

**Women's Standing Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday August 12, 2015**  
**Football West Boardroom, Lord Street, Perth**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Meeting open 6.35pm Welcome & Apologies	Present: Dave Scragg (Wanneroo), Conrad McKelvie (Northern Redbacks), Tracey Wheeler (Beckenham Angels), Penny TannerHoath (Melville City), Felim Rugel (Fremantle City), Keith Wood (Football West) Apologies: Jen Normanton (Subiaco), Elisa D'Ovidio (FBW women's representative), Jessine Bonzas (NTC Coach)
2	Election of Chair person	Dave Scragg voted in as Chair
3	Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting February 11, 2015	New Committee- minutes yet to be confirmed (attached)
4	Business arising from previous minutes	Not applicable. Refer above

5	Correspondence and Football West Update	<p>Keith: Balcatta appointed as venue for Cup Finals September 27 (with their new grandstand)</p> <p>Penny (for Elisa): Female Only Game Training course scheduled Saturday October 24 \$85.00. Over 40 participants already signed up. Contact Elisa to register.</p> <p>Penny: update on Perth Glory selection process via Callum Salmon (Perth Glory contact). Approx 15 players are in training as of this week at Celebration Park Balga (mix of previous seasons players and newly identified). Sam Kerr, Mackenzie Arnold and Caitlin Foord are re-signed for the new season. Clubs will be invited to trials and Coach Bobby Despotovski is attending clubs to identify players along with Assistant Coach Collette McCallum. Glory will discuss with players club the release of club players in the transition. The WLeague season commences on the second week of the ALeague season.</p>
6	Women's NPL	<p>Discussion regards NPL- rebranding name from State League to NPL, minimum coaching standards, age levels, reserve requirement or otherwise, venue facilities, NPL badging, substitution v interchange, phasing in process</p> <p><b>Action: FBW (Keith) to arrange forum Tuesday October 6</b></p>
7	Player recruitment and retention	<p>Discussion regards statistics on players doubling up across first and second teams in the State League. Previous committee took statistics snapshot at various times over various years through to last year. General reducing trend however, doubling up is still occurring. Considerations: sustainability of reserve competition, injuries, effectiveness.</p>
8	State League Structure	<p>Is the current format sustainable? Questions raised about the difference in level of competitions between State League and Metropolitan Competitions, Premier and State League Division One and the validity of the Reserves competition. Generally the stability of a clubs existence has been stabilised over time with the existence of a second tier reserve competition, however reservations are raised as to the effectiveness and viability of the current competition structure. Considerations for brainstorming a new structure- doubling up of players (reduced with introduction of rule changes in kick off times this year across the State League), ability to draw from other teams in other leagues possibly being hampered by current rules, could reserve competition become an entirely stand alone new competition, would teams be promoted and relegated naturally or criteria set in place, would a Premier League and State League Division One structure be more practical, with an amateur tier below that, made up of the current Reserve Leagues, then the Metropolitan competition below that, be better suited.</p> <p><b>Action: FBW (Keith) to send EOI to clubs for entry into State League</b></p> <p><b>Action: WSC meeting required to brainstorm new league structure. Date confirmed via email Wednesday September 9 at 630pm</b></p>
9	Calendar	<p>Discussion about the need for an inclusive women's football calendar. Keith suggested that with the FBW website being updated that a women's section be discussed with Jonathon Cook who is overseeing the upgrades.</p> <p><b>Action: Penny to discuss the draft calendar and including a more women's specific area on the FBW site with Jonathon</b></p>

