



EASTERN SUBURBS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

MENS COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 22 October 2012, ESFA Offices
Suite 407, Level 3, Westfields Eastgardens, Eastgardens

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES:** Pam Sypher Glebe
Kosma - Kytherians
Sean Fenton – Pagewood

2. IN ATTENDANCE:

ESFA – Wally Holzer (Mens Council Chair)
ESFA – Adam Gwynne, Director

Coogee United
Lokomotiv Cove
Maccabi
Maroubra United
Olympic Eagles
Queens Park
Easts FC
Redfern Raiders
Waverley
Sydney Uni

3. **Matters Arising**
 1. Minutes from previous meetings – 06 August - Accepted
 2. Business arising –
David (QP) – issue in relation to the Grade 35 Masters League. This was done without notice to clubs and approval. Believes that the board has not been presented with all the evidence and therefore no informed decision.
Roy (Syd Uni) – it was voted upon at the last meeting and passed by those in attendance. Boards knowledge is irrelevant, as it was voted upon via the clubs which is the Councils job to do so.
Adam (Dir) – the information had been presented to the board and they have accepted this proposed competition.
John (Mar) – board has possibly approved this as an expectation, however still need team nominations.
Maccabi – is this proposal at risk of splitting other competitions, considering the lack of teams in Division 1 Grade 35 this season.
Adam (Dir) – the proposal was put forward to attract players from Premier League, who did not was to play generally in 35's, however still wanted a competitive edge.
Mark (Wav) – players in AA who would play 35's on a Saturday which is not due to the name, however allows for better recovery time before having to return to work.

3. **2012/2013**
David (QP) – suggestion that referee courses be held in off season for Adults only.
(To be referred to Referees Branch)

David (QP) – ESFA should be involved in the match rescheduling earlier in the process. ESFA needs to be more pro-active in relation to solving this problem.
Roy (Syd Uni) – rules are in place to cover rescheduling.
Adam (Dir) – ESFA does not have control over grounds.
Pam (Mascot) – the current rule does not always work as Saturday matches do not suit everyone then there is the issue of the ground bookings which clubs do or do not have access to.

Roy (Syd Uni) – this comes back to discussion on calendar and dates regarding washouts. The 8 team situation was raised again (**refer to Women's Council meeting**).

Chris (Coog) – judiciary decisions seem to be a little out of order.
David (QP) – did Chair some meetings at the later end of the season.
Roy (Syd Uni) – also did chair some meetings as well, which meant there was some inconsistent matters.
** General Discussion – there was some considered inconsistency in the P&D which caused some concerns.

David (QP) – what happened with PL review is this being opened up to more clubs or not. Understood there would be possibility for new clubs either 10 teams or 12 teams.

Roy (Syd Uni) – review has been completed and sent to the President of Assoc and this will be released by the board.

Wally – was under the impression that there would be expansion to 12 teams.

Adam (Dir) – believes that the default should be 8 team competition. All teams play each other twice, with the top 4/bottom 4 being split. Those teams play another 3 matches, with a full final series for both. The top 4 being for the Championship and the bottom 4 being a 'Pennant' (or other name).

John (Mar) – believes that All Age Men should remain at 10 teams as it is the best and much easier to sell.

The general consensus of the meeting is that 10 team competitions should be the default setting for competitions, however this was not the accepted position of ALL in attendance.

4. Election Council Chairs

Adam thanked Wally for his efforts in the past season, and David Patch also extended his thanks.

Adam asked that someone else take the Chair at this time as he indicated his intention to stand down from the Board at the AGM.

David Patch took the chair and called for nominations.

Adam Gwynne (Self)

Wally Holzer (Nick – Redfern).

Adam was elected Chair for 2013.

5. General Business:

Pam (Mas) – no card no play with regards to Seniors, especially when a referee is not appointed.

David (QP) – cards should be inspected and the RTO should make a note of it.

General discussion – card checks need to be enforced by RTO's. Referees are not responsible for this, as they are only there to enforce the Laws of the Game and not the local constitution or bylaws.

Mark (Wav) – reintroduction of the RTO manual meetings, also possible to print on the cards NO CARD NO PLAY.

David (QP) – clubs need to educate and enforce the rules.

Meeting closed 1000pm.

Next Meeting – TBA.