EAST of SCOTLAND SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of General Meeting held on November 19th 2006
At
Jewel Miners Welfare Club

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1. Carlo opened the meeting by welcoming all those present, and accepted apologies received from ; Peebles, Currie star, Edinburgh City u11, Bonnyrigg Rose u9, Hutchison Vale u11.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and were proposed by Portobello & Bingham u12 and seconded by Loanhead u11.

3. Treasurer's Report : Copies of the latest accounts were made available to the members, as Phil was not present.

Match Secretary's Reports :

James u8 &u9 : James asked if all fixtures could be arranged as early in the week as possible, this would give teams the earliest opportunity to arrange the fixture. John McVie Bonnyrigg u9 has at present no home ground and needs time to arrange his fixtures. James gave contact details for a new u9 team Loanhead.

Roger u10 : Roger said that things were going well in this age group, and asked coaches to let him know if anyone wanted to move leagues to do so soon.

Susan u11 : Susan gave out some changes of contact details, and said that there were no free weeks left at this age group, and again this age group is working well.

Tom u12 : Tom asked that those teams wanting to go 11-a-side after the new year should contact Tom Wilson. Tom also stated that he requires all teams in this age group to let him know if they are staying 7-a-side or going 11s so that he can prepare his fixtures for the next session.

4. Our first guest speaker of the night Ian Ridland from the St. Andrews Ambulance Association gave a talk on the importance of first-aid within the game and detailed the current Sports Injury Course. Dave Norris also expressed the importance of this type of course and said that the Committee would look into helping out with costs for this course. Ian's E-mail address would be added to the ESSDA web-site.

5. Our second speaker was Ian McKay from the Evening news who talked about the current campaign **"Unite the Clubs".** Ian covered topics including Facilities, Pitches etc and asked all to put pressure on local politicians. ESSDA were invited to have a page on the Pink web-site. Dave Norris said that this would be a good idea and that he will liaise with Ian.

Ian was followed by Les Trotter from Hutchison Vale who is helping to coordinate the campaign. Les talked at length about the planned march on parliament on February 14th. He stated that both BBC TV and radio would have a presence at the march. He stated that this campaign was being supported by associations in Aberdeen, Perth, also some schools. Dave Norris said that ESSDA would also support what is a terrific campaign.

6. Sponsored Draw : Andrew Combe from WT Dunbar & Sons was present to do the draw, but before hand he gave a brief overview of how the relationship between his company and ESSDA started and how he hoped it would continue. The draw took place with the following winners :

First :   Preston Athletic, Set of strips.
Second :   KSQ, Set of Strips.
Third :   Ac. Oxgangs, Training Equipment.
Fourth : Royston Rangers, Equipped Medical Bag.

Ian Mckay took a photograph of the draw and this will appear in the Local Heroes section of the Evening News. Dave Norris also said that when the prizes have been brought another photo opportunity would be available to the prize winners.

A total of 65 tickets were purchased most of them on the night. Congratulations to all the winners.

7. Football 4 s : Dave Norris talked about the ongoing arrangements regarding the four's programme. He stated that ESSDA needs clubs to commit to this to make it a success, and he hoped that clubs would sign up to this exciting new development within ESSDA. Further details would follow on the Web-site. Dave also mentioned the new SFA 4s programme which will be run at Meggetland, again details will be posted on our Web-site.

8. Web-site Usage : Carlo talked about this issue as some questions have been raised by various clubs regarding the content of some club web-sites. The issue of naming opposition players should cease as of now. This has issues under Child Protection, Dave Norris has sought clarification from the SYFA and this practice is in breach of the current Player Protection Policy. Any content on any club web-site should firstly be positive and common sense should be applied. The subject of scores was raised and it was decided that the Committee would look into this in more detail and a possible vote may take place at the next meeting.

Should any club wish they may use the ESSDA Web-site if this was for profit then a levy would be placed on this. If any outside company wanted to use the Web-site again an increased levy would also be put in place.

9. Overage Players : This issue was raised once again, Dave said that at present this is allowed within ESSDA. If any team has overage players they must inform the opposition when the game is arranged and again on match day. The opposition has the right to not allow the overage player to take part, this should be clarified when the match is arranged. Dave also pointed out that cases were very few and had not had many problems with this issue. However the Committee decided that it will be monitored until the end of the season, with possible changes coming into effect next season.

10. Girls Leagues : Dave asked if any club had or could form a girls only team to contact him. If there are sufficient numbers EDDSA would be happy to run a girls section.

11. SFA In-Service Sessions : Dave mentioned that the SFA development officers in partnership with ESSDA will be putting further sessions on for ESSDA coaches. Details will be posted on the Web-site shortly. Dave also asked that team coaches contact either himself or the development Officers direct to give their opinions on the content of these sessions.

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

A Total of : 71 Officials signed-in
6 Committee Members Present