



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MENS COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 6 August 2012, ESFA Offices
Suite 407, Level 3, Westfields Eastgardens, Eastgardens

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES:** Pam Sypher Glebe
Nathan Kosmina – Sydney Uni
2. **IN ATTENDANCE:**
ESFA – Wally Holzer (Mens Council Chair)
ESFA – Adam Gwynne, Director

Coogee United – Rachel Barnes
Dunbar Rovers – absent
Lokomotiv Cove – J Van Roest
Maccabi –Michael Goldman
Maroubra United –Jim Wong, John Reid
Olympic Eagles – Maria Tsangaris,
Phoenix – Terry Brady
Queens Park – David Patch
UNSW – Nestor Moreno
Waverley Old Boys – Nicole Cooney, Mark Ambour
Pagewood – Sean Fenton
Easts FC – Michael Bremmner, Ziggy Harrison Tikisci
Heffron – Mark Hedge, Colin Dixon
Redfern Raiders – Nick Procopiadis
Waverley – Mark Ambour, Nicole Cooney
Sydney Uni – Roy Belcher

3. **Matters Arising**

1. Minutes from previous meetings – 04 June - Accepted
2. Business arising – Nil
3. **ESFA Master League**
Sean Fenton – Pagewood: objection to the 11am kick off as players still involved in coaching. Happy to proceed with the Saturday option however would have to be late. Do not support Grade 35 being linked to Premier League situation. Prefer to see Premier League unlocked and for AA1, 2 or 3, and Grade 17/18 players to play up in the higher divisions.
David Patch (QP): can the competition be managed in this regard, especially with regards to grounds.
Sean (PW): confirmed that most clubs would have an availability of grounds in the afternoon.

There was confusion as to whether this was a new competition, or just replacing the existing 35 Division 1 competition.

Agreed that this would be put forward with club offering this competition and see what response we would get.

Terry (Pho): disagreed with the model.

Sean (PW): agreed that they would push on this only with the late kick offs.

David (QP): if this undermines the Division 1 Competition, QP will not support this competition in any way.

Wally (Chair): needs a minimum of 8 teams.

David (QP): this is not a 'masters' or elite competition, it is just moving teams to Saturday's and based on convenience.

Motion: Start a new competition – Masters League (Over 35), which will be played on Saturday.

Amendment: Provided creation of new completion does not seriously undermine the existing Over 35 competition.

David (QP) speaking on the amendment, that the reality of this competition was not correctly circulated to the clubs and therefore not able to gain proper information.

Adam (ESFA) spoke against the amendment, as it would be difficult to measure and monitor.

Vote: Amendment 2 for 6 Against. 6 abstained as no effect on their clubs.

Vote on the motion: 6 for (17 under prop voting) 3 against (7 under prop voting)

4. Saturday All Age Leagues.

Proposed that 3 divisions for long term viability.

Roy (SU) suggested that we start with smaller number of divisions.

John (Maroubra) expand juniors to Saturday.

David (QP) private school issues, especially with Saturday mornings.

John (Mar) believes that this should be fully coordinated with the Junior Council and just not assumed that the fields can be taken.

Sean (PW) suggested that there should be a cap on teams numbers as clubs should not just expand their numbers. Any move of teams to Saturday should not be replaced with more teams to fill the gap.

Motion: That a Saturday All Age Men's league be established, up to an initial number of 3 division.

Maroubra and Phoenix were against the motion, all other clubs were in favour.

5. Current Competition and Wet Weather from 2012:

Some confusion over how competitions and catch up games were scheduled.

David (QP) dissatisfaction with number of referees.

Wally (Chair) questioned the age of AR's.

Jim (Maroubra) raised issue over rescheduling.

Ziggy (Easts) issue raised over the recent rescheduling.

David (QP) confirmed that email received and was issued and believe that this was a club and not an ESFA responsibility to communicate with individual teams.

6. 2013 Competition Structures:

Suggestion that clubs make additional bookings for ground hire.

Suggestion that competition team numbers be reduced to 6/8 team competitions, therefore it would be 15/14 rounds, however this may need to come with a reduced fee structure for All Age competitions.

John (Maroubra) suggested that there would be no scope for reduction in fees.
Terry (Pho) cup must still be run, however Adam (ESFA) suggested that this may be reviewed during the off season.

Meeting closed 9:30pm.

Next Meeting – TBA.