

2016 Netball NSW Council Minutes



NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Saturday 2 April 2016
at Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park

Present:

Directors: W. Archer AM, J. Drakos, C. Feldmanis, J. Hahn, R. Havrlant, C. Murphy, L. Sullivan,
R. Watson OAM, C. Campbell (CEO)

Delegates:

S. Wilson (Bathurst)	L. Cunico (Baulkham Hills)
J. Poole (Baulkham Hills)	S. Marks (Blacktown)
A. Plater (Camden)	M. Leahy (Camden)
D. Pascoe (Charlestown)	G. Geyer (Charlestown)
J. Occhiuto (City of Sydney)	J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)
D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)	C. Baiton (Fairfield)
S. Gribble (Gosford)	K. Thomas (Grafton)
J. Small (Gunnedah)	T. Sutcliffe (Gunnedah)
K. Austin (Hastings Valley)	H. Miles (Hastings Valley)
J. Thompson (Hills)	L. Burgess OAM (Hills)
D. Elvy (Illawarra)	L. Holmes (Illawarra)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	A. Margalit (Ku-Ring-Gai)
B. Dew OAM (Lismore)	J. Webster (Liverpool)
H. Dean (Manly Warringah)	M. Hauser (Manly Warringah)
D. Fischer (Mens)	L. Wilcox (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)	E. Monaghan (Newcastle)
T. Field (Northern Suburbs)	P. Wilson (Orange)
S. Wilson (Orange)	J. Gillett OAM (Penrith)
J. Sibbald (Penrith)	M. Archer (Port Stephens)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	W. Klein (Shoalhaven)
G. Mayers (Singleton)	H. Andrews (St George)
B. Hay (St George)	J. McLachlan (Sutherland)
K. Salter (Sutherland)	D. Lockwood (Tamworth)
C. Fielding (Tamworth)	M. Allen (Westlakes)
P. Burt (Westlakes)	L. Coakley (Woy Woy)
R. McDonald (Woy Woy)	C. Miles (Wyong)
J. Addison (Wyong)	

Life Members:

L. Quinn OAM	M. Corbett OAM
A. Doring OAM	M. Melhuish OAM

Observers:

N. Oram (Bankstown)

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Returning Officer: M. Anderson

President declared the meeting open at 10.40am.

(a) Apologies

MOVED: Kiama **Seconded:** Northern Suburbs that apologies for the Annual General Meeting of Council held earlier today also be accepted for Council meeting.

CARRIED

Announcements W. Archer AM (President)

- Condolences to family of the late Marie Mackney. Marie was acknowledged in 2015 with a Distinguished Service Award from the Sports Federation for over 60 years of service to the Lismore Netball Association.
- The following umpiring appointments have been made for the ANZ Championships, ANL, 21/U and Underage National Championships:
 - ANZ/ANL – Rachel Ayre, Helen George, Michelle Phippard, Bronwen Adams, Clare McCabe, Tara Warner
 - 21/U – Hayley Burgess, Emma Davey, Rebecca McKinnon. Emma has been selected into the TID umpires program for Netball Australia
 - Underage Nationals – Thomas Turner, Sarah Hay, Tayla Favell, Tamara Welsford
 - Sharon Kelly has been appointed as an Assistant Coach for the ANL pool of umpires
- At our November Council meeting I omitted to acknowledge that Jason Baker from the Hawkesbury Association had resigned from the Umpires Operating Panel. I wish to acknowledge and thank Jason for the tremendous work that he undertook over the 12 year period he was part of the Panel.
- It is with great warmth that I acknowledge and congratulate Kevin Smith OAM and Rodney Watson OAM who were recipients of an Australian Honour in the Australia Day Honours list, for their outstanding contributions to our sport.
- I would also like to acknowledge Brenda Williams from the Ku-Ring-Gai Association for her outstanding contribution to our sport which was acknowledged with a Distinguished Long Service Award at the recent Sport NSW Dinner in February.
- I acknowledge the following finalists at the Sport NSW Dinner - it is a great testament to our sport and our organisation on its excellence when you consider the following finalists:
 - Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association – Inclusion and Diversity Award finalist for their programme for girls with intellectual disabilities.
 - Netball World Cup Sydney 2015 – Event of the Year – Winner – even though this was a joint INF and NA event NNSW played a very strong role in the overall presentation, running and organisation of the event.
 - Netball NSW – Organisation of the Year – Record number of members for NNSW, record numbers for Swifts members and crowds.
 - Megan Simpson – Administrator of the Year – for her outstanding contribution to the organisation through strategy and governance.
 - Sharon Kelly – Official of the Year – an outstanding athlete with an impeccable and successful career spanning 111 international matches, 137 ANZ Championship matches, 108 Commonwealth Bank Trophy Gamers, four Netball World Cups and Bronze Medal Games, in 2015 was named the Netball Australia Umpire of the Year for the 14th consecutive year. Sharon retired at the completion of the Netball World Cup and I am delighted that Sharon has joined the staff of Netball NSW.

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- Robert Wright – Coach of the Year – a great 2015 season for Rob. We may not have won the grand final but I believe that grand final to be one of the best games of netball ever played and the grace and manner in which our NSW Swifts conducted themselves at the completion of the match and throughout the presentation was extraordinary, our Captain Kimberlee Green was outstanding in her speech.
 - Marie Little OAM Shield Team – were crowned National Champions finishing undefeated. In speaking with Jenny O’Keefe and Ellen Monaghan this is an awe inspiring group of athletes.
 - NSW Swifts – Team of the Year – 2015 was an outstanding year for the NSW Swifts, into their first grand final since 2008 and having four players voted into the 2015 Foxtel All-Stars team.
 - Netball NSW 19 and Under team – crowned National Champions defeating Victoria in extra time.
 - Athlete of the Year – Kimberlee Green – Winner – an outstanding year of netball for Kim, not only through her captaincy of our NSW Swifts, but through her representation as an Australian Diamond. Kim retired after the Netball World Cup with 74 appearances for Australia. To date 109 ANZ Championship appearances which will be added to this season; Kim has two Netball World Cup Medals, Commonwealth Games Gold and Silver medals.
 - We have warmly welcomed Darrel Lea and Samsung to our netball family
 - The latest edition of Contact E-newsletter went live yesterday.
 - R. Watson OAM announced that W. Archer AM was also a finalist in NSW Sports Awards in category of Volunteer Director
- (b) Confirmation of Minutes of last Extra Ordinary meeting held on Saturday 14 November 2015.**
MOVED: Wyong **Seconded:** Liverpool that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on Saturday 14 November 2015 be adopted. **CARRIED**
- (c) Business Arising from the Minutes of last Extra Ordinary meeting held on Saturday 14 November 2015**
- Nil
- (d) Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 14 November 2015**
Correction received from Joy Gillett OAM – Penrith District Netball Association:
Council minutes, page 17, under Finance Report Penrith did not ask what the Regional State League entry fee was to be. I asked what the Metro League entry fee would be which was answered by Carolyn
- MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Liverpool that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 14 November 2015 be accepted with the correction:
Removal of words under (j) Reports Board of Directors, Finance Report: “Penrith: What is Regional State League entry fee? N. Bowles: No change.” And amendment of the following line to “North/Penrith: What will Metro League fees be”.
- CARRIED**
- (e) Business arising from the minutes of Council meeting held on Saturday 12 March 2015**
Nil
- (f) Correspondence**
Correspondence for the preceding period, both hardcopy and email, was tabled and available for the meeting.

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(g) Business arising from Correspondence

Nil

(h) Applications for Membership

Nil

(i) Notices of Motion

Nil

(j) Reports: Board of Directors

MOVED: Grafton **Seconded:** Bathurst for the adoption of the Board of Directors Report

CARRIED

Reports: Finance

M. Anderson (General Manager – Corporate Services) reviewed the February report which had been distributed at the meeting.

Discussion:

- City of Sydney: cash receivable amounts are the same? \$570k
 - M. Anderson: Correct, that amount relates to grant received for Netball Central.

MOVED: Lismore **Seconded:** Penrith for the adoption of the Finance Report.

CARRIED

Reports: CEO's Operational Report

MOVED: Gunnedah **Seconded:** Woy Woy for the adoption of the CEO's Report

CARRIED

A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle) on behalf of Newcastle and Hunter region netballers expressed sincere gratitude for the wonderful work of Monique Smith, former Regional Coordinator Hunter and Northern Inland.

(k) Any Other Reports

Appeals Tribunal Report

MOVED: St George **Seconded:** Blacktown for the adoption of the Appeals Tribunal Report

CARRIED

(l) General Business

- W. Archer noted that venues for State and State Age competitions would be announced to Associations by the end of April.
- Eastwood/Ryde: Later than usual scheduling of NNSW AGM has meant overlap with first round of competitions for many Associations, could AGM/first Council meeting be decreed to be always held in March?
 - W. Archer AM: Noted the impact on Associations of 2 April AGM, caused by dates of Easter and Netball Australia's strategic forum (held on 19 March) and release date of Netball Australia's financial statements.

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- Grafton: Starting time of State Age is 8.30am which is quite difficult for Associations with teams in two divisions and sometimes across three venues. Now that there are reduced number of games in each day, could starting time be altered to 9am?
 - W. Archer AM: That will be considered and Associations notified.
- L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) stated that Life Members contributions need to be acknowledged and that Gold Pass to Netball Central would be an appropriate recognition.

MOVED: L Quinn OAM (Life Member) **Seconded:** Blacktown that living Life Members of NNSW be issued a Gold Pass for entry to Netball Central

CARRIED

- W. Archer AM introduced Kimberlee Green, Rob Wright and Gail Eckert (and noted Sharni Layton was currently on court) wishing them all the best for the season.
 - Kimberlee Green responded, thanked Board for introduction, noting that Swifts work very hard, can't wait to get out on court and thanked NNSW Council for producing such great players.
- Orange: Voting papers for today's AGM did not arrive until Tuesday, which meant they had to go back in the post the next day. Scheduling of papers and meeting needs to allow time for Australia Post postage time.
 - W. Archer: Aware of the problem caused by changes to Australia Post's delivery times and the Board has had discussions about that. Board will address the issue in consultation with Australian Electoral Commission and Governance committee.
- Penrith: When Netball Central design concepts were shown to Council meeting there was talk of having natural airflow rather than air conditioning. It was very hot on court six weeks ago - does the airflow system function properly?
 - CEO: Natural ventilation was part of architect's design concept (and air conditioning cost was prohibitive). Agree that airflow/cooling is a major ongoing defect which an engineering group is now working on. One of interim improvements recently implemented is that the ventilation screens have been replaced by a secured mesh, so allowing overnight venting.
 - Westlakes: Had issues for three disabled spectators on Netball Central show court, including them having to change seats, despite having sought prior advice from NNSW regarding seating for spectators with walkers.
 - CEO: Apologies for the problems experienced, will take the comments on board and will look into the circumstances. NNSW has full accessibility policy, including lift access.
- Sutherland: Are there only 6 balls for Premier League?
 - Manly: Understood from Claire Hatherell that Premier League teams would get 8 balls.
- Sutherland: Players, coaches and umpires have queried 12 minute half time – if both teams agree may half time be reduced to 8 minutes?

MOVED: W. Archer AM **Seconded:** Board of Directors to allow Nikki Horton (General Manager Sport Development) to address Council

CARRIED

- N Horton: NNSW has received advice from Netball Australia that ANL competition will be going back to 8 minute half time so we will address this.
- W Archer AM: Alignment of rules (including half time) is for consistency for players that move up and down pathway.
- Sutherland: Can anything been done about lack of warm up space at Netball Central?
 - W. Archer AM: Two courts are available for warmup, courts 4 and 5.

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- Sutherland: Competitions Manager has departed, whom do we now contact at NNSW?
 - CEO: Competition Manager has resigned but not yet departed. Assured Council that when staff leaves, there is no gap in communication between former and new staff, emails forward to new staff member.
- Sutherland: Why do we have to use hand written Metro League score sheets?
 - R. Havrlant: Score sheet for Metro League is not compatible with My Netball. Old score sheet will come out with players name in alphabetical order - just transcribe it. Part of the pathway to upskill bench officials, making it nice and simple.
- Liverpool: Are we making things more difficult by using My Netball?
 - W Archer: Agree about My Netball frustrations, addressing it as best we can.
- Eastwood/Ryde: New markings on showcourt now includes post holes for volleyball, can they be amended to prevent slipping?
 - M. Anderson (General Manager - Corporate Services) Volleyball line markings are temporary; post holes' stainless steel inner cylinder will be replaced with wood within next few weeks which will ease slipping issue.
- Liverpool: What if someone turns an ankle before timber inserts are fixed? We have a duty of care to fix quickly.
 - M Anderson: Allphones/ANZ Stadium have far more holes on court. Netball Central's Venue Manager (formerly with State Sports Centre for 15 years) noted that there had been no problems in State Sport Centre over that 15 years.
- Manly: Why has every Association been asked to provide countdown timers for bench officials for Metro League? Shouldn't NNSW have supplied countdown timers?
MOVED: W. Archer AM Secoded: Board of Directors to allow Dianne Brown (Volunteer Workforce Manager) to address Council **CARRIED**
 - D. Brown: Associations to buy countdown timers to assist bench officials development by managing their own equipment
 - R. Havrlant: Countdown timers are a Netball Australia requirement, not instigated from NNSW.
- Randwick: Where are the countdown timers that have already been ordered?
 - D. Brown: They are here at Netball Central, being distributed, can be picked up on first day/evening of competition from reception.
- Penrith: Seeking guidelines of what can or cannot be done on Premier League courtside signage.
- CEO: Tristan Prosser-Shaw will respond directly to you on Monday.
- City of Sydney: Competitions Manager has departed, whom do we now contact at NNSW?
 - CEO: Competition Manager has resigned but not yet departed. Assured Council that when staff leaves, there is no gap in communication between former and new staff, emails forward to new staff member.
- Newcastle: What mechanisms are in place to authenticate identity of players in relation to what appears on score sheet? Last year people were playing under other people's names.
 - CEO: Will take question on notice, very interesting to hear about this.
- Orange: Any progress since last Council meeting on membership card?
- **MOVED: W. Archer AM Secoded:** Board of Directors to allow Megan Simpson (General Manager Strategy & Governance) to address Council **CARRIED**
 - M. Simpson: Membership card is progressing, some issues needing to be worked out with supplier.

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- Shoalhaven: Congratulations to N. Breust for very successful Shoalhaven Schools Cup – a great day promoting the sport
- President extended good wishes to all Associations for the 2016 season.

President declared meeting closed at 11.42am.