

EAST OF SCOTLAND SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

**Annual General Meeting
Held on 22 May 2005
At
Jewel Miners' Club**

1. Apologies:- North Berwick (all age groups), Loanhead U9s (John Burns), Dunedin (Tom Morrison) and Hutchison Vale (Tom Smith).

2. Minutes of previous meeting – no issues arising therefrom. Proposed by John Fewster and Seconded by James Elliot.

3. Election of Officials:-

Secretary – Dave Norris – Proposed by J Ferrier (Portobello)
Seconded by J Davie (Currie)

Chairman – Carlo D'Angelis – Proposed by J Elliot
Seconded by R Oglesby

Match Secretaries – U8s – James Elliot – Proposed by J Fewster
Seconded by J Waddell
U9s – James Elliot – Proposed by M Tant
Seconded by J Davie
U10s – Michael Tant – Proposed by D Smith
Seconded by J Fewster
U11s – Tom Terrell – Proposed by J Fewster
Seconded by J Davie
U12s – Roger Oglesby – Proposed by J Davie
Seconded by J Elliot

Treasurer – Phil Denning – Proposed by J Fewster
Seconded by J Davie

Minute Secretary – Petrina McGinn – Proposed by J Fewster
Seconded by J Davie

4. Treasurer's report – Report provided by Dave Norris in absence of Billy Brown. Annual fees to be increased to £15 per team. No questions raised.

5. Match Secretaries reports:-

U8s – J Elliot – nothing to report

U9s – J Elliot – nothing to report

U10s – Tom Terrell – 3 leagues this year but next season will require 4+ leagues as there are now 55 teams at this age group

U11s – Roger Oglesby – again leagues require to be better balanced. Currently 4 leagues – point made re late cancellations of games.

U12s – James Elliot – wished this season's U12s all the best in the Lothian Buses League.

6. General Secretary Up-date:-

Winter period – indoor football can be arranged at Chesser but ESSDA will not provide funding. Development leagues – no development leagues next season due to staffing shortages. Neil Orr of SYFA can run development league if they have a minimum of 12 teams. Anyone interested should contact Neil Orr direct.

Disciplinary cases outstanding:- U12s KSQ v Currie Star – dropped as KSQ folded
Cavalry Park v Tynecastle U9s – dropped to individuals in question leaving the club.
U11s North Berwick v Edinburgh City – ongoing.

Process of disciplinary procedure described by Dave Norris.

Registrations:- Forms available from tonight. To be returned by 17 July 2005. If any application forms are received late they will not be accepted. All age groups must be affiliated to SYFA. Necessity of coaches being qualified stressed. Information provided re available courses re Early Touches and First Aid. John Ferrier of Portobello has further information re same.

SYFA Update:- Child Protection Officers will be asked to attend for additional training round about September/October. SYFA document will be provided by Hampden when lodging application. Queries raised re Disclosure Scotland. 20,000 coaches to be vetted. Timescale re self disclosures and checks discussed and procedures advised by Dave Norris.

Queries raised re U11s organising and playing 11 a side games. ESSDA cannot condone this. To be discussed by Committee later. Dave Norris asked teams to refrain from playing 11 a side. U12s are not to be permitted to play 11 a side games halfway through the season as in past seasons. Only Soccer 7s for the full season. Debate followed re 7 a side/11 a side. Decision – Soccer 7s to Christmas. If teams want to play 11 a side after Christmas they should arrange these games themselves. Must arrange own fixtures and pitches, referees etc. Any club wishing to play 11 a side from January must become full members of SYFA now, not just affiliated members. Must pay full membership fee of £30 plus insurance of £30. See Dave Norris after meeting for application forms.

7. Changes to Constitution:- Administration and Membership criteria discussed together with financial matters. Document should be available at next meeting. Information provided re size of footballs – 8s/9s size 3. Length of game – 8s – maximum of 20mins per half, 9s/10s – 25minutes and 11s/12s – 30minutes.

8. Code of Conduct:- Will be available by 21 August 2005. Will also be on website. Carlo D'Angelis provided brief resume of same.

9. Season Dates/Meeting Dates:-

Meeting Dates for next year:- 19 February 2006
21 May 2006 (AGM)
20 August 2006
11 November 2006

Season Dates:- 28 August 2005 – 11 December 2005 (16 weeks)
12 February 2006 – 28 May 2006 (16 weeks)

10. Other Association Clubs joining ESSDA:- Dave Norris advised that clubs outwith the area are wishing to join ESSDA. Particularly clubs from East Lothian and the Borders. There are currently over 260 teams presently in the Association. Options advised and show of hand re allowing teams to join:-

For	Against	Abstainers
3	15	12

Decision:- clubs who already have teams in ESSDA can remain but no new clubs should be allowed to join.

11. Pitches/Facilities:- Carlo D'Angelis advised of proposed soccer centres to be set up in Edinburgh. Discussion re proposed partnership with clubs re grass cutting etc. Forms to be completed and returned re views on pitches etc.

12. AOCB. Queries raised and answered re safety zones etc. Show of hands as to how many clubs are interested in separate girls league (approx 7). James Elliot provided details and application forms for Tournament at Meadowmill on 13/14 August and 20/21 August 2005