



## **EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

### **WOMENS COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 8 March 2010**

**6.30, ESFA Offices**

**Suite 1, Level, 1371 Botany Rd Botany**

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## **ACTION SUMMARY LIST**

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### **OPEN ACTION ITEMS**

#### **(Past Meetings)**

#### **(Current Meeting)**

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## MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES** - Olympic; Mascot Kings

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Julia Chernoukha (Womens Council Chairperson); Taleah Neowhouse (Competitions Manager); Coogee; Dunbar Rovers; Glebe Wanderers; Heffron Hawks; Lokomotiv Cove; Maccabi Hakoah; Maroubra Utd; Queens Park; UNSW; Waverley Old Boys ; Louise Mazzaroli (Referee Standing Committee)

**ABSENT:** Pagewood

2. **CHAIRPERSON WELCOME**

Julia welcomed clubs to the council and went around the room and introduced all Womens Council Members. Julia gave a brief history of her involvement in Womens Football within the Eastern Suburbs. Julia mentioned to clubs that she is always contactable via emails if clubs need to discuss womens issues.

3. **AMENDMENTS TO COMPETITION RULES & PROCEDURE**

Taleah explained to clubs that during the off season the FMC and Taleah worked hard and merged the competition rules of all four leagues (girls, juniors, mens & womens) into one document.

### 3.1 Eligibility of Players

To grow womens football and encourage players, the FMC revised the rule about playing up and have increased the number of games a girl can play up in a higher grade to 4 thus making them be regarded on the 5<sup>th</sup> occasion.

Taleah mentioned that there had been harmonization in the rules relating to goalkeepers and the men had followed the women in not allowing goalkeepers to move. Discussion evolved between clubs. Taleah explained that if clubs were short on goalkeepers that they could apply to the FMC for special consideration and if successful will be given a special goalkeeper card.

### 3.2 Penalties for Forfeits

Procedure for forfeits has changed. Clubs wishing to forfeit will need to fill in a forfeit form by Thursday 5pm prior to the weekends match or 48 hours prior to a weekday match to avoid any fine. Failure to fill out the form in time will result in a fine up to \$200. This is to avoid no shows. Taleah explained that circumstances out of clubs control (accidents etc) will be considered by the FMC.

### 3.2 Special Requests

If clubs cannot make a match due to World Cup etc, clubs will be made to fill in a Game Amendment form (will be made available on the website). The form needs to be into the ESFA Office at least 3 weeks prior to the match. The form required clubs to talk to their opposition and arrange an alternative date, time and venue for the game to be played. Failure to submit the form in time will mean the clubs will have no choice but to forfeit.

### **3.3 Wet Weather Game Amendment**

Very similar to the Game Amendment form the Wet Weather Game Amendment form is for when games are washed out. Taleah explained that she will be rescheduling the matches and informing clubs. Clubs then have 5 working days to arrange an alternative venue if they are unable to make the reschedule.

Taleah explained that the forms were put in place to stop clubs organizing matches that their opposition could not make. Taleah explained that all forms will be available on the ESFA website in word format.

### **3.4 Incident Report**

An incident report form has been made for all Club official teams to report any incidents that happen at matches. The report is to be submitted within two (2) working days from the incident.

### **3.5 Conduct of Competition**

Taleah explained that the format of the season competition has been decided with the weekly fixture for all 6,8,10 team divisions already determined. Question was raised as to how the eight (8) team division will work out. Taleah explained that eight (8) team division will play 2 rounds totally 14 games. At the end of the 14 rounds, the league champion will be declared and the top four (4) placed teams in the competition will play a three (3) week round robin final series. The bottom four (4) teams will also play off in a consolation rounds. Separate competition tables will be kept and the top 2

Clubs asked for an email to be sent out to the Over 35 Women explaining this new format.

### **3.6 Playing Season**

The FMC has determined the minimum number of games for the season which the FMC has determined to be a minimum of 14 matches, a bye will be considered a played match and weather permitting.

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## **4. CALENDAR – IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2010**

Taleah mentioned to clubs that she had put together a yearly calendar which had all relevant dates on it for the year ahead including:

- Council Meetings – now every second month (next meeting May)
- Knock Out Cup – Taleah explained that wet weather rescheduled matches take precedence over Knock Out Cup matches
- External Competition – State, Robertson and Bill Cullinan Cup All Age women, Over 35 women. ESFA will make adjustments in the draw for clubs to participate but clubs will need to be flexible in replays. Nominations close 9<sup>th</sup> April.
- Additional – Car free days at Centennial Park, City to Surf all events that may disrupt the season are found in the calendar.

Coogee asked for clarification of the Knock Out Cup rules. Taleah explained to clubs that players are not cup bound until they have played a game. Clubs can have as many composite players (players from other division within the same club) up to 16 on the team sheet at each game.

## **5. NOMINATION UPDATE**

### **5.1 All Age Women**

Original nominations had the following:

AAW1 – 3 teams  
AAW2 – 6 teams  
AAW3 – 10 teams  
AAW4 – 1 team

Since nominations an AAW2 team has dropped out and the AAW1 and AAW2 have combined along with the AAW3 and AAW4.

Dunbar were questioned about the \* asterics next to the name. Dunbar mentioned that they had concerns that they would not be able to field 2 Dunbar teams. If they are unable to field a team they would require 1 team in AAW1 and 1 in AAW2. Taleah mentioned to clubs that this is a good opportunity for clubs to talk between each other and if clubs have an overflow of players they should send them to Dunbar.

Question was raised by Maroubra about the who would represent ESFA at the Champion / Champions. Taleah explained that Coogee would but if Coogee were happy to play the winner of the AAW1 side at the end of season – the winner of this match could go onto represent ESFA at Champion of Champions. Coogee and the clubs were happy.

Dunbar raise concern that at the end of last year there were concern that they couldn't run a 10 team division as there was not enough weeks. Taleah explained that the Men run 10 team divisions so there was no reason why the women couldn't. The only problem would be grand final venues which may mean clubs may have a week off in between end of season and grand final but that is for ESFA to confirm.

### **5.2 Over 35 Women**

Only 7 teams nominated so the Over 35 Women will run in an 8 team division with a bye.

## **6. WOMENS LEAGUE NAME – (WAVERLEY)**

Julia explained to clubs that as a result of the 2 divisions combining the FMC decided to name the divisions AAW2 and AAW3 for 2 reasons: 1. Coogee were representing ESFA in the Northwest Womens Competition which is considered to be of higher standard and 2. FMC did not think the AAW1 would be of AAW1 standard considering the quality of the teams.

Waverley apologized for being late and mentioned that the name should be AAW1 not AAW2 and so on and that it should not be a fear factor and that the association needs to take a stance and call it AAW1.

Clubs discussed. Clubs agreed to name the Womens Divisions AAW1 and AAW2 not AAW2 and AAW3.

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Womens Promotional Day**

Taleah introduced Samantha Ferguson to the council who is ESFA's Womens Promotional Coordinator. Sam mentioned that she had been working with Jeff to organize a promotional day for ESFA's Womens football. Promotional day will be Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 2pm at the Entertainment Quarter Moore Park. It will be a chance to showcase womens football in the Eastern Suburbs. Sam asked clubs to nominate a 5 v 5 side to participate in short games. Also an opportunity for clubs to recruit players as there is a Womens Day at the Entertainment Quarter. Sam mentioned that it was an open event for Girls to Women.

A girls forum for 8-13 year old was also being held to discuss girls football. Maccabi asked if schools had been contacted about the day. Sam announced

no but they will be contacted for the end of year Gala Day but unfortunately time was a problem in this matter. Maccabi mentioned that they may be able to help being a sports teacher in a secondary school. Dunbar asked if there had been advertising. Viral marketing was the only advertising done.

Sam asked for any interested clubs to contact her directly to arrange times.

Taleah thanked Sam for her contribution to Womens Football.

## **6.2 Fundraising**

Taleah mentioned to clubs that they will be hosting a Breast Cancer awareness weekend in July and that it will be discussed into further in the May Council Meeting.

Maroubra mentioned that the Over 35 would be keen to be involved.

## **6.3 Special Requests for FMC**

Maccabi asked if players turning 35 in June could participate in Over 35. Taleah answered no players need to have turned 35 prior to playing but that they could apply to the FMC for special consideration and the FMC would be review the case.

Maccabi asked whether it was possible for religious purposes whether women could wear skirts, Taleah mentioned that it needed go in writing on club letter head and sent in by your secretary to the FMC for consideration and that it will need to be passed by the referees as well.

## **6.4 Players Needed**

Maccabi mentioned that they were in need of Over 35 players. Taleah asked whether players who were not Jewish were able to be apart of Maccabi. Maccabi mentioned that yes it was ok if there were not enough players. Julia mentioned for clubs looking for players or clubs who have excess of players should contact the ESFA office so we could pass them on to the relevant clubs needing players.

## **6.5 Dunbar Charity Match**

Dunbar mentioned that they would be holding a charity match at Mission Field on Sunday from 1:30pm to raise money for a local charity and asked clubs to pop down and support it. Its to celebrate 10 years of Womens Football at Dunbar

## **6.6 State Cup**

Coogee asked if State Cup nominations are to come through the office. Yes all State Cup nominations are to go through the office and must be in before 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Meeting Closed 7:45pm**