



## **Football South Coast Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Date:** 10 September 2012

**Time** 5.10pm – 8.05pm

**Venue:** Boardroom – Fraternity Club Corporate Centre

**Attendees: FSC Board Attendees:**

Mr. Eddy De Gabriele (Independent Director/Chairman)  
Mrs. Nicki Bowman (Deputy Chairperson & Independent Director)  
Mrs. Ann-Marie Balliana (Independent Director)  
Mr. Claude Cuda (Men's Football Council)  
Mr. Milco Stojanoski (Independent Director)  
Ms. Sandra Depers (Women's Football Council)  
Ms. Danielle Foster (Junior Football Council)  
Mrs. Rosemary Digger (Futsal Council)  
Mr. Bob Hennessy (Independent Director)

**In attendance by invitation:**

**Apologies:** Mr. Paul Herbert (IRFA)

### **1. Meeting Opening**

#### 1.1. Welcome and Apologies

FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele informed the Board that Paul Herbert was an apology due to work commitments.

## 1.2. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interests

- i) FSC Chairman and Independent Director Eddy De Gabriele reminded all Directors present of their duty to disclose any Conflicts of Interests pertaining to the listed Agenda Items and that if any matter was raised that triggered a conflict of interest that the affected Directors make their declaration and appropriate action will be undertaken to either exclude or not accept any voting status on the matter.
- ii) No Conflict of Interest was declared – other than the ongoing stated and previously declared Conflict of Interest by Directors as representatives of their various Football Councils and/or their life memberships etc. of their respective Clubs.
- iii) FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele declared that he is a Director at the Fraternity Club and is also the Chairman of the RDA.
- iv) FSC Independent Director Rosemary Digger declared that her son helps administer Futsal competitions that are run at Berkeley High School.

## 1.3. Minutes of previous meeting(s)

Moved by Bob Hennessy that the minutes of the August meeting be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings. Seconded by Rosemary Digger.  
MOTION CARRIED.

## 1.4. Business arising from previous minutes

FSC CEO Bill Kostandas advised the FSC Board that he has had regular communication with Rex Leighton with the discussion centering on the Harmonization of Disciplinary Procedures and the progress of this initiative. Rex is the Chair of this Committee which is made up of the respective FSC Competition coordinators (Men's – David Naylor, Juniors – David Ware) and representatives from the respective three Councils (Juniors – Dave Swann and Paul Hennessy; Senior Men's – Bruce Cunningham and Tom Clark; Women's – Joan Hudson).

FSC Director Sandy Depers advised that the Women's Competition Disciplinary procedures are aligned with those of the Junior Competition. This is a historic thing. FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele asked that this process stays in place until the new Harmonized Disciplinary procedures are implemented.

FSC Deputy Chairperson and Independent Director Nicki Bowman advised the FSC Board that we can change our financial year. All FSC has to do is to put forward the organization's financials (up to October 31) and a letter be submitted to state the change and all should be OK. Nicki Bowman thanked

FSC Independent Director Ann-Marie Balliana for her research into this matter.

FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele advised that all Board members should have received the final version of the FSC Donation policy.

## **2. Matters for Decision**

2.1. None to report.

## **3. Matters for discussion and/or proposals and submissions**

### **3.1. CEO Report**

CEO Bill Kostandas tabled his report to the Board. In summary:

- **FSC Priorities:**
- Sponsorship Strategy – completed and submitted. Focus is on the current sponsorship asset portfolio, sponsorship objectives, the risks and opportunities as well as potential targets. A sponsorship bid and tender document has also been put together.
- Communications Strategy – an actual strategy document is a work in progress.
  - 135 Twitter followers and 270 Likes on Facebook.
- Existing Facilities – JJ Kelly Park – ongoing discussion with Wollongong City Council.
- Development Pathways – Academy and September/October Holiday Clinics advertised on website.
  - Term 1 of the Academy Program commences early October.
  - Holiday Clinics for September/October confirmed with Thirroul, University and Albion Park as the confirmed venues.

### **Other -**

- Futsal at the Frat - The summer competition will commence on 17 September. Both have been communicated to stakeholders, flyers have gone out to the Clubs and also the Frat Club. Competition has also communicated on the FSC website and advertised in the Mercury, the Advertiser and i98fm.
  - The uptake of the Summer Futsal competition has been good with over 80 teams registered.
- Fraternity Club Update – Two Clubs (Oak Flats Juniors and Balgownie Juniors) to have their end of season presentation at the Frat – this done in support of FSC.
- Community Work. Glenn Fontana has been doing the following:
  - Working with FFA and Cerebral Palsy Football;
  - Working with UOW's Impact Team and SCARF re: organizing a training session and a game for 16-18 year olds involved in SCARF.
- Melbourne Heart – visit proved to be very successful with three players selected to trial for the Heart's NYL team. Melbourne Heart is keen to make this a regular event.

- FSC Technical Director estimates that there will be 120 kids in this age group attending the FSC Academy starting in October.

### Feedback

#### JJ Kelly Park:

- FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele advised the FSC Board that he and FSC CEO Bill Kostandas were attending a meeting with Wollongong City Council on Friday to further discuss the proposed development at JJ Kelly Park. The FSC Board has given Eddy their support and scope to go out and source something 'solid' regarding facilities.
- Eddy De Gabriele clearly stated that there would be no change to the arrangement Coniston Lions FC has with Wollongong City Council with regard to their tenure at JJ Kelly Park.

#### Beach Soccer:

- FSC to look into acknowledging and supporting the event in Wollongong, but we don't take liability or risk management on the event.

### 3.2. Chairman's Report

- i) FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele advised the FSC Board that every fortnight the FSC CEO and Chairman meet and talk about the FSC Strategic Priorities and other relevant items.
- ii) See other separate items. Donation Policy (Item 3.7), JJ Kelly Park (the FSC CEO report).

### 3.3. Finance Report\*

- i) FSC Independent Director Ann-Marie Balliana submitted the financial reports. Included in the reports are the FSC Profit & Loss, FSC Cost Centre, the Councils' Profit & Loss statements and the Academy Profit & Loss. These are as at 31 August 2012.
- ii) For next year's budget FSC CEO Bill Kostandas and FSC Independent Director Ann-Marie Balliana to start working on. Also to work with the Member Councils. The Budget to take into consideration the new financial year starting 1 November 2012.

Motion: Move that the Financials be passed: Moved by Claude Cuda.  
Seconded by Nicki Bowman. MOTION CARRIED.

### 3.4. FNSW Terms of Admission Policy

FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele suggested that the Code of Conduct be changed to a Condition of Entry.

FSC Deputy Chairperson Nicki Bowman advised that from a legal perspective we have something already in place.

### 3.5. Change FSC Financial Year to 1 November – 31 October

See Business Arising Section (Item 1.4)

### 3.6. Strategic Plan Priorities\*

FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele advised that there was no update on this initiative, but the foundations have been laid.

### 3.7. Donation Policy.

For the Donation Policy Independent Director Ann-Marie Balliana suggested that there is a need to add that nothing can be/donated done over the budgeted amount.

### 3.8. Football Councils Update

#### 3.8.1. Futsal Football Council – Rosemary Digger

- i) Rosemary Digger advised that the South Coast Taipans will be playing in the Super League of the FNSW Futsal Competition and the season starts on 6 October 2012.

#### 3.8.2. Juniors Football Council – Danielle Foster

- i) FSC Director Danielle Foster reported that the Junior Grand Finals went really well. Danielle mentioned that Albion Park did a great job in hosting the weekend.

#### 3.8.3. Men's Football Council – Claude Cuda

- i) FSC Director Claude Cuda reported that the Senior Men's Semifinals kicked off on the weekend.
- ii) Claude advised the FSC Board that the Men's Premier League Grand Final Day is 29 September 2012 at Crehan Park. Also the District League Grand Final will be played on the same day at the same venue.
- iii) Claude mentioned that the Macedonia Park lights are great after attending the opening launch. There are four poles and you can switch 2 different banks of lights. You can get them down to 100 lux and up to 260 lux.

#### 3.8.4. Women's Football Council – Sandra Depers

- i) FSC Director Sandy Depers advised the FSC Board that the Women's Presentation night is on Saturday night September 29 at the Master Builders Club.
- ii) Sandy reported that the Women's Grand Finals at Ian McLennan on September 2 went well and were well attended.
- iii) Sandy also advised that the Final of Women's Association Cup was played before Tarrawanna Men's semifinal fixture.
- iv) Sandy reported that the Illawarra Stingrays 14's, 16's and 1<sup>st</sup> grade qualified for the FNSW Women's Premier League Grand Finals. Sandy also advised that the Stingrays presentation night is on October 13 and the trials for 2013 start on October 14.
- v) Sandy advised the FSC Board that Trudy Bourke is the third string keeper with the Matildas. Caitlin Cooper and Michelle Heyman are playing for Canberra United in the W-League as is Trudy. These girls are locals from our area.

#### 3.9. Other Items

- i. Smith-Sons Renovations & Extensions Southern NSW Launch.

#### **4. Matters for Noting (Discussed only if requested)**

- i) FSC Director Rosemary Digger advised that the Illawarra Academy of Sport (IAS) General manager Carolyn Dews would like to invite other sports outside of the academy to participate in the Academy tournaments.

Action: Rosemary Digger to put a Brief paper together.

#### 4.1 Major Correspondence

Shellharbour City Council: Request proof of all Insurances.

FNSW: 31 August 2012, Terms of Admission Policy.

FNSW: 4 September 2012, Terms of Admission Policy (print out version)

FNSW: 5 September 2012, State Dinner Awards - Nominations

#### **5 Meeting Close 8.05pm**

**Next Meeting: 8 October 2012**

\*Matters marked with an asterisk are supported by a Board paper.