

Women's Standing Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday December 2nd, 2015
Football West Boardroom, Gibbney Reserve

No	Item	Comment
1	Meeting open 6.30pm Welcome & Apologies	Present: Dave Scragg, Tracey Wheeler, Felim Rugel, Jessine Bonzas, Keith Wood, Jannette Spencer Apologies: Jen Normanton, Conrad McKelvie
2	Previous Minutes & Matters arising	Previous minutes seconded by Felim and signed as a true record. Matters arising. Current accreditation of coaches in State League Dave will contact Cris Ola direct to ascertain current qualifications to assess the need for Further courses for State league coaches. (Through FW) to email clubs to provide State League Coaches details to enable this.

		<p>Junior Cup Finals have been marked in the draft season calendar Saturday 6 August 2016 for the Women's Cup Finals to coincide with the Junior Girls Cup Finals on the same day. Whilst it was noted that the date was still in the Senior season it was agreed that this date would work well to encourage a "Female festival of Football", hopefully to be held at Grindleford reserve, although with the number of games it would not be possible to play them all on the main pitch.</p> <p>2016 & Beyond Proposals have been circulated to clubs, Keith would check as it was felt that the proposals regarding select balls and the goalkeeper award for Division 1 State League had not been included.</p>
3	Chairman's Report	<p>A vote of thanks was expressed on behalf of the Committee following the decision of Penny to stand down after 10 years on the committee, it was agreed that major change had occurred during her tenure and that she has contributed to where we are now, she would still be active in the community but other priorities meant that she could not devote as much time as she would like.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Janette Spencer to the meeting as a member of the board she introduced herself and explained her role.</p> <p>Keith explained that due to an organisational restructure Elisa would be leaving FW with effect 4th December</p>

4	State League EOI Process	<p>On behalf of the Committee the chair expressed some concern as to the manner in which a club initially not recommended for inclusion to the State league had subsequently appealed and appeared to have submitted more information not known to the Standing Committee at the time to Football West who had then made the decision to include them for 2016.</p> <p>It was further concern that the inclusion was now having a major impact to an existing club who had spent time developing Junior teams only for them to be now leaving on mass to the new State league club.</p> <p>It was the thoughts of both Keith and Janette that this was not the case and they did not see this as the reason why players are leaving a club and did not agree that by allowing this new club into the league this has created a this problem.</p> <p>Lessons have been learnt this season as to the EOI process, it was felt by the committee that due diligence had been done however this was not apparently shared by the board.</p> <p>It was reiterated that the role of the committee is to recommend proposals and that ultimately Football West has the final say in matters, it was highlighted that out of the last 14 recommendations form the committee 13 had been passed with only one recommendation being overruled.</p>
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5	Player of the Year scoring process	<p>Discussion took place as to the process in which the player of the year is voted on by the match Referees with some concern that the Referees are not fully across their obligations and the ramifications of their voting.</p> <p>An idea had been put forward that coaches might be able to add their votes but it was felt that this would also be open to objective opinions.</p> <p>It was agreed that, via the Referees department and Standing Committee that State League Referees are briefed at the start of the season as to their obligations and requirements to score players and goalkeepers in the State League.</p>
6	NPL Forum	<p>Keith explained that the drive of the FFA is to introduce some form of NPL for the women in 2017, what structure that will be is unclear but discussion took place as to the importance of consultation with interested clubs regarding requirements, some of our proposals such as coach accreditation and junior teams are already aligning clubs to the NPL model but it was felt that mistakes learned from the introduction of the male NPL can help us.</p> <p>Dave will communicate with the FW NPL Manager and a consultation meeting will take place with the WSC, FW and interested clubs in February.</p>
7	Any Other Business	<p>Kick Off times were discussed as to the time of which some State league clubs are changing them to with no consultation with the opposition, it was also felt that if we are trying to encourage senior players to be mentors and coach junior teams it is made difficult if senior games are kicking off on a Sunday morning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: the Committee proposes that FW to implement a rule that no State league Fixture is to kick off prior to 10.45am. <p>There is an interested person to fill a casual vacancy on the committee, Dave will invite her to submit a brief resume and expression of interest to Keith for ratification by the board.</p>

