

East of Scotland Soccer Development Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Sunday 11th May 2008 at Jewel Miners Club

Chair: David Norris

Opening Remarks:

Davie welcomed everyone to the meeting and read apologies from Carlo, Phil, James and Susan from the top table.

Election of Officials

Carlo has resigned from his position as Chairman

Phil has resigned from his position as Treasurer.

Davie will also resign his position as General Secretary, but will remain in position to allow a replacement to be found before the next association meeting.

James and Susan also resigned their positions as Match Secretaries. Davie thanked James and Susan for their efforts for the association.

Tom Terrell was re-elected Match Secretary (Dave Smith – Beechwood, Stewart Laird – Ed City)

Roger Oglesby was re-elected Match Secretary (John Wilkie - , Alistair McDonald – Preston)

Davie warned everyone that without volunteers to join the committee, the association could not continue to function.

Treasurers Report

There were no accounts to distribute, but the association has approx £6k in the bank.

Match Secretary Reports:

Under 12s: 7 a side will be available to any teams who want to remain with ESSDA

Under 11s: Please show consideration to other clubs by agreeing to travel to away games

If your club has no changing rooms, please warn opposition so that they can come changed.

Please remember to call to confirm games as early in the week as possible.

Football 4s:

Keith Wright spoke about the Football 4s program, being helped by SFA funding. The 4s program is going well, and next season will be the only available ESSDA football for under 8s. Football 4s will be available at Central Venues, and clubs are being asked to volunteer to be host venues. Host clubs have been given a set of 4s equipment by SFA.

Player Pathway:

David Sheldon spoke of the Player Pathway, which ESSDA have signed up to.

Under 8s will play Football 4s. Under 9,10,11 and 12 will play Soccer 7s. SFA will promote Soccer 7s for under 12s. Under 12s is still seen as a learning year.

Next year it is hoped Development 11s will be available for clubs moving to 11 a side football.

SFA "In Service" sessions will continue to be used to support and promote the pathway.

Football 4s will start in March but will be on trial basis from August to December. Currently there is no charge per child, but that might change to allow 4v4 centres to charge to cover costs.

There followed plenty of discussion on the 4s program currently underway.

AOCB:

The SYFA was coming up soon and Davie will attend. He has asked questions about Under 12s

playing 11 aside and asked for SYFA to help promote small sided football.

SFA Coaching courses are coming up. Details are available on www.essda.co.uk and www.footballcentral.co.uk

Forms for application to join ESSDA will be distributed on the evening of 8th June at The Jewel Miners Club from 7pm to 8pm.

Forms should be completed and returned by 1st August.

Fixtures will be issued at next meeting on 17th August with the season starting on 24th August for 16 weeks.

With no further items of business, the meeting was closed by Davie.