

EAST OF SCOTLAND SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 February 2005

At

Jewel Miners' Welfare Club

1. Apologies:- Peter Black – Loanhead
Kevin McKendrick – Seton Boys Club
Mark Smith – Salvesen
Sandy Inglis – Dunbar
Paul Smith – Hutchison Vale
Alex Bauld – Eskmills
Billy Brown – Committee (Treasurer)
2. Andy Gould of Rangers provided information on Rangers Football Club residential team camps. Power point presentation provided on 5 – 14 day courses. Brochures provided and mention of possible 2 day course in Edinburgh (Peffermill).
3. Brian Robertson of Brazilian Soccer School provided details of his courses and described layout and content of his courses. Particularly suitable for 5 – 12 years old. Also has Soccer Tots for under 5s. Also has various after school clubs at primary schools throughout Edinburgh. Again leaflets provided.
4. Neil Orr – Development Leagues. Provided insight on developmental football and what is on offer. Re Under 12s would wish to focus on player development. Provided his views on competitive v non competitive, long term development, benefits of development league etc. 3 year development plan explained. Meeting for U12s only arranged for 6 march 2005 at Jewel Miners Club to obtain information re U13 development league. Handouts provided.
5. Treasurer's Report – Billy Brown not available. Carlo D'Angelis provided details of the Statement of Account.
6. Match Secretaries Reports:-

Under 8s – (James Elliot) – Loanhead have pulled out of the league. Teams to be adjusted. Teams playing outdoors should provide James with their league requirements.

Under 10s – (Tom Terrell) – Monitoring form to be completed and forwarded to Tom within the next few weeks. Possibly 4 divisions after Easter. Details of preference to be submitted. Currently approximately 50 teams playing at U10s.

Under 11s – (Roger Oglesby) – 4 Divisions since Christmas. Unless notified to the contrary divisions will remain as before.

U12s – (James Elliot) – Dunbar, Edinburgh City and Earlston have pulled out of the Zidane Division. There will therefore be a free week for 1 team per week. New contact telephone number for Inch Colts (Maradona Division) – Arnaldo (?) xxx xxxx – apologies if name is incorrect. James asked that results (win, lose or draw only no figures) be telephoned in on a Sunday. Many teams do not phone in results. Stressed importance of phoning in.

7. SYFA Registration – Dave Norris advised that several age groups are not yet registered at Hampden. If not registered by 6 March they will not be given fixtures for the last part of the season. List of unregistered teams read out.
8. Under 9s problems – Fixtures problem advised. ESSDA does not provide fixtures throughout winter for outdoor football for this age group – only indoor. Details provided of information which has come to hand re unauthorised outdoor fixtures. Confirmed that club insurance would be null and void. Clarification obtained from David Little at SYFA giving ESSDA full backing. Dave has contacted each of the teams (23 in all) and advised of the position. Other problems described. Resignation of Neil McInnes as U9 Match Secretary accepted with James Elliot to provide fixtures meantime. New Match Secretary hopefully for next season. Stressed importance of coaches adhering to SYFA regulations. Query raised by coach from Edinburgh City re tapping of players by Royston Rangers (not currently members of ESSDA). Background provided by Dave Norris and advised of ESSDA's decision not to admit Royston Rangers to last 10 weeks of season but that they may apply next season and their application will be dealt with as any other application. Explained Association's position on "tapping" – not condoned at any level.

Question raised re St Johnstone FC contacting players on courses. Dave Norris provided history of Celtic FC involvement re soccer development school. Rangers FC have chance to do the same, matters to be raised and decided at AGM.

Monitoring forms to be provided to all age groups for the last 10 week period. Agreed by majority vote.

Regulations clarified re friendly matches within the Association.

9. Player Protection – Self Disclosure forms here – to be completed and sent to Hampden. Procedure for same advised by Carlo D'Angelis and Dave Norris. List of clubs read out with additional signatories who can assist with SYFA requirements. Explanation provided re photographic evidence requirements.
10. Logo competition - Logo now to go on website and paper.

11. Child Protection Officer – Number of CPOs at meeting? Should there be a meeting for CPOs only? Show of hands for and against. Dave Norris to finalise details for a meeting and advise CPOs of arrangements for same.
12. Code of Conduct – currently being compiled by Committee. Hopefully to be in place for start of next season.
13. AOCB – Still looking for Treasurer – any offers? World of Football – list of teams read out who have still not paid their fees. Monies must be paid by next week. Fixtures to be sent out as soon as possible.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

