

2015 Netball NSW Council Minutes



NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Saturday 21 March 2015
at Netball Central, Sydney Olympic Park

Present:

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

Delegates:

J. Barker (Bankstown)	V. Riseham (Bankstown)
M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)	C. Aird (Baulkham Hills)
S. Marks (Blacktown)	K. Booth (Blacktown)
J. Bazley (Camden)	K. Thomas (Camden)
D. Pascoe (Charlestown)	H. Randall (Charlestown)
J. Occhiuto (City of Sydney)	J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)
D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)	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)	J. Thompson (Hills)
V. Chester (Hills)	D. Elvy (Illawarra)
L. Homes (Illawarra)	T. Beedles (Kiama)
A. Margalit (Ku-Ring-Gai)	J. Perry (Ku-Ring-Gai)
B. Dew (Lismore)	E. Lawler (Liverpool)
K. Whiteley (Liverpool)	H. Dean (Manly Warringah)
M. Hauser (Manly Warringah)	C. Young (Mt Druitt)
L. Wilcox (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)
J. Gillett OAM (Penrith)	J. Sibbald (Penrith)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	F. Reynolds (Randwick)
K. Rembisz (Shoalhaven)	T. Hobden (Shoalhaven)
M. Caddies (Singleton)	L. Mina (St George)
H. Andrews (St George)	M. Bettini (Sutherland)
D. Lockwood (Tamworth)	K. Sweeney (Tamworth)
I. Smith (Taree)	M. Neale (Taree)
M. Allen (Westlakes)	M. Chilvers (Westlakes)
M. McRae (Woy Woy)	M. Thoms (Woy Woy)
C. Miles (Wyong)	J. Addison (Wyong)

Life Members: L. Quinn OAM
N. Matthews OAM

A. Doring OAM

Observers: J. Kennewell

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Returning Officer: M. Anderson

The President declared the meeting open at 10.48 am

(a) Apologies

L. Cunico (Baulkham Hills)	D. Thrift (Blue Mountains)
J. Walker (Blue Mountains)	Cessnock
S. Dawes (City of Sydney)	E. Brown (Cobar)
A. Warren (Cobar)	J. Wiseman (Coffs Harbour)
M. Buckley (Fairfield)	Goulburn
C. Wren (Griffith)	L. Burgess (Hills)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	L. Blackmore (Inner West)
N. Hermann (Ku-Ring-Gai)	A. Murphy (Lithgow)
S. White (Lower Clarence)	J. King (Lower Clarence)
P. Hayman (Macleay)	J. Fullford (Maitland)
B. Bird (Maitland)	V. Coombes (Nambucca Valley)
V. Wassens (Nambucca Valley)	M. Archer (Port Stephens)
D. Jackson (Port Stephens)	Queanbeyan
W. Klein (Shoalhaven)	N. Lowe (Ulladulla)
R. Butler (Ulladulla)	F. Passmore (Wyong)
C. Baiton (Young)	A. Shutt (Nelson Bay)
C. O'Donnell (Bankstown)	K. Fullagar OAM (Life Member)
M. Boyle OAM (Life Member)	A. Sargeant OAM (Life Member)
B. Long OAM (Life Member)	C. Hicks (Randwick)
V. Morris (Sutherland)	M. Corbett OAM (Life Member)

MOVED: Liverpool **Seconded:** Woy Woy that apologies for the Extra Ordinary meeting of Council held earlier today also be accepted for Council meeting.

CARRIED

Announcements W. Archer AM (President)

- Our condolences have been extended to:
 - the family of Mr Steve Nash, President of Bankstown Netball Association
 - the family of Jean Gee, OAM
 - the family of Shirley Fitzgerald, Lakeside/Hunter Academy
 - Maisie Jones, who was a State player in 1938 has also passed away.
- Dot McHugh has been unwell but is now making slow progress.
- Lyn Burgess had surgery this week and is now at home and I understand that Lynn Quinn is about to have surgery so our best wishes have been extended to both ladies.
- One a more positive note, Ali Broadbent was inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions and Annie Sargent OAM has been elevated to Legend status.
- Rebecca Pollard, Nicole Bowles and Rosa Comis have all added to their families, each of them delivering boys.
- I would like to thank Pieta Mamo who for the past few years has been our Returning Officer. As you are probably aware Peita works for Australian Electoral Commission based in Canberra and sadly can no longer fulfil the role for us.
- Inner West is celebrating their 50th birthday today, at their opening day.

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- Maureen Boyle, OAM has been appointed as Chair of the Umpires Appointment Panel for the Netball World Cup.
- Umpires appointed to Netball World Cup are Sharon Kelly, Rachel Ayre and Michelle Phippard.
- Umpires who went to the 21's and Under Nationals – Bronwen Adams, Courtney Harrington
- At the recent NSW Sports Awards Sharon Kelly was named as Official of the Year for 2014, Nikki Horton was named joint winner of the Administrator of the Year category, Jordan Kiss (Gosford) finalist in the Young Official of the Year category and the Marie Little OAM Shield Team were also finalists in the Team of the Year with a disability category. Marie Mackney was acknowledged with a Distinguished Long Service Award.
- We held a very successful Summer Shootout here in early February. This event created a very special opportunity for our coaching community to have a session with all of the ANZ Coaches and the Australian Head Coach – very hard to get all of these well credentialed coaches in the same room at the same time.
- Kim Green has been named as Vice-Captain of the Diamonds.
- Jan Simpson has left Netball NSW after 13+ years with us.
- Our 21's finished a gallant 4th at the recent National Championships.
- The following athletes have been named in the Australian Squad: Maddie Hay, Caitlyn Bryce, Kristina Brice, Tayla Davies, and Kristiana Manu'a.
- Swifts are off to a good start for the season.
- A very special mention of the Honourable Marie Ficarra MLC who is retiring from politics. A strong supporter of netball for a long time, Netball NSW has greatly appreciated Marie's support.
- Netball Central was officially opened in February by the Minister for Sport, the Hon. Stuart Ayres, MP in company with Craig Laundry, MP, Member for Reid.

Announcement: R. Watson

- Also at the recent NSW Sports Awards, Wendy Archer AM was a finalist in the Volunteer Director of the Year category.

(b) Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 1 November 2014

MOVED: Orange **Seconded** Grafton that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 1 November 2014 be accepted

CARRIED

(c) Business arising from the minutes of Council meeting held on Saturday 1 November 2014

Discussion:

- Sutherland: Page 15, My Netball. As a result of complaint lodged by Sutherland about functionality of My Netball, a joint meeting has been scheduled between Netball Australia, Netball NSW and Sutherland. Sutherland requested that any other Associations who have major issues with My Netball to bring those issues to the attention of NNSW to be addressed at the meeting.
 - W. Archer AM: Agreed and requested Associations who have issues with My Netball to notify Mike Anderson in writing of such issues.

(d) Correspondence

Correspondence for the preceding period, both hardcopy and email, was tabled and available for the meeting.

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(e) Business arising from Correspondence

Nil

(f) Applications for Membership

Nil

(g) Notices of Motion

Nil

(h) Reports: Board of Directors

MOVED: Blacktown **Seconded:** Eastwood Ryde for the adoption of the Board of Directors Report

CARRIED

Reports: Finance

Mike Anderson (General Manager – Corporate Services) reviewed the accounts, including February's accounts which had been emailed out last week.

Discussion:

- Sutherland: Why does budget show decrease in capitation fees?
 - M. Anderson (General Manager – Corporate Services): Previously, capitation was aggregated with NetSetGo! (NSG!). NSG! is now a product so has been separately identified. Membership numbers are well up compared to last year.

MOVED: Woy Woy **Seconded:** Charlestown for the adoption of the Finance Report.

CARRIED

Reports: CEO's Operational Report

CEO introduced the NNSW staff present, detailing their roles.

CEO read the following statement:

Netball Central Statement

Netball NSW took practical completion of Netball Central in December 2014.

The project tracked to the total of \$35M within the determined project funding.

In late February, Probuild lodged a number of claims and variations that have been assessed by CPS the project managers.

Netball NSW has submitted a payment schedule to the value of \$Nil in response to these claims.

The ball now sits in Probuild's court.

Netball NSW is working with CPS and Sparke Helmore to ensure we are prepared should these claims go to the next stage which is adjudication.

Netball NSW continues to assess the risk with legal guidance and we are proactive in resolving these matters.

We have substantiated Principle Damages as a result of the cost to Netball NSW of the 9 month delay in the construction and we continue to hold two Bank Guarantees provided by Probuild.

This is provided as information to the Council and further information will provided as it is known.

MOVED: N. Matthews (Life Member) **Seconded:** Kiama for the adoption of the CEO's Report

CARRIED

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(i) Any Other Reports

Appeals Tribunal Report

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

CARRIED

(j) General Business

NNSW 2016 Competition Proposal

W. Archer AM detailed the extensive work conducted by Board and staff since end of competition last year. All feedback has been pulled together and Board strongly recommends changes.

Proposal 1: Removing Opens from State Championship and moving to a stand alone weekend nominally "STATE CUP".

Delegates discussed Proposal 1 at length, including

- Majority view that general rule of team's need to play in 2015 State Championship Open Division to prequalify for 2016's State Cup competition was not desirable.
- Confirmation that Board had considered combining State Cup with Masters and had decided on standalone after consideration of all options and feedback from members.
- Possibility of two divisions, either i) indoor and outdoor run on same weekend or ii) both played indoors on separate weekends or over day/night on same weekend
- Points system (State League's current model) of grading was discussed.
- Concept of two separate state cups was flagged: one metropolitan, one Regional. Proposal not generally supported as considered divisive and difficulty in determining metropolitan/regional status
- Review Process had given strong feedback that no-one was happy with current Championships Division.
- Regional and Inter-Regional State League gives opportunities to participate to prequalify for next year.
- Clarification that indoor court availability on the standalone weekend is restricted to Netball Central, State Sports Centre and Sports Halls. This limits number of teams to 40.
- Discussion on age restriction/age limit for State Cup. Currently Open is 14's up. In regional, they tend to be older girls who like to play in Open. Proposal 1 as presented in the Council papers has no age restriction on it, but consideration could be given to 16 and over, or 18 and over
- Discussion on competition calendar – in 2016 there will be implementation of Premier League, State League timing change for ANZ Championships, Netball Australia's proposal re ANL (likely to change in 2017)

MOVED: N. Matthews (Life Member) **Seconded:** W. Archer AM (Director) for a short recess to enable delegates to discuss Proposal 1.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed at 12.10pm

Meeting reconvened at 12.20pm

MOVED: Northern Suburbs **Seconded:** Blacktown to accept State Cup Proposal 1 in principle (but not accepting the qualifications structure noted in Council Papers)

CARRIED

W. Archer AM noted that the Board and Netball NSW staff will now give further consideration to:

- scheduling,
- age restrictions,
- Two divisions – one indoor, one outdoor performed on same weekend (or run two divisions on different

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weekend all indoor [possibly day/night])

Such paper will be forwarded to Association secretaries and delegates before Presidents Forum, for Associations to discuss at Association level or Presidents bring to Presidents Forum in July for discussion.

Proposal 2 and Proposal 3 Reworking of State Championship.

Delegates discussed these two Proposals together-

- Clarification that team age references should be 15 or under (Council papers mistakenly referenced U15s)
- Many Association preferred to keep 12 – 15 ages together
- Future plans by Netball Australia for inclusion of 15U in national pathway

MOVED: Manly **Seconded:** Taree that State Age Championships age divisions be retained as is (keeping 12 – 15s together) **CARRIED**

Proposal 4 Removing Masters from State Championship and moving to a standalone weekend.

Discussion

- Proposed age groups may be better as Over 35s and Over 40s
- Delegates spoke for and against May schedule.

MOVED: Blacktown **Seconded:** Ku-Ring-Gai for in principle support of Proposal 4 of Council Papers that Masters be run as a standalone competition, with proviso that Age Groups be changed to Over 35s and Over 40s and that the Netball NSW Executive will review proposed scheduling of that competition.

CARRIED (F: 38 A: 20)

General Business Continued

Presentation by Amy Quirk (Netball NSW Community Engagement and Legacy Officer): Legacy program of Netball World Cup 2015

Manly Warringah celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Baulkham Hills is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Tamworth celebrating 50th anniversary this year.

Bankstown: Paid tribute to Steve Nash who was President at Bankstown until his recent death – great umpire, meeting participant and fitness advocate.

President declared meeting closed at 1.18pm and noted that a Strategic Forum Vision 20:20 to be conducted after lunch.