



## **EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

### **WOMENS COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 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**

**3.5 – Taleah to send clubs an email regarding the format of the eight team division**

### **(Current Meeting)**

**3.5 – Taleah to add Pagewood second team into the competition at Round 8 on the 30<sup>th</sup> May**



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## MINUTES

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**1. APOLOGIES - Nil**

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

**ABSENT:** Maccabi Hakoah

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Minutes were passed as a true representation of the meeting.

**3. SUBMISSION OF EXTRA TEAM INTO THE AAW1 COMPETITION**

Julia explained to clubs that Pagewood on the 27<sup>th</sup> April submitted a letter to the Football Management Committee (FMC) requesting to submit an extra team into the All Age Womens competition. The FMC reviewed their request initially and rejected it on the grounds that it would be too complex and would disrupt the AAW1 competition. When Pagewood contested the decision, the FMC was torn as whilst they are keen to develop women's football they did not want to disrupt the AAW1 competition so it was decided to bring it to the Council meetings to present to clubs and to gain some feedback.

Dunbar mentioned that it was not an ideal situation and it would have been better for clubs to have known about it three (3) weeks ago but asked Pagewood would type of caliber the team was? Dunbar also stated that for further complex matters that they are sent to clubs before the meeting outlining what's involved so that clubs can make an informed decision.

Pagewood suggested that they would better be suited to division 2 as is the current Pagewood side in division 1. Dunbar asked what the standard of the new team was in comparison to the current team. Pagewood replied that the teams were on par.

Dunbar questioned the moral of the Pagewood side if they were to be thrashed every week, considering that Pagewood AAW1 side is currently on zero points. Pagewood mentioned that this will not be a problem.

Taleah mentioned to clubs the complexity of the submission and explained to clubs the ways in which it could work

1. The FMC could submit the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pagewood team into AAW by placing both the Pagewood A and new B team into division 2 and bring up Maccabi and Maroubra thus bring a good caliber of teams to division 1. In doing so the AAW1 would move from an 8 team division to a 10 team division and thus not all teams would have played the right number of games. Not only that decisions in relation to points will need to be decided by clubs should clubs support Pagewood's submission.

2. Pagewood second team only be submitted into division 1 and thus no interruption being made to the AAW2 but again decisions by clubs need to be made on how the fall out of the season will occur

3. Pagewood wait until the end of the first round for the AAW1 therefore all teams have played each other once then Pagewood be submitted into the second round which is a 10 team division of which there will be a bye. Catch up games will not be possible and decision on points will need to be discussed.

Clubs discussed the options in depth. Clubs were confused as to how Pagewood three (3) weeks into the season could come up with a brand new team. Pagewood mentioned that they had lost a team at the beginning of the season but now recruited all the new players.

Taleah mentioned that by submitting a team in division one when clubs had not played each other once would mean that not everyone would be able to catch up the games needed as other clubs would need to have played catch up against other clubs other than Pagewood to get the season back on track but still then points and reschedules would be the issue.

Clubs suggested to Pagewood to shift some players around the clubs to fill gaps. Taleah mentioned that the FMC had proposed to Pagewood to fill a large team in the AAW1 side and the left over players could play a friendly match each Sunday against the O35W team with a bye. Clubs dismissed this idea as Maroubra suggested that it was ridiculous to consider women with some being over the age of 45 years playing against young woman.

Division two clubs were unwilling to move up to division 1 to bring Pagewood down as that too would disrupt the division 2 season. Clubs suggested that there was conflicting interests as to whether or not developing womens football was the priority or adding a team to the first division competition.

Clubs were then asked individually what their thoughts were as to whether or not a new Pagewood team should be submitted.

UNSW, Glebe, Lokomotiv Cove, Olympic Eagles, Mascot, Waverley Old Boys, Maroubra, Heffron and Coogee all preferred to add Pagewood into the competition after the first complete round. Dunbar and Queens Park preferred to not submit Pagewood but to split the players between the clubs that needed players. Pagewood agreed that if they were not able to get a team into the competition that they would be happy to pass on the details of other clubs to their players.

Clubs whilst not happy about the decision were content with the outcome on the proviso that Pagewood enter the division with zero (0) points, they will have to pay all registration fees involved, no catch up games will be played, and therefore know willingly in advance that they have little chance of making the final. Pagewood were happy with the outcome.

Dunbar raised concern that the top division in ESFA will now have to play a bye and play two teams that are not up to the standard for the flagship womens competition. Heffron asked whether there was a regrading policy as to avoid the difference in teams next year. Taleah explained that the only regarding / relegation system is in the Premier League which has only been introduced this year and that traditionally clubs nominate for what division they would like to play in and then if not enough teams nominate for a particular division then the FMC will refer to their standings of last year.

Dunbar mentioned that the FMC are the experts at making competition decisions and clubs are not.

#### **4. REGRADING**

Julia mentioned to clubs that only Pagewood has asked for regrading down to AAW2, however they are not getting thrashed by all of the clubs and that the standard of the bottom 3 teams was very similar.

Taleah mentioned that we could split the AAW2 after the first round into 2 divisions of 5 however clubs rejected the idea. Coogee asked whether or not it was possible to run a pennant competition like last year for the AAW2. Taleah mentioned that yes it is possible however there will be no medals given out.

#### **5. FUNDRAISING**

Taleah mentioned to clubs that in one of last years council meetings when presenting the fundraising opportunity to help out the Cancer Council Call to Arms appeal that the womens council asked why it wasn't possible to support Breast Cancer instead.

Taleah mentioned that she has done some research and had received support from the National Breast Cancer Foundation and would like the womens council to agree to placing all games on the 11<sup>th</sup> July onto 3 nominated fields whereby fundraising opportunities can take place at the grounds in support of the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Taleah suggested getting 2-3 members from the council to nominate to stand on a fundraising committee to organise the day to its full potential. Dunbar apologized for not being able to assist, however Louise Mazaroli offered her support and Mark Ambour offered Waverleys Moore Park fields for the day. Clubs agreed to support the day, although some clubs were concerned with Parking at Moore Park. Taleah mentioned that she would contact the school to see whether or not parking was available that weekend.

Clubs agreed that it was best to keep all the games together.

Julia mentioned that it would be nice if the Super League were playing at home that weekend so that the womens Gala Day could be played around the Super League matches.

Dunbar mentioned that Centennial Parklands grounds (mission 5 & 6 ) could also be used.

#### **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **6.1 Alcohol**

Taleah mentioned to clubs that there is a no alcohol policy on all ESFA grounds. Mascot replied that it was hard to enforce when people refuse to take the alcohol off.

##### **6.2 Coaching Courses**

Taleah mentioned to clubs that there were coaching courses coming up a Senior and Youth License Course so clubs are advised to keep an eye on the website.

##### **6.3 Cards**

Waverley confirmed that they had played Lokomotiv Cove on the weekend and their card were wrong. Taleah explained that they weren't wrong that the teams are called AAWO (Orange) and AAWB (Blue).

#### **6.4 Ground Markings**

Dunbar asked for it to be noted that the ground markings in the first round were hard to be seen on the Coral Sea.

#### **6.5 Knock Out Cup**

Coogee asked when the next Knock Out Cup draw will be coming out. Taleah mentioned hopefully by the end of the week.

#### **6.6 Final Draw**

Louise asked when the final draw would be released. Taleah mentioned in a couple of weeks.

**Meeting Closed 7:30pm**