



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MENS COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2015

Newmarket Hotel
Corner Gardners Rd and Botany Rd Mascot

COMMENCING AT 8:00PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Amy Singh (Coogee); John Sweeney, David Buck, Richard Finch (Dunbar); John Djukanovic (Lokomotiv); Patrick Hardy, Ian Robinson (Maroubra); Angela Palogiannidis (Mascot); Paul Peters (Olympic); Alana Mew, David Patch (Queens Park); Kirsten Armstrong (Sydney Uni); Andrew Stubbs (Heffron); Lino Abruggese); Ziggy Harrison-Tikisci (UNSW); Wally Holzer (Redfern); Adam Gwynne (Men's Council Chair); Jaleh Shafie (Women's Council Chair); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

Meeting opened at 8:09pm

Agenda

1. Season Review
2. Rules discussion/proposed changes
3. Election of new chair
4. Other business

Apologies

Maccabi, Glebe

1. Season Review

O35 competition

- A lot of "blow-outs"
- needs to be split earlier or should have been 2 separate competitions from the start (ESFA only had 3 nominations for 1st division)

- FNSW rules, player must be 35 years old on 1st January, to participate in O35s
- ESFA O35 rule (a player may turn 35 after 1st January and participate) not consistent with FNSW: clubs complained that FNSW would affect registration numbers
- Will be consistent with FNSW in 2016

ID problems handled well by ESFA

- Incident reports responded to promptly
- PDF ID Sheet is an adequate form of ID. Therefore, no excuse not to show ID

Referees

- Happy with the coverage this season
- Referee feedback should be considered e.g. not be given the same referee after a bad report, if possible
- The increase of Junior games takes up a lot of appointments
- Referees need to be paid more (fees haven't changed for a few years): FNSW sets ref fees
- Need to support referees against abuse

ESFA Cup/Trophy should follow same principle as regular season for rescheduling (Onus for scheduling: 7days home team, 7 days away team, then Competitions Coordinator schedules)

- Happy with scheduling this year
- Hensley Final before finals successful

Some grounds were in very poor condition for finals

- ESFA take control of Semi-Final bookings in future?
- book same divisions together
- Happy with Hensley and David Phillips Grand Finals

O45's were not allowed to use players from second team in final i.e. Redfern and Maroubra's second team that did not qualify for finals. Older men, struggling with numbers at the end of the season (accepted to be review by FMC)

ESFA to communicate to clubs the importance of Card checks

- mentioned regularly in ESFA weekly updates

Saturday divisions

- grades are actually higher i.e. AA4 Sat actually equals at least AA3 Sun
- Queens Park AA2R to enter top Saturday division in 2016

2. Rules discussion/proposed changes

Fines for Forfeits

- Penalties need to be discussed by the FMC in the off season
- A penalty must be applied to offending teams in 2016
- Fines/Penalties applied by the office e.g. Invoice to club

U21s in 2016?

- Junior Committee to be in charge (track former U18's)
- Dunbar looking to recruit
- Queens Park need to recruit roughly half a team
- Maroubra: Depends if it's on Saturday or Sunday? TBC
- Cheaper under Junior Registration? ESFA to set fees
- Of high importance to offer a cheaper fee, to attract lower income of younger men and students

Players playing up on a different day competition (Sunday/Saturday)

- 2013 rule wrongly kept in current competition rules
- Players from different
- Players from different days can play up in 2016

Reduced fees for overage divisions?

- Struggling for numbers in O35 and O45
- Reducing fees may not be the answer, need to maintain adherence through competition enjoyment

Player Eligibility for Finals.

- Currently no specific rules in place for Seniors
- Agreed a Maximum of 5 players from another team can play in finals for all senior competitions outside of Men's Championship

3. Election of new chair

No nominations

Adam Gwynne stands as Council Chair for 2016

4. Other business

Adam Gwynne proposed a new competition in 2016/2017 off season?

- Running from mid-September – early December
- will remain a 11 a side
- reduced halves to combat heat
- 2 week finals

Can ESFA to assist in training and field availability in the off season?

- We will have a lot more fields available in 2016

Coaching courses in the off season

- Information should be released as early as possible
- ESFA staff very busy August through to September

Meeting finished at 9:14pm