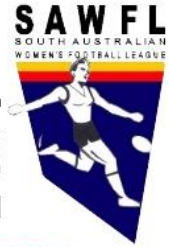


SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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To all SAWFL Club Presidents and Delegates,

At our AGM you will be asked to vote on a motion to dissolve the SAWFL Board in its current form and instead accept the Channel 9 Adelaide Football League (CH9AFL) Board as the ruling body for the SAWFL. I thought it appropriate to give you some background to this motion.

The SAWFL is affiliated with the CH9AFL (which in turn is affiliated with the SANFL) and therefore is bound by the decisions of the CH9AFL via this affiliation agreement. The SAWFL now enjoys the benefits of an administration and support to organise and manage its competition and I hope you will agree this has worked extremely well over the past 12 months as we cemented our relationship.

We believe the need for a separate SAWFL Board has dissipated dramatically as virtually all of the decision making occurs at an operational level on a daily basis. Further, as most of our SAWFL clubs are associated with CH9AFL clubs and these clubs are well represented via their delegates at our regular General Committee meetings. Also communication to and from our office has never been more comprehensive with weekly updates, forums, meetings, direct communication, dedicated staff etc. ensuring all matters are addressed regularly and promptly. However there will still be issues that pertain specifically to the SAWFL and we recommend the SAWFL retains both its identity and its own sub-committee to address these.

We are also recommending the funds in the SAWFL bank account be placed in a secure investment account on a long term basis and if at any time the SAWFL wishes to reinstate itself and operate as a separate entity it will be welcome to do so and utilise these funds.

Women's football is receiving a substantial amount of attention and promotion lately, especially since the CEO of the AFL decreed there will be a national AFL Women's competition in 2017. This has complemented our local efforts to create interest within our clubs and as I write this we have expressions of interest from 14 new clubs giving us a possible total of 21 clubs having a women's team in 2016 plus a significant number of additional junior teams.

The SAWFL Board believes this growth will be best managed by the CH9AFL management and administration and accordingly that the SAWFL adopt the CH9AFL Board and be bound by its decisions, its constitution and its rules and regulations, hence the motion for the AGM.

I look forward to seeing you on December 3rd.

Mark Johnstone

SAWFL Board Chairperson