rules.</b></p> | All  |
| <p><b>Level 3 Referees Course – Compulsory Technical Training Session</b></p> | <p>Alex Spoke about his disappointment in the numbers of attendance to the Technical Training Sessions.</p> <p>Contemplation of setting up a questionnaire for all members for what best suits them. What night would you prefer to come along? How long should it go for? What’s the best method of learning for you? Etc.</p> <p>Wayne put forward the belief that once a week is too much to expect from referees.</p> <p>Alex gives up his time to give the children the opportunity to learn. He would like Ben to send an email out to an “Elite Panel” to commence</p>  | <p>Alex S.</p> <p>Alex I.</p> <p>Wayne H.</p> <p>Alex S.</p> |

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|                                | <p>training. The committee approved this program to be implemented. Giving the children the opportunity to come each week means that they can come twice a month whenever best suits them. With this “Elite Panel” the ground rules will be set and Alex will not be wasting his time with those who don’t want to learn.</p> <p>In addition to improve number Alex I. suggested sending out text message reminders. Also the potential to have once a month pizza and drink nights.</p>  | <p>Alex I.</p>                                      |
| <p><b>General Business</b></p> | <p><b>Potential amendments to the Premier League Panel next season:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival 45minutes prior to kick-off</li> <li>• Smart/ casual – referees polo shirts</li> <li>• Must attend a minimum of two Technical Training Sessions each month to maintain their position.</li> </ul> <p>Possibility of creating “Teams of three”.</p> <p>Increasing the professionalism will promote committed referees but will mean that you must expect to lose quality referees from the top games.</p> <p><b>Financial Model:</b></p> <p>From the AGM in 2010 the proposal was to fix the 10% levy. Questions will be presented to the committee at the 2011 AGM which will be required to answer.</p> <p>Ben to ask Stewart Ross if he has done any models.</p> <p>George Magoulias to research other branches models and propose one for the ESFARB.</p> | <p>Ben A. &amp; Alex S.</p> <p>All.</p> <p>All.</p> |

End of meeting: 7:20pm