

Women's Council Meeting

Monday, 9 October 2017, 7:00pm, Newmarket Hotel

Minutes

Attendance: Amy Singh, Chris Calverley (Coogee); John Sweeney, Barry Meade (Dunbar); Jacob Ansell (Heffron); Bec Smith, Ian Walter (Lokomotiv); Mick Vasin (Maccabi); Patrick Hardy, Adam Lee (Maroubra); Paul Peters, Nina Augonstis (South East); Lino Abrusseze (Pagewood); Franzila Trede, Mark Jumikis (Queens Park); Sean Fenton (ESFA President); John Harris (ESFA Director); Scott Sadler (ESFA Director); Jaleh Shafie (Senior Director); Adam Gwynne (Men's Chair); Sarah Ferris (Women's Chair); Caroline Oakes-Ash (Referees Coordinator); Adrian Larson (Competitions Coordinator).

Apologies: Easts, Waverley

Meeting opened at 7:09pm

Agenda

1. Season review
2. Election of new Chair
3. Rules discussion/proposed changes (Combined)
4. Draft 2018 Calendar (Combined)
5. Other business

1. Season review

Womens Grading

- A lot of changes, very disruptive to everyone involved (Coogee)
- Division 4 wasn't great due to the imbalance of games played prior to the splits, teams didn't end up in the right competition (South East)
- Division 1 teams relegated to Division 3 after large deficit losses
Division 2 had the better/less interrupted competition (Queens Park)
- Bottom 4 finals for Division 1 to help promote retention for less competitive teams (Heffron). This was proposed before Queens Park and Waverley successfully appealed their grading from Div1 to Div2

- Player retention tough. Need to build teams over a long period of time. Even though QPFC Juniors are strong, many girls leave for University teams such as UNSW and Sydney Uni (Queens Park). Maccabi are also in the same category
- Lokomotiv would love to compete at the top level. However, most players that approach the Club aren't at a Div1 standard

Growth and Retention in Women's Football

- ESFA to hold an open day for Women players?
- Email correspondence between Clubs to share players. I.e. Players that can't be accommodated in a club are directed to another club with availability
- Prize money may help increase participation in Women's Championship
- Start at the grassroots to improve from the bottom
- Clubs agreed ESFA must help drive campaign
- Working party to get together to brainstorm. Scott, Jaleh, Sarah (ESFA), Fran (Queens Park), Coogee, Maccabi, and Bec (Lokomotiv) have agreed to meet soon

2. Election of new Chair

Sarah Ferris nominated and elected as 2018 Women's Chair

3. Rules discussion/proposed changes (Combined)

An open discussion of recommended rule changes took place. A copy of proposed changes will be available to clubs at the AGM. Clubs are asked to take the time to read over the changes and give feedback.

\$5 fee for late registrations and Player ID cards

- Clubs do not agree
- Additional reprints at a lower fee may be more reasonable

Minimum squad size for registrations currently 11 players. It was suggested to make minimum amount of player 14. Clubs agree

Consensus for unlimited playing up of Juniors
4th place re-grade to be adopted across board

4. Draft 2018 Calendar (Combined)

A draft copy of the 2018 Calendar was distributed to Clubs

- Greek Easter is the same weekend as the 1st round. Clubs affected have been asked to notify ESFA. Affected fixtures will be rescheduled.

Where possible ESFA to schedule matches between affected clubs on Rd 1 to avoid other Clubs being impacted by Orthodox Easter

5. Other business

What happened to the 2017 Louise Mazzaroli Cup?

- Only 5 teams entered. Postponed, potentially preseason February/March 2018

Printed team-sheets. Often players details aren't readable

- ESFA to send to Clubs/give access for Club to collect
- Received well by Clubs
- Smartphone app/access may also be considered
- Add players 'playing up' in writing

Is ESFA able to provide a reduced fee for later registrations?

- No. FNSW do not subsidize the fee for late registrations
- Some Clubs offer reduced registration for late comers

Are we able to have all Grand Finals at Hensley? Not as good atmosphere at Heffron, compared to Hensley.

- ESFA will endeavor to schedule a 3rd weekend of GFs at Hensley on Sunday only

Maroubra: O55 Men and O40 Women

- Players too old for current competitions (O45 Men and All Age Women) but would like to continue playing within ESFA
- Smaller pitch
- Modified rules etc.
- Over 40 Women consensus to investigate options and positive response

Meeting closed at 7:53pm