



**EASTERN SUBURBS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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Women's Council Meeting

**Tuesday 22nd May 2018, 7:00pm, Juniors At The Junction,
Maroubra**

Minutes

Attendance: Chris Calverley (Coogee), David Buck (Dunbar), John Sweeney (Dunbar), Alan Walker (Easts), Richard Eves (Heffron Hawks), Ian Walter (Lokomotiv Cove), Kate Reichal (Lokomotiv Cove), Shelley Bays (Pagewood), Julia Chernoukha (Pagewood), Franziska Trede (Queens Park), Mark Jumikis (Queens Park), Amanda Davis (Randwick City), Shivaun Bromley (South East Eagles), Donna Helm (UNSW), Xavier Taylor (UNSW), Mark Ambour (Waverley Old Boys), Adam Gwynne (FMC), Jaleh Shafie (Board Director), Sarah Ferris (Women's Chair), Caroline Oakes-Ash (ESFA)

Apologies: Maccabi and Maroubra United

Meeting opened at 7:10pm

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Regrading Discussion (all grades)
3. Finals Series
4. Game Amendments
5. General Business

1. Welcome

Jaleh Shafie welcomed everyone and advised there had been lots going on behind the scenes in the senior competition. The meeting was advised that when talking to please raise hand and stay on the topic and hand. Sarah Ferris then took over the Chair of the Women's Council Meeting.

2. Regrading Discussion (all grades)

Sarah advised the Senior Football Management Committee were pleased with the current women's divisions and whilst have had a couple of regrading requests, for the moment the SFMC believed the competitions should stay as

they are. The regrading discussion was then opened up to the meeting.

South East Eagles asked about the AAW3 and the regrading of Easts and Randwick City. Sarah advised that RCFC were not that far ahead on the table when looking at the results and were yet to play the stronger Dunbar Rovers or Easts.

Pagewood advised the morale of the Pagewood team is really low when getting defeated every week and Pagewood were concerned about the competition. Sarah believed this to be understandable however, Easts and Randwick City will not be regraded into AAW2, the two bottom teams could be regraded down. David Buck advised he had refereed Easts AAW3 and they were not overly dominant though had 3-4 strong players. To move them up would have them struggle in Division 2.

RCFC advised that there was nowhere for her stronger players to go as they were currently the only women's team at RCFC albeit there are only a couple of stronger players and there are often underlying reasons for scores in certain fixtures ie playing a team weakened in number on any given day.

Sarah advised this is exactly why the SFMC look at the consistency and bigger picture of any division.

Heffron while being in Division 4, advised that Pagewood and South East Eagles would never finish in the top four even if the two higher teams were moved up.

Sarah advised that if pushed down, the Women's 4 division would be disrupted enormously and would affect the status quo of a division which is going well. Coogee believed that not every team is going to win during a season and Clubs should "suck it up". Queens Park (Mark) then advised that as a note from himself having been involved in a team that has never made a grand final, it is recognised that in Division 3, 6 teams will not make the finals series.

Queens Park (Fran) then asked if the division could be split into 6 and 4. South East Eagles then asked why there couldn't be a finals series for the bottom 4. It was recognised by the meeting, that it would be an unfair compromise for the teams who finished 5th and 6th. Sarah advised it cannot be broken down and while some games may not always be enjoyable, we can't split just so everyone makes a final.

Lokomotiv Cove asked why there cannot be automatic promotion and relegation.

David (Dunbar) said he had been working on a paper whereby any team who finishes first and second will be automatically promoted with the second stage being Club adjustments and the third stage being ESFA adjustments. If South East Eagles have had a bad year, then the following season there would not stay in that division.

Sarah advised the meeting that it was something that is in discussion.

South East Eagles then asked about Queens Park in the Womens 4 competition. Queens Park recognised there had been some blowouts though the rest of the fixtures were relatively close. Jaleh announced that other results were very reasonable and she herself had played 16 year olds in Division 5. Queens Park AAW2 suffered a large loss in their first fixture of the season and then went out and recruited for women.

Pagewood then asked about Lions FC. Pagewood said they stopped their fixture against them after the score became high and that Lions had some skilled players. Mark (QP) then advised the meeting he had refereed Pagewood AAW5 the previous Sunday and they had won 3 nil against the 2nd placed team.

Sarah advised that Lions were a brand-new team to ESFA football and accordingly they were placed in Division 5 as a new team and Club advisement.

It was agreed at the end of the complete discussion that all women's divisions would retain the status quo and no regrading would occur for 2018 to ensure the divisions remained the same without any upset to competition.

3. Finals Series

While this was an Agenda item, the SFMC were unable to advise further on the Finals Series as Cup games etc were all being finalised as well as dates and grounds. The Finals Series would be similar to 2017.

4. Game Amendment

Caroline advised the meeting of the constant upheaval when Game

Amendments are processed late. There is a domino effect which involves referees, clubs and time given for each amendment. There are rules surrounding Game Amendments. ESFA can say no to any amendment after 9:00am on a Tuesday and can fine a Club who continues with late Game Amendments. ESFA were still receiving Game Amendments on a Friday for immediate weekend ahead. Obviously, ESFA would prefer not to say no or fine, however advise that this has occurred already. Caroline implored the Clubs to be mindful of consequences.

5. General Business

Heffron Hawks raised the issue of player cards and asked if player cards could be a different colour for each division. ESFA would need to look into this. It was then asked if fines or penalties can be given. Caroline advised that rules already can enforce these and fines and penalties have been issued to teams in 2018.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm