

Women's Standing Committee Meeting
Wednesday February 11, 2015
Football West Boardroom, Lord Street, Perth

MINUTES

No	Item	Comment
1	Welcome & Apologies	Present: Emma Smith (Subiaco), Conrad McKelvie (Northern Redbacks), Alexis Pelham (Leeming), Dave Scragg (Wanneroo), Keith Wood (Football West), Jessine Bonzas (NTC Football West), Tracey Wheeler (Guest – Beckenham) Apologies: Penny TannerHoath (Melville), Helen Lumley-Nestoridis (Geraldton), Tras Young (North Beach), Elisa D'Ovidio (FBW women's representative)
2	Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting 10.12.2014	Dave and Alexis were present at this meeting and signed accordingly.
3	Business arising from previous minutes 10.12.2014	Nil

4	1) Night Series Venues	Premier League Night Series will be held at Coker Park and Beale Park. Division 1 Night Series will be held at Wanneroo. Dave to pass thanks on to the club for offering to host.
	2) Women's NPL	Football West has an obligation to get moving on this. Elisa will be working on the implementation plan during 2015 with WSC to have input, with a potential roll-out in 2016. There will likely be a series of workshops for interested parties similar to the Men's NPL process. Some of the Women's NPL minimum requirements will be the same as the men's e.g. Coaching certifications – which is likely to be enforced in line with the start of the Women's NPL. It would be impractical to impose some of the other requirements at least initially, e.g. on venues. Football West is focussing on proper transition rather than a quick transition, and has discretion to only implement aspects as the league is ready. Entry into Women's NPL is not likely to be dependent on a club's presence in Men's NPL and vice versa. Outcome: Women's NPL may be implemented by 2016, workshops to come, coaching certification a priority requirement.
	3) Women's Forum	A good idea, but needs a theme or suite of topics to cover. Suggest considering the football calendar, picking a potential date, advertising this to clubs and referring them to an online suggestion box for topics. To discuss further at the next meeting.
	4) Calendar	Jessine has updated the calendar to include events that have had dates finalised, still waiting on confirmation of dates for other events, but can probably be circulated as-is.
	5) New WSL Clubs	This includes Bassendean (information provided via email), Wanneroo (Dave gave a verbal report) and the re-branded Fremantle City (information provided via email). All seem to be on track with preparations for the season ahead.
	6) WSL Playing Times	Default kick off times for WSL were changed to 12:45pm (reserves) and 3pm (firsts) across both Premier League and Division 1. This was to allow for a rest for referees, and time for coaches and club administrators to get organised. Clubs can apply to Football West to change the kick off times as long as there is the appropriate amount of time between games and the proposed schedule is reasonable – acceptance at the discretion of Football West and the WSC. Outcome: Default kick off times changed to 12:45pm (reserves) and 3pm (firsts). Clubs can apply to Football West for a variation, acceptance subject to the discretion of Football West and the WSC.
	7) WSL Playing Order	The committee discussed a number of pros and cons on the playing order of reserves and firsts – some from committee members themselves, others from submissions from other members of the football community. Currently it is mandated that reserves play before the first team. Different issues and needs were identified for the Premier league and Division 1 and were discussed in detail. The key concern is what is best for player development and opinions on this were divided. Decision was to leave the rules as they stand for 2015, but conduct a full review on this matter, consulting experts, as part of the move to Women's NPL. Outcome: Rules on playing order remain unchanged – it is mandated for reserves to play before the first team.

