



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

COMBINED WOMEN'S AND MEN'S COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2016

Newmarket Hotel

COMMENCING AT 8:00PM

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 8:03pm

Attendance:

Gerry Frittman, Scott Sadler (Dunbar); Stuart Emmins (Glebe); Ian Robinson, Patrick Hardy (Maroubra); Mick Vasin (Maccabi) James Mavroudis (Mascot); Marko Kraljevic (Pagewood); Terry Brady, Gareth Dennan (Phoenix); Nick Procopiadis (Redfern); Georgia Verreris, Paul Peters, Maria Skouris (South East Eagles); Rob Anderson (Sydney Uni); Ziggy Harrison-Tikisci (UNSW); Jaleh Shafie (Seniors Director of Football); Amy Singh (Women's Council Chair); Adam Gwynne (Men's Council Chair); Aaron Dibdin (General Manager); Caroline Oaks-Ash (Referees Coordinator); Aaron Cummings (MiniRoos Coordinator); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. 2016 new competitions – U21, O30W
3. O35/O45 Men night fixtures
4. Women's Championship
5. Forfeits – Schedule of Penalties
6. Important dates
7. Other business

Apologies

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1. Introduction

Adam Gwynne opened in chair.

2. 2016 new competitions – U21, O30W

How many teams are available? What is the skill level?

U21's

An email will be sent to clubs , to find out if they plan on entering an U21 team in 2016, and which day they wish to play.

- It was suggested that next year, statistics on eligible players be sent to clubs.

O30 Women

- A gala day invitation was sent to all clubs and surrounding associations, to seek interest for an over 30 women's competitions in 2016. We did not receive enough team nominations to hold a gala day.
- Clubs are encouraged to nominate O30W teams, if a competition is unsuccessful, the highest ranked qualified team will be eligible for Champion of Champions.

3. O35/O45 Men night fixtures

An email was sent to clubs earlier in the year, to find interest for O35 and O45 men Friday night fixtures. A mixed response was received, as most clubs do not have field availability on Friday night. However, teams who have Friday night available and/or are willing to play on Friday night were asked to let the ESFA office know in their preliminary team nominations.

4. Women's & Men's Championship

Women's Championship

- Queens Park will be nominating a Women's Championship team in 2016.
- Maccabi will be nominating for AAW2, as they didn't win a game last season.

How can we grow the Women's Championship?

- Partner with neighbouring associations? We tried this a number of years ago, and it proved unsuccessful. Numbers have been better since keeping the competitions within the association

Men's Championship

There are currently 9 teams entered for 2016, and the draw has been finalised. Sydney CBD may fill in the Bye – to be determined at the Special General meeting on the 29th February.

5. Forfeits – Schedule of Penalties

It was agreed at last year's council meeting a penalty be introduced to Women's and Men's competitions for teams forfeiting, to ensure the competitions integrity.

1st - \$100: if notice given by 9am Thursday for weekend matches and 72 hours for weekday matches = no fine (first occasion only)

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$250 expelled from competition

It was acknowledged that the current notice time of 5pm Wednesday is too late of notice. Clubs agreed that 9am Thursday for weekend matches and 72 hours for weekdays is a more reasonable time frame.

6. Important Dates

A proposed schedule of the season was distributed to club delegates. Wet weather weekends have been put in place, similar to last year's successful model. A copy will be distributed to clubs.

7. Other business

All Age Saturday

- Rapidly growing, with possibility of a fourth division, depending on numbers

Men's All Age Sunday

- May decrease to 8 divisions in 2016, which may push the eligibility of ESFA Trophy from AA5 and below to AA4 and below.

Meeting closed at 8:48pm