

# 2015 Netball NSW Extra Ordinary Council Minutes



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## NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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HELD ON SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2015  
AT NETBALL CENTRAL, SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

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Present:

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

Delegates:

K. McMahon (Armidale)	J. Gates (Armidale)
V. Riseham (Bankstown)	W. Chesterton (Bankstown)
M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)	L. Cunico (Baulkham Hills)
S. Marks (Blacktown)	K. Booth (Blacktown)
J. Walker (Blue Mountains)	J. O'Donnell (Blue Mountains)
M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
A. Stewart (Campbelltown)	D. Pascoe (Charlestown)
G. Geyer (Charlestown)	S. Simpson (City of Sydney)
S. Dawes (City of Sydney)	S. Rumbel (Dungog)
J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)	D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)
C. Baiton (Fairfield)	J. Occhiuto (Fairfield)
S. Gribble (Gosford)	J. Myers (Gosford)
J. Webster (Grafton)	J. Small (Gunnedah)
T. Sutcliffe (Gunnedah)	K. Austin (Hastings Valley)
T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)	V. Bertenshaw (Hawkesbury)
L. Burgess OAM (Hills)	J. Thompson (Hills)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	L. Blackmore (Inner West)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	A. Margalit (Ku-Ring-Gai)
N. Hermann (Ku-Ring-Gai)	G. Mayers (Lakeside)
B. Dew (Lismore)	E. Lawler (Liverpool)
K. Whiteley (Liverpool)	K. Lambley (Macleay)
S. Way (Macleay)	H. Dean (Manly Warringah)
M. Hauser (Manly Warringah)	C. Young (Mt Druitt)
L. Wilcox (Nelson Bay)	G. Urquhart (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)	F. Monaghan (Newcastle)
J. Gage (Northern Suburbs)	M. Paterson (Northern Suburbs)
P. Wilson (Orange)	S. Wilson (Orange)
L. Welfare (Parramatta Auburn)	K. Higgins (Parramatta Auburn)
J. Gillett OAM (Penrith)	J. Ebelt (Penrith)
J. Cassar (Port Stephens)	M. Kelly (Randwick)
F. Reynolds (Randwick)	K. Rembisz (Shoalhaven)
W. Klein (Shoalhaven)	M. Caddies (Singleton)
L. Mina (St George)	H. Andrews (St George)
M. Bettini (Sutherland)	J. McLachlan (Sutherland)
D. Lockwood (Tamworth)	K. Sweeney (Tamworth)
I. Smith (Taree)	J. Kennewell (Taree)

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M. Allen (Westlakes)  
M. McRae (Woy Woy)  
F. Passmore (Wyong)

M. Chilvers (Westlakes)  
M. Thoms (Woy Woy)

Life Members: L. Quinn OAM  
A. Doring OAM

M. Corbett OAM  
N. Matthews OAM

Observers: J. Kavanagh  
M. Neale  
A. Hobbs

J. Sozou  
M. Latham  
J. Jamieson

Returning Officer: M. Anderson

President declared the meeting open at 9.06am and welcomed delegates.

## a. Apologies:

Camden  
T. Connell (Dubbo)  
L. Holmes (Illawarra)  
C. Doughty (Sapphire Coast)  
R. Butler (Ulladulla)  
R. Barton (Woolgoolga)  
J. Drakos (Board of Directors)  
K. Fullagar (Life Member)

E. O'Loughlin (Cootamundra)  
D. Harrison (Goulburn)  
S. Gardiner (Parramatta)  
D. Sneddon (Singleton)  
S. Thorpe (Woolgoolga)  
C. Miles (Wyong)  
A. Sargeant OAM (Life Member)  
M. Boyle OAM (Life Member)

**MOVED:** Grafton **Seconded:** Charlestown that apologies be accepted

**CARRIED**

## b. Notices of Motion – proposed changes to Netball NSW Constitution

### 1. **MOVED:** Penrith **Seconded:** Blacktown that Clause 3.1 – Object of the Company be amended as follows:

#### 3 Company's Objects and powers

##### 3.1 Objects of the Company

- (o) To review and adopt rules pertaining to the conduct of State and State Age eChampionships and competitions organised and conducted by Netball NSW, including procedures relating to the grading of entries received by the closing date of such competitions as annually conducted.

#### Discussion

- Suggested that if this motion was considered and moved in Extra Ordinary Meeting it would preclude discussion of State League in the subsequent Council meeting
- Associations wish to retain capability to comment on competition rules, not just State Age and State League.
- NNSW need to be able to run the business, integrating feedback from Associations

- Lynn Quinn OAM (Life Member): Noted that if this motion was considered and moved now it would preclude discussion of State League in the Council meeting later today. Believes that State League should be retained.
  - W. Archer AM (President): State League could still be discussed in general business.
- St George: State League should be retained.
  - W. Archer AM: After heavy consultation there has been little feedback about Regional State League.
- Sutherland: proposed to change wording to (o) To review and adopt rules pertaining to conduct of competitions”
  - W. Archer AM: Netball Central needs to run profitably, it may be possible that other competitions will run at Netball Central and it would delay competition commencement if all competitions had to be passed by Council.
- Newcastle: State League Region 2-8 should be included. If Board wants to introduce another competition, there should be another clause added.
- W. Archer AM: Becomes unwieldy
- Manly: Associations have very limited say in netball nowadays, and would like to retain capability to comment on rules, not just State Age and Regional State League. Associations have no say in fee-setting etc.
- W. Archer AM: Point taken. Board has worked hard to consult with stakeholders, particularly at Presidents Forum, to gauge how things are felt out in the Associations. Board is also mindful of feedback received about the need to streamline Council meeting. Feedback is integral to the NNSW organisation and operational staff need to be able to conduct the business accordingly.
- Northern Suburbs: Flavour of discussion today is that Associations wish to have input into competition rules.
- W. Archer AM: There has been heavy consultation; that is no problem, this is your organisation, Board is listening.

### Foreshadowed motion

L. Quinn OAM (Life member) foreshadowed motion: that Motions 1 and 3 of Extraordinary Council meeting be deferred to later today, after discussion of State League in today's Council meeting.

**MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) **Seconded:** Manly that Motion 1 of the Extra Ordinary meeting of 14 November 2015, pertaining to amendment of Clause 3.1 – Object of the Company, be deferred until after discussion on State League in the Council meeting to be held on the same day.

**CARRIED**

2. **MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Northern Suburbs that Clause 14.8 – Nominations equal vacancies or insufficient nominations be amended as follows:

#### 14.8 Nominations equal vacancies or insufficient nominations

If the number of nominations received for the Board is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled or if there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Board, then those nominated shall only be elected if they are elected by a majority of votes caste by the Delegates in a postal vote in accordance with Clause 14.7 (c).

**CARRIED (F:88 A:0) (VP 88)**

**MOVED:** Newcastle **Seconded:** Northern Suburbs that Motion 3 of the Extra Ordinary meeting of 14 November 2015, pertaining to amendment of Clause 14.14 Proceeding at General Meetings (d) (3), be deferred until after discussion on State League in the Council meeting to be held on the same day.

**CARRIED** (show of hands)

4. **MOVED:** Parramatta **Seconded:** Grafton that Clause 15.2 (c) – Director positions be amended as follows:

**15.2 Director positions**

The Board will consist of:

- (c) ~~Up to two~~ ~~An~~ appointed Directors ~~s~~ ~~appointed~~ in accordance with Clause 15.16;

**CARRIED (F:78 A:10) (VP 88)**

5. **MOVED:** Blacktown **Seconded:** Lismore that Clause 15.16 (b) – Appointment of Appointed Director be amended as follows:

**15.16 Appointment of Appointed Director**

- (a) The Elected Directors may appoint ~~up to two~~ ~~an~~ Appointed Directors ~~s~~.

- (b) ~~An The~~ Appointed Director shall have specific skills in any of commerce, finance, marketing, law or business generally or such other skills which complement the Board composition, but need not have experience in or exposure to Netball. ~~An The Appointed Director may be a Member of the Company, shall become a member of an Association within 30 days of their appointment.~~

**CARRIED (F:73 A:12) (VP 88)**

**Meeting suspended at 9.38am.**

**Meeting reconvened at 12.24pm**

- W. Archer AM (President) noted that Motion 1 had, earlier in the meeting, already been MOVED:** Penrith **Seconded:** Blacktown that Clause 3.1 – Object of the Company be amended as follows:

### 3 Company's Objects and powers

#### 3.2 Objects of the Company

- (o) To review and adopt rules pertaining to the conduct of ~~State and State Age e~~Championships ~~and competitions organised and conducted by Netball NSW, including procedures relating to the grading of entries received by the closing date of such competitions as annually conducted.~~

#### Discussion

W. Archer AM highlighted that netball's landscape has changed significantly in the last 2 – 3 years, more-so for NNSW in last 12 months with Netball Central. Noted the need for flexibility in NNSW' decision making (gave example of State Cup, spoken about at March Council meeting, now unable to use all 3 netball centres within Olympic Park Precinct because venues already booked out). Alluded to implication that the Board is trying to cut members out of the decision making process and stated that the Board is not that stupid. Stated that the responsibility that members give to Board in running this organisation is huge and not taken lightly - Board doesn't always get it right but it always has best intention for members at the forefront of Board discussions. Without Associations there is no NNSW, no pathways for your members and spectators. Sport is no longer what it looked like 5 years ago and that does not always sit easy. Need to remember that if those who came before us had not had the vision to make decisions 10 or 15 years ago, we would not be where we are today; sometimes decisions have to be made to better the sport. If majority decide, then so be it. We all need to keep in mind why we are in netball and that is to nurture and create opportunities for all members.

Tamworth: Commended W. Archer AM's statement and noted that this motion had been foreshadowed at Presidents Forum and that Council elects Board to manage NNSW. Noted efficiency of separating one policy into two or three so that, if one policy is adjusted, amendments are not required in all three.

**Moved:** Tamworth **Seconded:** Blue Mountains that Motion 1, Amendments to Clause 3.1 – Object of the Company, be put to the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Motion1, Amendments to Clause 3.1 – Object of the Company **put.**

**LOST (F:50 A:32) (VP 89)**

**3. MOVED:** the Board of Directors **Seconded:** the Board of Directors that Clause 14.14 – Proceedings at General Meetings be amended as follows:

**14.14 Proceeding at General Meetings**

(d)

- (3) Review the rules for Netball NSW State Championships, State Age Championships, ~~State League Region 1, State League Regions 2–8~~, Night Interdistrict and Carnivals and make such changes as the meeting shall adopt as appropriate for the ensuing year. No further changes will be made to these rules following the conclusion of the November Council meeting each year.

**LOST (F:42 A:40) (VP 89)**

**Comment:**

Tamworth: This clause is now a contradiction as we have already voted to the contrary in Council meeting.

**Meeting closed at 12.39pm.**