



## **Football South Coast Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Date:** 9 July 2012

**Time** 5.15pm – 8.15pm

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

**Attendees: FSC Board Attendees:**

Mr. Eddy De Gabriele (Independent Director/Chairman)

Mrs. Ann-Marie Balliana (Independent Director)

Mr. Milco Stojanoski (Independent Director)

Ms. Danielle Foster (Junior Football Council)

Mrs. Rosemary Digger (Futsal Council)

Mr. Bob Hennessy (Independent Director)

**In attendance by invitation:**

Mr. John Whiddett (Head of Junior Football Council)

**Apologies:** Mrs. Nicki Bowman (Deputy Chairperson & Independent Director)  
Mr. Claude Cuda (Men's Football Council)  
Ms. Sandra Depers (Women's Football Council)  
Mr. Paul Herbert (By invitation – IRFA)

## **1. Meeting Opening**

### **1.1. Welcome and Apologies**

Chairperson informed the Board of the apologies.

## 1.2. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interests

- i) Eddy De Gabriele Chairman 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.

## 1.3. Minutes of previous meeting(s)

Moved by Bob Hennessy that the minutes of the May meeting be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings. Seconded by Danielle Foster.  
MOTION CARRIED.

## 1.4. Business arising from previous minutes

It was confirmed that the Junior Council would look to move their meetings from Wests to the Fraternity Club.

## 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:

- An Academy/Technical update was delivered which included the following:
  - School holiday clinics have commenced. Week 1 clinics are at Thirroul (60 attendees) and University (100 attendees). Week 2 will be held at Albion Park (75 attendees) and Helensburgh (45 attendees);
  - A Youth Coaching Licence course started on June 25 at Figtree with 21 people attending;
  - The Under 10's Development squad is training every Sunday morning at Macedonia Park from 9am – 10.15 am;

- A goalkeeping day will be held on 29 July at Macedonia Park. Approximately 60 keepers are expected. Also on 5 August a keepers' day will be held specifically for 10 and 11 year olds.
- The two internationals between the Matildas and New Zealand proved to be a great success. The Sunday game was attended by 3,780 spectators – a record for a Matildas game in Australia (outside of the Olympics). The Wednesday 27 June game was a 'quiet' event and 350 people attended. The Clinic held at JJ Kelly Park on Saturday June 23 was fantastic with 150 girls attending – the Matilda's stayed back for autographs and photos.
- Peoplecare First Aid initiative – Peoplecare ran First Aid courses for our Clubs and their members. There were 130 participants, 92 of which attended the kids' sessions.
- The FNSW Competitions Review results to be presented to FNSW Board. From the information gathered there will only be two divisions of youth league and each will consist of Under 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's. The seniors will consist of Under 16's, 18's, 20's and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. The FFA Club accreditation requirements will be implemented as of 2013 and these include meeting facility standards and criterion, having at least one full-time staff member running the club's office operations, a Technical Director and coaches accredited at certain levels.
- Face and Twitter – the numbers are growing – for Twitter we now have 104 followers and Facebook 172 Likes.
- Summer Soccer – a paper has been submitted to the Board for review and comment. It is proposed that FSC administers Summer Soccer 7's competition at the following venues for juniors – Kiama, Shellharbour and Unanderra. It is also proposed that FSC runs a seniors competition and Wollongong United have pledged the use of their facility for this.
- Martin Littler (Wolves), Rob McKie (Stingrays) and Bill Kostandas (FSC) met with Stephen Jones MP (Federal Member for Throsby) to discuss potential improvements to JJ Kelly Park. Mr. Jones has given his support behind this initiative. The next step is to organize a meeting with Sharon Bird (Federal Member for Cunningham) to gain her support/feedback.
- The proposed Euro Futsal Cup for July 1 at the Fraternity Club Courts went ahead with six teams participating.

Action: FSC CEO Bill Kostandas to approach Western Sydney Wanderers with a view of possibly playing a trial game against an Illawarra Select teams and also an Under 20's trial.

In Bill Kostandas' report he flagged the issue of extra demands on staff since the Technical programs have come under the auspices of FSC and also the demands placed on them by the appointment of a CEO. Also the Women's Council and the Illawarra Football Referees Association have approached Bill to seek more services from the FSC Office (fees/costs have not been discussed). Bill is keeping an eye on this.

Action: Bill Kostandas to write to the Presidents and Secretaries of Unanderra, Kiama and Shellharbour Clubs seeking their permission to use their fields for a Summer 7's. Bill will also approach Clubs regarding the possibility of using its ground for a Senior Summer 7's.

### 3.2. Chairman's Report

- i) FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele FSC CEO Bill Kostandas gave an update on the Office premises.

### 3.3. Finance Report\*

- i) FSC 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 30 June 2012.
- ii) As a matter for transparency Ann-Marie reiterated to the Board that the Councils and the Clubs receive a copy of their respective monthly Profit & Loss statement, the FSC Cost Centre statement and the balance of the respective preserved funds. The expenses will be clearer in July because the final registration numbers will be accounted for and player numbers will be assigned to the relevant Profit & Loss statement.
- iii) It was brought to the Board's attention that the registration process needs to be consistent across all Councils as at the moment each Council administers the registrations process differently.

Motion: Move that the Financials be passed: Moved by Danielle Foster. Seconded by Rosemary Digger. MOTION CARRIED.

### 3.4. Office Premises

See Chairman's report.

### 3.5. South Coast Wolves

- i) Current 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coach Trevor Morgan will not be coach next season as he has accepted to be Western Sydney Wanderers' Youth Team coach for 2012-2013. The Board congratulated Trevor on his appointment.
- ii) People need to be positive and supportive. The Wolves are part of the Junior Pathway.
- iii) FSC CEO Bill Kostandas advised the Board that time is crucial as applications for next season's FNSW Premier League competition need to be submitted by September 2012.

### 3.6. Task Brief – FSC Disciplinary Harmonization

A Project Task Brief was submitted outlining the scope, key steps, milestones and timings for the delivery of a Disciplinary framework and procedures that are consistent across all FSC Member Councils – Men's, Women's, Juniors, Futsal. The objective of the project is to provide tools and systems that will assist tribunals in providing fair and consistent sentencing. The Disciplinary framework shall be in line with National Disciplinary Guidelines. A date of completion for the project has been penciled in.

### 3.7. Board Portfolios

FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele suggested that further discussion is required on this topic at a later date.

### 3.8. Donation Policy

FSC Chairman Eddy De Gabriele advised the Board that the document was a work in progress and will report back next month.

### 3.9. Player Registration Numbers

FSC CEO Bill Kostandas advised that as of 9 July 2012 there were 10,787 active registered participants. This figure is broken up as follows:

- Junior Competition – 7,693
- Men's Competition – 2,533
- Women's Competition – 561

Numbers to be finalized once Clubs advise accordingly.

### 3.10. Matildas Game

As per CEO Bill Kostandas' report, the two internationals against New Zealand proved to be a great success. The Sunday game was attended by 3,780 spectators – a record for a Matilda's game in Australia (outside of the Olympics).

### 3.11. Football Councils Update

#### 3.11.1. Futsal Football Council – Rosemary Digger\*

- i) FSC Director Rosemary Digger advised the Board that the Wollongong City Council Sports Planning Applications had to be in to Council by 17 August. The Clubs have been advised that their applications must be submitted to the FSC Office by 10 August.

- ii) Rosemary advised the Board that the Shellharbour City Council working party met on 27 June. Rosemary reported that there was still available grant monies from Council and other sources.

#### 3.11.2. Juniors Football Council – Danielle Foster\*

- i) FSC Director Danielle Foster gave an update on the recent Football South Coast Junior Clubs meeting. At the meeting the Head of the Junior Council John Whiddett introduced Glenn Fontana as the most recently signed fulltime FSC employee (Technical Director). At the meeting Glenn made a presentation on the current youth development initiatives. FSC Director Bob Hennessy did a very informative presentation on the process taken to get to, and the outcome of the FSC Board workshop. FSC CEO Bill Kostandas was introduced to the clubs and did a great job of explaining the workings of Football South Coast and the process of competition management etc.
- ii) This season the Junior Council has introduced an “FA Cup” style competition across all Graded teams. Last weekend the Semi and Grand Finals were held. On the whole the response has been very positive, though we are aware that some small adjustments need to be made. All finalists and grand final winners were given a FSC Medallion and the winning team received a perpetual trophy for their club for the remainder of the year.
- iii) Last week FSC School holiday camps were run across the Illawarra. At Thirroul alone we had in excess of 60 players attending. The unsolicited feedback from players and parents that Danielle has had was that the camps were very well run and the participants got a lot out of them.

#### 3.11.3. Men’s Football Council – Milco Stojanoski

- i) FSC Director Milco Stojanoski reported that the Railcon Bert Bampton Cup final will be played on Sunday 15 July at Macedonia Park. The seniors will be between Wollongong United and Albion Park White Eagles and the Youth Final between Port Kembla and Dapto Dandaloo Fury.
- ii) Last weekend matches produced a number of goals including a 5-5 draw between Albion Park White Eagles and Cringila Lions, and a 5-4 win by Fernhill over Wollongong United. Milco also stated that the Premier League and the District Leagues were all tight.

#### 3.11.4. Women’s Football Council – Sandra Depers

No report was submitted as Sandra was not present at the meeting.

### 3.12. Risk Management

FSC CEO Bill Kostandas reported on the following for the month of June and early July:

- GPT Incidents and Other Serious Hearings:
  - o Saturday June 30 – two serious incidents:
    - Amateur League Division 4 match between University Diggers and Ground Hogs – resulted in a Diggers player suffering a broken jaw. This will go to a GPT.
    - Reserve Grade District League Match between Helensburgh Thistle and Shell Cove – resulted in a Helensburgh player having five teeth damaged. The alleged offending player was sent off and will appear before the judiciary.
  - o Juniors GPT – Highlands played a player in an Under 16 Division 1 whilst under suspension. The Club has admitted its guilt – an oversight on their part.
- Motor Bikes are being ridden on Unanderra Oval – complaints have been forwarded to Council and Police.

### 3.13. Other Items

Nil

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

### 4.1 Major Correspondence

FNSW: 4 July 2012, State Cup Finals Draw and Information

## 5 Meeting Close 8.15pm

**Next Meeting: 13 August 2012**

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