



Eyre Peninsula Football and Netball Forum

**Minutes of the Public Forum Meeting Sunday 10th February 2008 at Wudinna
Community Club 11.00am.**

Attendance record by registration at the door

1.0 Welcome (Don McSweeny)

1.1 Introductions

Welcome to all Eyre Peninsula Clubs, Netball and Football, Leagues and Association representatives and office holders, Eyre Peninsula Councils, SANFL Representatives David Shipway and Justin Dent, Port Adelaide Magpies Representative Matthew Richardson (CEO), SANFL Regional Development Manager Andrew Taheny, Office for Recreation and Sport Field Services Manager Mark Fisher, Media Representatives Emma Pedler (ABC), Mal Gill (Sentinel) and members of the public.

Welcome to new office holders in Football and Netball Clubs and Associations

1.2 Overview and background to the forum

Background of report provided, including past planning efforts in 1985.

Football and netball have run in extremely successful structures in the past and new challenges continue to arise. It is important that a model for the future is discussed for when and if it is required.

1.3 Forum procedure

2.0 Mr David Shipway

Mr David Shipway is the chairman of the Affiliated Leagues Council and SANFL Commission member

2.1 SANFL interest and support

Acknowledging the past and current efforts of Don McSweeny, and acknowledging the excellent attendance from a wide range of sporting organisations.

The Affiliated Leagues Council is in the final stages of a restructure with a new model being rolled out in 2008.

Commendation to the Region for undertaking a forum on the future.

SANFL are here listening, not to interfere with the process, but to assist in any way possible

3.0 Mr Daniel Anderson

Mr Daniel Anderson is a partner in the firm Collins Anderson Management, and has extensive experience on the Eyre Peninsula.

3.1 Presentation of the report, the methodology, research and recommendations
Power point display
Refer attached notes

3.2 Questions by Football Leagues and Clubs, Netball Associations and Clubs
Mary Ann Murphy PL Netball Assoc President.
Were the netball clubs approached and invited to be part of this?

Joanne Franklin
Netball Zone Representative
Coverage of netball participation in report and Netball SA interest in the process

Austin Elvey Western Districts Football/Netball Club
General feeling that clubs are not to amalgamate, yet new structure proposed to travel extensively further. This may place greater pressures on the existence of these clubs

David Shipway
Also covered looking at transport options

Austin Elvey
Concern that club viability relies on family units going to football, not just players

John Southern Junior Eyre Peninsula Council
Is it possible to get a drill down of Leagues with uneven distribution of talent (report page 15)

Mark Secker
Concern that mergers with City Country Clubs/Clubs will create an imbalance in junior talent

Would city sides travel to Country areas

New governance structure, where will costs be met. A salaried officer would require substantial cost

Austin Elvey
General feeling is that club would not be happy with general geographic distribution of Leagues and that it may create pressure keeping players

Toni Shannon
Comment rose that we need to take ownership of our future, and ensure that we must make it work for Football and Netball in this region. It is up to us

Mary Ann Murphy
Port Lincoln field 90 teams each week, and feel that this may weaken Netball in Port Lincoln. PLNA does support the need for review however and will participate to ensure the future of EP Sport is progressed.

4.0 Developing a strategy/plan for the long term sustainability of Eyre Peninsula Football and Netball

4.1 What model of future structure would be acceptable? If and when a re structure is necessary?

Discussion of alternative models where clubs also play clubs for competition points outside the competition

Martin Bruecker President Wayback Football Club

Concern that we mustn't ratify a procedure or structure without first going back to clubs

4.2 Can all Leagues agree in principal to a Strategic Plan for the future?

Alan Suter Chair of Far West Football Commission

Motion, We recommend that Eyre Peninsula Football/Netball Commission prepare a strategic plan for the future of our sport and that we should incorporate investigation into a new structure in line with recommendations made in the Collins Anderson report into this plan(amend add "**in consultation with the Leagues**")

Alan Suter/ Bert Woolford

Carried

Motion by show of hands. Carried by majority (three against)

5.0 Governance of Eyre Peninsula Football

5.1 Development of an Eyre Peninsula Independent Football Commission.

Jo Franklin

Suggest that Commission be called Football/Netball Commission and attended by netball executive also. This would become a peak body who would delegate sub committees for respective sports and levels.

Alan Suter

Explanation of how the Independent League Commission works, and is presently working well in the Far West. Outlines its ability to address issues not able to be addressed in standard

Strong endorsement for the structure and its operation for the administration of sport.

David Shipway

Outline of the Commission structure within SANFL. Commissioners are elected by clubs.

Advised that there is a improved ability

Paul May (ex Club President and MWFL League President)

Question Would clubs have say in who is elected on commission, and what level of power would the commission have. Specifically would the EP commission have the right to restructure leagues and boundaries?

David Shipway

Discussion on how the SANFL Commission works, and that major changes will still go to club vote.

Daniel Anderson

Key is that this is not new and there are organisational templates in place for reference. SANFL can assist here.

Rick DuBois President Mid West Football League

Question to David Shipway

In setting about a commission, what is the likelihood of administrative support funding even short term to set up new structures?

David Shipway

Would need to be raised by the SANFL Affiliated League Board, and Commission. Administrative support could be made available, and also assistance with direction.

Stephen Campbell President PLFL Comment

Concerns in overall involvement level, with major competition differences with netball.

Generally support the centralised governance structure

Bert Woolford President EEFL

Generally support an Eyre Peninsula Netball and Football structure

Grant Beard GFFL President

Supports the concept of Eyre Peninsula Central Commission for governance

Mary Ann Murphy

Port Lincoln Netball also supports concept that Eyre Peninsula football and netball come under a central administration

Geoff Dodd CEO Port Lincoln City Council

Consider that change is inevitable with trend lines heading generally down. Should the boundary changes be part of the whole governance change process?

5.2

Honorary positions or honorarium paid?

Chairman's comment. Highly likely that any positions would start as an honorarium rather than a paid position

5.3

Representation of Netball on the Commission?

Agreed that if a commission is formed, it will be joint netball and football

5.4

Discussion of concept as an alternative management structure and the way forward.

Moved that there be an Eyre Peninsula Commission with 6 football 2 netball. Nominations be put forward at the next EP Zone Council meeting for consideration

Rick DuBois/ Steven Campbell
Carried

Carried by vote of hands (unanimous)

Discussion ensued whether two people from netball is enough. Netball representatives generally thought that they would be able to elect two people who would be able to effectively serve their interests.

Motion that commission be able to coop and recruit the skill set that is required

Paul Cave/ Joanne Franklin
Carried

Carried by vote of hands

6.0 Summary and Closing

6.1 Daniel Anderson
Today has been positive and progressive and congratulation on the overall input from the zone

6.2 Justin Dent
Congratulations to the zone on undertaking the review, and reaffirm SANFL support

6.3 David Shipway
Congratulations on making history for sport on the Eyre Peninsula SANFL AFL facilities fund allocated for Community Based Football Facilities, about a \$3m fund over five years to update football facilities. New funding manager will be employed in near future SANFL is addressing issues in Country Sport

Congratulations and thank you to Don and Eileen for their long term services to Eyre Peninsula sport.

Thank you and best wishes for football and netball

6.4 Matthew Richardson
Well done to Eyre Peninsula football and netball for proactively considering and planning the future. Port Adelaide Magpies remain committed to this zone and will assist wherever possible

6.5 Don McSweeny
Thank you to all for their attendance and reaffirm need to register
Thank you for attendance and support of the EP sporting community

6.6 Meeting closed 2.30pm