

# EAST of SCOTLAND SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of General Meeting held on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2007

At  
Jewel Miners Welfare Club

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1. Dave opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

Apologies were read for three committee members who could not attend – Carlo, Phil and Susan.  
There were 63 coaches and four committee members present (Dave, Tom, James & Roger)

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and were proposed by John Waddell and seconded by James Elliot

3. **Treasurer's Report** : Phil was unable to attend so there was no Treasurer's Report. If anybody would like to see the association accounts, please contact Dave and he will ensure you see the latest copy.

#### **Match Secretary's Reports :**

**James u8 & u9** : James has issued all fixtures to the club contacts by email. Clubs without an email contact will receive paper copies.

Please complete and return Monitoring Forms

**Roger u10** : Late change to the Maradona division, now has two spare fixtures – please arrange a game and play at an agreed venue..

**Susan u11** : Susan has issued fixtures by email.

**Tom u12** : Tom issued fixtures, but there is doubt over which teams have moved to 11 a side league, so there may have to be a revision early in the season.

#### **4. SFA In Service.**

The SFA and ESSDA put on some extra courses which were subsidised by both organisations. Not all courses are subsidised, but the association will reimburse any club with genuine claim because of confusion on the website.

Keith Wright will be putting on an extra Early Touches on Friday 16 & 23 March 1:30-5:30pm. This will be subsidised jointly to the tune of £10.

In service training was not as well attended as last year, In Service training is likely to be mandatory from next year.

5: Michael Sharp was unable to attend to talk about Quality Marks

6. Les Trotter and John Waddell introduced by Dave.

Both spoke about the "Unite the Clubs" campaign and the plans for the March on 14th February.

The aim is to get loads of children with lots of noise and colour. The march will be covered by BBC & ITV as well as Radio Forth.

The aim is to highlight lack of funding over the years. Thank due to the 40+ years of campaigning of Ian McKay.

Safety of children is paramount so anyone able to volunteer as First Aider or Marshall, please get in touch with Les or John.

Les & John will be at City Chambers on February 5<sup>th</sup> handing out leaflets if anyone wants to help.

7: Football 4s : Clubs are dropping out so numbers are dwindling. Dave to check numbers of club to assess viability of this exercise. We could lose this facility and all the extras if we do not support

Photos with the Scottish Cup

Half Time 4s at Tynecastle

Also please take note that the SFA will be organising Football 4s at Meggetland midweek from the end of the month.

8. Playing 11 aside.

Teams registered with ESSDA who play 11 aside football will have their registration cancelled and this will invalidate their insurance

9 Club Coach Coordinator

Every club will need to appoint a club coach coordinator to liaise between Club: ESSDA : SFA

10: Possible Registration Changes. From next year it is proposed that coaches without qualification are stopped from coaching within ESSDA. All clubs will have to agree to a code of conduct and all coaches and helpers will need to be Disclosed. Dave will propose changes at AGM

11 Web-site Usage : If any club wants to put a notice on the website, or to have their club added to the Links page, please contact [webmaster@essda.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@essda.co.uk)

There is an email list of people receiving regular updates from ESSDA. If you want added or want extra coaches or parents added, please send to above address.

12: Prize Draw sponsored by WT Dunbar & Sons. Prizes will be distributed shortly, with a photo shoot

13. AOCB: David McGinley of Penicuik asked Dave to highlight his campaign to oppose the closure of Ladywood Leisure Centre, earmarked for demolition.

He is organising a raffle with prizes like Tynecastle Match Day Hospitality, Playing on pitch at half-time at Tynecastle/Easter Rd

Any club selling raffle tickets will be offered a 50%:50% split with his campaign. A good proportion of those attending send they would be interested in helping, representing some 16 clubs

Les said that the Unite the Clubs Forum would look into this case.

As there was no there competent business the meeting was closed at 21:05.

Laminated copies of the ESSDA Guidelines were available for all coaches attending, as well as copies of the SYFA handbook.

**A Total of : 63 Officials signed-in**

**4 Committee Members Present**