

NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2014
AT THE DOOLEY'S CLUB, JOHN STREET, LIDCOMBE

Present:

Present:

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

Delegates:

J. Gates (Armidale)	K. McMahon (Armidale)
L. Hill (Bankstown)	S. McDonald (Bankstown)
J. Pike (Baulkham Hills)	L. Cunico (Baulkham Hills)
K. Booth (Blacktown)	D. Thrift (Blue Mountains)
J. Walker (Blue Mountains)	M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)
J. Bazley (Camden)	B. Berry (Camden)
S. Connolly (Campbelltown)	A. Stewart (Campbelltown)
G. Geyer (Charlestown)	G. Mayers (Charlestown)
J. Occhiuto (City of Sydney)	J. Wiseman (Coffs Harbour)
C. Wilkinson) Coffs Harbour)	J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)
D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)	J. Webster (Grafton)
J. Small (Gunnedah)	T. Sutcliffe (Gunnedah)
K. Austin (Hastings Valley)	L. Turner (Hawkesbury)
V. Turner (Hawkesbury)	L. Burgess OAM (Hills)
D. Elvy (Illawarra)	L. Szakacs (Illawarra)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	L. Blackmore (Inner West)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	J. Godfrey (Kiama)
A. Margalit (Ku-Ring-Gai)	C. Rollinson (Ku-Ring-Gai)
B. Dew OAM (Lismore)	C. Marsh (Lismore)
E. Lawler (Liverpool)	K. Whiteley (Liverpool)
D. Hodson (Lower Clarence)	E. Hayes (Lower Clarence)
K. Lambley (Macleay)	J. Fullford (Maitland)
B. Bird (Maitland)	H. Dean (Manly Warringah)
M. Hauser (Manly Warringah)	C. O'Donnell (Mt Druitt)
C. Young (Mt Druitt)	G. Urquhart (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)	E. Monaghan (Newcastle)
J. Gage (Northern Suburbs)	T. Field (Northern Suburbs)
P. Wilson (Orange)	S. Wilson (Orange)
L. Welfare (Parramatta Auburn)	T. Mann (Penrith)
J. Ebelt (Penrith)	M. Archer (Port Stephens)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	C. Hicks (Randwick)
K. Rembisz (Shoalhaven)	W. Klein (Shoalhaven)
M. Caddies (Singleton)	L. Mina (St George)
H. Andrews (St George)	M. Bettini (Sutherland)
V. Morris (Sutherland)	D. Lockwood (Tamworth)
K. Sweeney (Tamworth)	L. Bonnett (Taree)
M. Allen (Westlakes)	M. Chilvers (Westlakes)
M. McRae (Woy Woy)	M. Thoms (Woy Woy)
C. Miles (Wyong)	F. Passmore (Wyong)

Life Members: L. Quinn OAM
N. Matthews OAM

A. Doring OAM

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Observers: J. Addison (Wyong) S. Crompton (Lower Clarence)
J. Sozou (Armidale) J. Kavanagh (Armidale)
P. Burt (Westlakes) J. Jamieson (Tamworth)
R. Ausling (Tamworth) M. Paterson (Northern Suburbs)
J. Simpson (Hills)

Returning Officer: P. Mamo

The President declared the meeting open at 11 am

Apologies:

J. Hahn (Director)	C. Feldmanis (Director)
C. McCormack (Director)	M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)
G. Byrne (Campbelltown)	D. Pascoe (Charlestown)
S. Dawes (City of Sydney)	N. Wilson (Coffs Harbour)
K. Thornborough (Coffs Harbour)	M. Latham (Eastwood/Ryde)
B. Iris (Fairfield)	S. Gribble (Gosford)
J. Myers (Gosford)	T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)
V. Bertenshaw (Hawkesbury)	J. Thompson (Hills)
J. Gillett (Penrith)	B. Olsen (Penrith)
J. Sibbald (Penrith)	G. Walker (Penrith)
N. Lowe (Ulladulla)	R. Butler (Ulladulla)
K. Robinson (Ulladulla)	S. Hughes (Ulladulla)
B. Long (Life Member)	M. Corbett (Life Member)
M. Boyle (Life Member)	

(a) Apologies

MOVED: Baulkham Hills **Seconded:** Hawkesbury that apologies for the Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Council also be accepted for Council meeting **CARRIED**

Announcements W. Archer AM (President)

- Sadly, past President and Life Member Audrey Davis OAM, has passed away, our condolences have been extended to her family.
- We have also lost Helen Atzemis who was a hardworking member through her work with grading and bench duties. Our condolences have been extended to her family.
- Carole Sykes, Hall of Fame member, has been seriously ill but I am very pleased to be able to say that she has returned home from hospital and is starting to make some progress with her recovery.
- Mo'onia Gerrard has had a baby boy, Francis; Selina Hornibrook has had her third boy Kobi and our best wishes have been extended to both new mums.
- Bronwen Adams received her AA badge whilst Tara Warner received her IUA umpiring badge.
- Georgia Addy received her National A Umpiring badge.
- Sharon Kelly, Rachael Ayre, Michelle Phippard and Clare McCabe umpired at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
- Sharon Kelly umpired her 100th Test match and was again appointed to the ANZ Championship Grand Final.

- Courtney Harrington, Emma Davey, Hayley Burgess, Bronwen Adams, Tara Warner and Clare McCabe were appointed to ANL pool of umpires.
- Our 17's finished as Runners Up and our 19's finished 5th at National Championships.
- The NSW Waratahs finished fourth in the ANL with the NSW Blues finishing 8th.
- Our Marie Little OAM Shield team finished Runners Up
- NSW Swifts finished 4th.
- Under the Netball Centre of Excellence Specialist Camps held at the AIS the following athletes attended – Kristiana Manu'a, Kristine Brice, Prudence Ellis, Mikayla Upton, Verity Simmons, Maddie Hay and Gabi Simpson.
- Judy Burns and Karen Wilson received their Bench Officials accreditation.
- Helen Andrews, Ruth Havrlant, Samantha Dawes, Yvonne Richardson, Lynn Quinn and Janet Bothwell were appointed Bench Officials across the Sydney and Canberra tests.
- Hayley Burgess and Bronwen Adams attended the Asian Netball Championships.
- Amber Cross, Adele Caesar, Marjorie Parr, Therri Ellison, Gima Crowdy, Megan Anderson, Sonia Mkoloma, Mo'onia Gerrard, Rosemary Clarke and Jennifer Wright all received their Advanced Coaching Accreditation.
- Kristine Brice, Taylah Davies, Kristiana Manu'a and Kimberley Ravaillon were selected into the U21's Australian squad.
- Toni Anderson, Maddie Hay, Tanisha Stanton, Lauren Yager and Billie Gurr were selected into the 19U Australian squad.
- Keira Austin, Prudence Ellis, Kirra Jones, Kristen Kessler, Lauren Moore, Claire O'Brien, Amy Parmenter and Cassandra Radford were selected into the 17U Australian squad.

MOVED: Grafton **Seconded:** Port Stephens for suspension of standing orders.

CARRIED

Presentation: My Netball

Nicholas Goodman – IT Manager, Netball Australia and Peter Macaulay – Director Product Development, Interact Sport

Delegate's questions/comments to the presenters included:

- Multiple delegates expressed high level of dissatisfaction with the software's function and performance.
- Lack of afterhours help desk which is peak time for Netball.
- More man hours and higher IT skills required to input data than previous systems.
- Platform instability/outages during peak times.
- MyNetball app functionality on both Ipad and android.
- Alternate sponsor ads on Association's own site (not necessarily in the info buttons which are below the current generic advertisement).
- Scores input is very laborious in number of keystrokes.
- System always defaults to SL1 in SL, which is laborious if you are always looking at SL8, can this have option to open at last search?
- Online Education currently restricts to single email address. MyNetball portal will enable multiple usernames/passwords utilising the same email address but, if password is reset, all users on that email address will have password reset.
- Provisions for export of data to manual/paper forms, for Associations where internet access is unreliable?

- When inputting registration details there are custom fields but data in those fields cannot be downloaded.

MOVED: Hawkesbury **Seconded:** Grafton for a resumption of standing orders.

CARRIED

- (b) Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 29 March 2014

MOVED: Liverpool **Seconded:** Blue Mountains that the minutes of the Council meeting of 29 March 2014 be accepted.

CARRIED

- (c) Business arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 29 March 2014

Discussion:

- Campbelltown: Camden had requested at last meeting if the Fair Trading presentation could be made available to Associations – has it been distributed?
 - W. Archer (President): Will check. Will distribute (if not already) and apologies if not already sent.

- (d) Notices of Motion

(i) Changes to Rules for Championships & Competitions

The proposed Rule changes below have been put forward in consultation with the Netball NSW Rules Review Panel as well as the Netball NSW Board.

1. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the word District be removed from the entire document.

CARRIED

2. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 4 of the Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

4. An ~~District~~ Association is permitted to have one team only in ~~each a~~ division of State League.

CARRIED

3. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 9 of the Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

9. a.) Where a player's name appears on more than one team entry form the player will be contacted by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading and the player must then immediately nominate the ~~District~~ Association that they will be playing with. The ~~District~~ Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association not nominated by the player will be given 48 hours from the time of advice to replace the player without penalty.

- b.) Where a player's name is removed from a team entry form by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading the Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association will be given 48 hours from the time of advice to replace the player without penalty.

c.) Where a player's name is removed from a team entry form by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading Associations will be given 48 hours to replace the player concerned. Associations will be allowed to move one player up from lower divisions to replace the removed player. Associations will be allowed to nominate one (1) player (per player removed by Netball NSW personnel) who was not on the original entry forms. Grading will then be completed after this time.

CARRIED

4. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 10 of the Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

10. ~~District~~ Associations are permitted to register only one (1) import player into the Waratah Cup Division 1 competition. An import player is defined as a player who is registered in a Tasman Trophy team in the current year or an international (non Australian citizen) player who has played at the international level in an Open competition within the previous calendar year. An import player can only be registered in the Waratah Cup competition.

CARRIED

5. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 17 of the Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

17. Subject to Clauses ~~154~~ and ~~165~~, grading will be based on the seven (7) players with the highest player status. ~~District~~ Associations with teams who retain five (5) players from the previous year will receive a bonus of six (6) grading points which will be added to that team(s) accumulated status points used for the purpose of grading. In this circumstance, five (5) players from the previous year will be included in the teams accumulated status points.

CARRIED

6. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 21 of the Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

21. Where two or more teams have equal status points the grading priority will be determined by which team has the most players from a same team in the previous season. If teams are still equal grading will be determined by the final finishing position of the teams in the previous year. Where two teams have equal status points and played in different divisions in the previous year or did not compete in any division in the previous year the grading priority will be determined by the team that played in the higher division.

NB: For the purpose of Clause ~~219~~, ladder positions will be based on the team that the majority of the current team played in in the previous year, noting that this may not be their current association.

CARRIED

7. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 25 of the Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

25. On completion of final grading all official team entries together with player status will be updated on the Netball NSW player database and maintained by the Netball NSW office. The database is only available to Netball NSW staff, the Grading Panel and the Appeals Tribunal.

CARRIED

8. **MOVED:** Newcastle **Seconded:** Grafton that the proposed amendment 8, changes to Rule 26 of the Grading Procedure – Regional 1 State League, be modified by the removal of the word “subsequent” and substituted with word “consecutive”.

CARRIED

MOVED: L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 26 of the Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

26. The player status details as identified in Rule ~~23~~2 will remain on the Netball NSW website for two consecutive years after the completion of the current competition.

CARRIED

9. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 5 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

5. Each team is to provide up to two (2) approved scorers/timekeepers who have completed the ~~IFNA-INF~~ Bench Officials Workshop according to the draw. ~~District~~ Associations shall provide an approved stopwatch. Where an ~~District~~ Association fails to provide the appropriate number of approved scorers/timekeepers a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed. Netball NSW will remove any person who has not completed the ~~IFNA-INF~~ Bench Officials Workshop from the bench and a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed on the offending ~~District~~ Association.

CARRIED

10. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the following clause be inserted into the Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

7. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 2 forfeits throughout the competition without penalty. On the 3rd occasion the forfeiting team's association will be fined \$500.00. Each subsequent forfeit, the fine will increase by \$100.00. A team who withdraws from the competition after the commencement will be classed as forfeiting each match after this date. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the complete discretion of NNSW

CARRIED

11. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 18 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

198. Players may play up to two (2) matches in any given week subject to the following conditions:

- a) Games must be in alternate time slots if played on the same night
- b) One game must be in the team in which the player is registered
- c) Additional game must be in a higher graded team from the same association as the player is currently registered for

~~A player may participate in a maximum of two matches per week provided that they play either in the team in which they are registered or in teams in higher divisions. At all times the player must play with the District Association with which they are registered. A playing week is deemed to be from Wednesday to Tuesday.~~

CARRIED

12. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 19 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

~~2019.~~ Where a player plays five (5) ~~matches-games~~ in a division higher than that originally graded, on playing her fifth game in the same higher graded team, the player will remain in that higher graded team for the remainder of the ~~season. season and cannot then participate in any other game in any higher graded division for the remainder of the season.~~ Players must have played a minimum of five (5) games in their original team and division to be eligible to play their fifth game in a higher graded team. A player may only be a member of a team in a maximum of two divisions in one season. Once a player becomes a member of the higher graded team, the player may be borrowed by a team in a higher grade than this team, but only a maximum of 4 times.

CARRIED

13. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 1 (i), (ii) of the Grading Procedure for Regions 2 -8 State League/Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

1. The format for the competitions shall be divisional. Up to eight (8) divisions shall be used as required, according to the number of entries received. Teams will be graded into Divisions based on two age classifications.
 - (i) Open Divisions(s) – with a minimum age of ~~1516~~ years as at the 31st December in the year of play. Netball NSW can use discretion in extenuating circumstances.
 - (ii) 17 and Under – for players who have not attained the age of eighteen (18) years as at December 31 in the year of play. With a minimum age of ~~1415~~ years as at the 31st December in the year of play

Discussion:

- Hastings: Why lowering the age, what is thought process?
 - Nathan Walker (Competitions Coordinator): Regional Coordinators put forward this amendment as they didn't have enough 14/15 players to get competition running.
 - L. Quinn OAM: Clarification this only refers to Region 2 – 8, does not refer to metropolitan, this decision is to support regions with smaller numbers.

- Newcastle: Against the age being altered. Each region functions differently – to tie it up so tight will prevent some teams from playing, speak against age being altered. If this change is necessary for some regions, then suggest to add the words “if possible” to the motion.
- Shoalhaven: Concerned about 13 year olds playing with much older players (physical disparity).
- Manly: Concerned on age factor. There was a great deal of discussion when State League put age back to 16.
- Manly: We were given suggestions from Regional Coordinators 2 – 8 so that is the source of change. Panel thought that as we are not those regions we should carefully consider Regional Coordinators recommendations.
 - N Horton (General Manager- Sport Development): Request came from Regional Coordinators so that competitions can run in Regions 2 - 8.
- Port Stephens: There is difficulty for small Associations to field a full team. In promoting our sport in our local region a State League team is a great incentive. Considerable duty of care and common sense is utilised when considering players and teams.

CARRIED

14. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 9 of the Playing Rules for Regions 2 -8 State League and Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

9. Players need to have played two (2) matches with the relevant team, to qualify for finals series in single round (ie. each team plays each other once) competitions. Exemption to this rule will be granted where Associations are able to provide a medical certificate outlining a players reasoning for not meeting this match requirement.

CARRIED

15. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 10 of the Playing Rules for Regions 2 -8 State League and Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

10. If double or more rounds are played (ie. teams play each other twice or more), players must have played at least three (3) games to be eligible for the finals series. Exemption to this rule will be granted where Associations are able to provide a medical certificate outlining a players reasoning for not meeting this match requirement.

CARRIED

16. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 13a of the Playing Rules for Regions 2 -8 State League and Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

34. Umpires
- (a) One non-playing badged umpire for each team entered plus one additional non-playing badged umpire per District Association, per day (ie. an Association entering two (2) teams must supply a minimum of three (3) umpires per day) ~~Each District Association is to provide a National badged umpire or other approved umpire for each team entered per day. Upon request from the Regional Coordinator a District Association may need to supply one umpire per team plus one additional umpire per District/League Association; per day (i.e an Association entering two (2) teams must supply a minimum of three (3) umpires per day).~~

CARRIED

17. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 4 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

4. A maximum ~~of ten (10) teams and a minimum of~~ six (6) teams will be graded in each division of NID. Teams who are unable to be graded into a division will be balloted out.

CARRIED

18. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the following rule be inserted to the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

8. a.) Where a player's name appears on more than one team entry form the player will be contacted by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading and the player must then immediately nominate the Association that they will be playing with. The Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association not nominated by the player will be given 48 hours from the time of advice to replace the player without penalty.
- b.) Where a player's name is removed from a team entry form by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading the Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association will be given 48 hours from the time of advice to replace the player without penalty.
- c.) Associations will be given 48 hours to replace the player concerned. Associations will be allowed to move a single player up from lower divisions to fill this space. Associations will be allowed to nominate one (1) player (per player removed by Netball NSW personnel) who was not on the original entry forms.

CARRIED

19. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the following rule be inserted into the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

5. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 2 forfeits throughout the competition without penalty. On the 3rd occasion the forfeiting team will be fined \$100.00. Each subsequent forfeit the fine will increase by \$100.00. A team who withdraws from the competition after the commencement will be classed as forfeiting each match after this date.

CARRIED

20. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 5 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

65. Players may play up to two (2) matches ~~in~~ any given ~~night-week~~ subject to the following conditions:
- a) Games must be in alternate time slots if played on the same night
- b) One game must be in the team in which the player is registered
- c) Additional game must be in a higher graded team from the same association as the player is currently registered for

CARRIED

21. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 12 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

~~132. Late registrations are to be submitted on the appropriate form by an Association official to Netball NSW prior to the commencement of the match in which they are to play. The player must be a registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.Late registrations are to be submitted on the appropriate form by a District Association official to Netball NSW prior to the commencement of the match in which they are to play.~~

CARRIED

22. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 5 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

~~265. A score sheet having been signed by both captains and umpires and lodged with the relevant official will not be returned to any team for any correction.—No disputes will be entered into regarding score sheets.~~

CARRIED

23. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 9a of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

9. a) For the 12 years age division, the ~~District/League~~ Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation. Where it is not possible to place an ~~District~~ Association in the Division requested the procedures as detailed in Rule ~~98~~ b) will be applied.

CARRIED

24. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 12 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

12. Where a team did not enter in the previous year's State Age, the ~~District~~ Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation but the final grading decision will be made by Netball NSW. The ~~District~~ Association recommendation is to be by written submission detailing the reasons for recommending placement in a particular division. ~~This final decision by Netball NSW is non-appealable.~~

CARRIED

25. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 2 (d) of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

2. Umpires

(d) ~~At the time of lodging team nominations the Association is to provide the appropriate number of qualified umpires for the duration of the competition. This is to be on the lodged on the official form with umpires names and current qualifications.At the time of lodging team nominations the District Association is to certify that they will provide the appropriate number of qualified umpires for the duration of State Age.~~

Fourteen days (14) days prior to the competition, umpires names and current qualification are to be confirmed by all Associations. Where umpire nominations are

~~not confirmed by this date the Association will be fined \$500.00 and must nominate umpires as per Rule 2 (a) within 24 hours of notification of \$500.00 fine. Four weeks (4) weeks prior to State Age, umpires names and current qualification are to be confirmed. Where umpire nominations are not received by this date the District Association will be fined \$500.00 and must nominate umpires as per Rule 2 (a) within 24 hours of notification of \$500.00 fine.~~

~~District~~ Associations, withdrawing umpires after the confirmation date will be fined \$200.00 per umpire withdrawn unless a medical certificate is produced that certifies the umpire's unavailability due to illness or injury or other extenuating circumstances. If an umpire is not replaced with an equivalent badged umpire a further fine of \$200.00 is enforced.

Where an umpire withdraws on the day for other than medical reasons or other extenuating circumstances, or does not show that ~~District~~ Association will incur a fine of \$200.00 per allocation per day.

CARRIED

26. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 3 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

3. General

- (r) If, in the opinion of Netball NSW games are unable to be played due to severe inclement weather or adverse court conditions, each team fixtured to play will be awarded one (1) point. No points will be awarded for teams having the Bye.
~~(w) No venue will be considered to host an event unless all necessary facilities are in place.~~
~~(x) Netball NSW will determine the suitability of venues to host a division of the Championships having regard to the total operational environment as detailed in the Netball NSW State Events Checklist.~~

CARRIED

27. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 26 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

7. Grading shall proceed on the teams final placing from the previous year's State results. Where a team did not enter in the previous year's State, or where an ~~District~~ Association loses its points/placing, the ~~District~~ Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation but the final grading decision will be made by Netball NSW. The ~~District~~ Association recommendation is to be by written submission detailing the reasons for recommendation placement in a particular division. This final decision by Netball NSW is non-appealable.

CARRIED

28. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 2 (d) of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

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- (d) At the time of lodging team nominations the Association is to provide the appropriate number of qualified umpires for the duration of the competition. This is to be on the lodged on the official form with umpires names and current qualifications~~At the time~~

~~of lodging team nominations the District Association is to certify that they will provide the appropriate number of qualified umpires for the duration of the competition.~~

~~Fourteen days (14) days prior to the competition, umpires names and current qualification are to be confirmed by all Associations. Where umpire nominations are not confirmed by this date the Association will be fined \$500.00 and must nominate umpires as per Rule 2 (a) within 24 hours of notification of \$500.00 fine.~~

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Where an umpire withdraws on the day for other than medical reasons or other extenuating circumstances, or does not show that ~~District~~ Association will incur a fine of \$200.00 per allocation per day.

Discussion:

- Port Stephens: What impact will this have on staff with notification of umpires reducing from four to two weeks?
 - Nathan Walker (Competitions Coordinator): Will manage, can still change the name of an umpire up to 14 days prior to competition.
- Hawkesbury: Amendment is self defeating as an Association could put five umpires on then substitute.
 - W. Archer: Has always been the case that replacement umpires must be the same level - if you name a National B then replace them, they must be replaced with a National B.
- Query raised – we receive requests from country Associations to provide an umpire, and these requests come in the day before the 14 day deadline. Causes logistical issue to comply in timeframe.
 - Nathan Walker (Competitions Coordinator): This amendment request has come from Umpires group.

CARRIED

29. MOVED: L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 3 (q) of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

3. General
 - (q) If, in the opinion of Netball NSW games are unable to be completed or played due to severe inclement weather or adverse court conditions, each team fixtured to play will be awarded one (1) point. No points will be awarded for the Bye.

CARRIED

30. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 4 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

4. ~~District~~ Associations should apply the following rules:
 - (a) (i) players must be registered members of Netball NSW. ~~(any player not registered with Netball NSW does not have any insurance cover under the Netball NSW policy.~~
 - (ii) players should wear the registered uniform of their ~~District~~ Association or club
 - (iii) positional patches are to be worn
 - (iv) all umpires should wear white or playing uniform
 - (v) each team should supply a scorer and an umpire, preferably badged

CARRIED

31. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 7 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

7. Age Groups
 - (a) Senior Players shall have reached the age of 18 years at December 31 in the year of play.
 - (b) Junior Players 11 to 17 years of age as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - (c) ~~NettaNetSetGo~~ Players under 11 years of age as at December 31 in the year of play.

Discussion:

- Newcastle: Regarding the ages of these particular groups – often teams use carnivals as a very social activity, is a penalty in place if these age groups are not enforced, or is it just desirable?
 - W. Archer: It is a guideline, and as an Association you would use common sense in applying guidelines.

CARRIED

32. **MOVED:** L. Quinn OAM **Seconded:** J. Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Rule 11 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

11. Forfeits
 - (a) ~~District~~ Associations entering teams that forfeit or withdraw after fixtures have been arranged, may be liable for a fine of up to \$50 per team, such fine shall be paid to the ~~District~~ Association conducting the carnival within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending ~~district association~~ within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival. However, the host ~~District~~ Association will be entitled to charge a \$100 fine on any team which does not appear on the day of the carnival. such fine shall be paid to the Association conducting the carnival within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending association within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival. ~~Notification of such fine to be forwarded to that team's District Association within twenty one (21) days of date of carnival.~~

CARRIED

N. Matthews OAM (Life Member): Expressed thanks to Jane Hauser and Lyn Quinn for their dedicated work on the Rules Panel.

W. Archer: Endorsed these thanks and extended thanks also to other the panel members Debra Hanson, Jen Wright, Nathan Walker, Carol Murphy and Ruth Havlant.

(e) Elections
Nil

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

MOVED: Camden **Seconded:** Grafton that correspondence for the preceding period, both hardcopy and email, be accepted **CARRIED**

(g) Business arising from Correspondence
Nil

(h) Applications for Membership
Nil

(i) **Reports: Board of Directors**

Presentations

NNSW's new logos were introduced by Tristan Prosser-Shaw (General Manager – Commercial & Communications)

Vision 2015 (Strategic Priorities Update) – Janet Bothwell (Director)

Reviewed performance against 2015 Vision's strategic priorities, values, strategic pillars & milestones. Detailed 2014 achievements, venue targets and sponsorship targets, and the need to develop a 2020 plan.

President discussed the Board of Directors report, highlighting the following:

- Netball Central Open Day to be held in 2015 - encourage your members to see the new home of netball in NSW.
- SkyNews NZ inspected Netball Central, was not aired on TV in Australia but is available NNSW website.
- NNSW 2015 membership fees
- Reminded Associations to source policies from website, not from earlier printouts as they could be out of date.
- Venue for 2015 Masters has not yet been announced due to Netball Australia's pending review of competition structures.

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

CARRIED

Reports: Finance

Mike Anderson reviewed the financial reports, highlighting the results and that a number of reporting anomalies and variances have been caused by the move from cash accounting basis to accrual accounting basis. President called for questions/discussion on the Finance Report.

Discussion:

- St George: Why have administration expenses dropped in budget for 2015?
 - M. Anderson (General Manager – Corporate Services): Wages which had formerly been in administration have now been allocated across relevant departments.
- St George: Can actual wages be reported against budget. (by department if necessary)
 - M. Anderson: Year-end figures are usually reported against prior year, not budget. Will take question on notice and take it up with our auditors, KPMG.
 - C. Campbell (CEO): Salaries and wages have never all been included in one account. Salary and wages in administration did not represent total wages of NNSW. Portioning the salaries to relevant work areas gives greater reportability and more transparency.
- Sutherland: Budget – are you changing any ways of reporting from this year to next? Request to put some notes on budget to say what categories have moved and to where.
 - M. Anderson: Yes, changes to reporting such as wages. New venue has necessitated some changes to reporting, not many overall.
- Sutherland: Capitation fees increased by 21%.
 - M. Anderson: change is largely due to reporting changes – now showing gross capitation fee to Netball Australia (previously net capitation fee was shown on balance sheet). Following discussion with auditor we have made this change.
 - CEO: Timeline is difficult at this time of year, to get budget completed, presented to Board and out to Council in time for this meeting.
- Sutherland: Competitions and Events expenses for 2015 increased by about \$70,000, despite having less income – why shortfall?
 - M. Anderson: Conference is large portion of the Competitions and Events expenses, also now the inclusion of wages, inclusion of Stage Age and State Championships.
 - M. Anderson: High Performance also now includes high percentage of wages, but also includes uniforms etc.
- Eastwood/Ryde, Manly, Randwick, Sutherland, Kuringai, Camden and Northern Suburbs: variously noted the need to have fees for State League set soon for their own budgeting purposes, requested estimate and schedule for State League fees and comment on last year's substantial rise to Night InterDistrict fees. Also requested details of parking and entry fees to be charged at Homebush/Netball Central. Disappointed that competitors would also have to pay entry fee. Do players in World Cup pay entry fee to Netball Central?
 - M. Anderson, CEO and W. Archer variously replied:

Unable to put a firm proposal to this meeting today for State League fees and Netball Central entry fees and parking, fully understand the constraints this is placing on Associations' budgeting but don't wish to make an estimate and get it wrong. Working really hard to put our case to SOPA about parking to get the best scenario for everyone – not our intention for a \$25 parking fee. CEO gave commitment to provide details of fees by end of November (with or without parking fees).

Night Inter-District fees went up substantially last year because they had fallen so far behind. Entry fee to Netball Central applies to all – players, officials and spectators, this is the price of a world-class venue. A number of events already have entry fees. Entry fee determination is not

affected by parking fee.

Higher level agreements are in place for Netball World Cup which are venue hire agreements for the groups utilising the courts. Netball Australia would pay the hire fee for World Cup.

- Sutherland: would have expected NNSW to propose an increase in State League as the cost to put a player into State League (about \$80) does not equate to NNSW's cost (about \$150).
 - W. Archer: Comment noted and appreciated. We are well aware of difficulty around fee increases. Also mindful that timing of costs and fees is impacting on Associations but we are seeking the optimal outcome.

MOVED: Tamworth **Seconded:** N. Matthews OAM for the adoption of the Finance Report

CARRIED

MOVED: Tamworth **Seconded:** Baulkham Hills for the suspension of Standing Orders.

CARRIED

Presentations

Let's Play Netball –Rebecca Trbojevich (Communications Manager)

Presented the range of promotional material available including website video downloads, web tiles, posters & flyers being distributed and available as soft copies.

Working with Children – Sonia Gouveia (Association Development/Membership Manager)

Explained the new Working with Children Check process required by law, demonstrated the website and detailed some of the relevant exceptions/exemptions applicable to netball. Detailed the Club's/Association's responsibilities to verify all individuals and keep records. Copy of this presentation available on NNSW website.

MOVED: Bankstown **Seconded:** Macleay for the resumption of Standing Orders.

CARRIED

Reports: CEO's Operational Report

- We would like to commend CEO and staff on comprehensive work in report – it is “absolutely awesome”

MOVED: Mt Druitt **Seconded:** Hawkesbury for the adoption of the CEO's Report

CARRIED

- (j) Any Other Reports
Appeals Report

MOVED: Sutherland **Seconded:** Orange for the adoption of the Appeals Report

CARRIED

- (k) General Business

- Historical Committee update – 40 boxes catalogued and assembled in the Anne Clark Centre. 200 boxes were stored offsite, 90 of which were outside the statute of limitations, but contained significant historical treasures. Thanks to NNSW for preservation training provided.

Call for any members who have, or know of, further historic netball records to get in touch with Historical Committee. Netball Central will give us opportunity to display items dynamically.

- Tamworth: Carnival calendar, please have all age and mixed on 2 August. Not rep carnivals on 25 April. (Nathan Walker to review).
- Camden: Will Bench Officials course be held next year?
 - N. Horton (General Manager – Sport Development) - waiting for Netball Australia advice, confident that Netball Australia will run it, but NNSW can cope with contingency if they don't.
- Newcastle: Page 24 – proposed fees were not covered, needs a separate motion.
 - W. Archer: After calling for discussion on the Finance Report, which included the proposed fees, a motion accepting the Finance Report was passed. Happy to call for a separate motion.

MOVED Newcastle Seconded L. Quinn (Life Member) that the proposed fees for 2015, as detailed in the Finance Report, be accepted.

CARRIED

- Baulkham Hills: next year will be celebrating 40 years
- Inner West: next year celebrating 50 years.
- Hastings: coaching and umpiring education weekend a great success.
- Hastings: 21s Region 7 State League participated in inter-regional competition. Our State League finishes in May, so players were cold, but so much value in learning from inter regional. Thanks to NNSW/Nicole. Congratulations to Newcastle who won the inter-regional competition
- Hastings sent 4 teams and coach to Masters – they had the best time, thank you Shoalhaven Association, thanks also to Gail Eckert, Nathan Walker and Tristan Prosser-Shaw.
- Shoalhaven: thank you all for attending Masters, everyone had a great time.
- Campbelltown: Had visit from Netball Australia and Gemba – who are going around viewing netball complexes in Sydney.
- Port Macquarie: New online course for Umpiring 1.
- Coffs Harbour: have received funding to resurface courts.
- Camden: celebrating 50 years.
- Manly: Has won Australia Post One Netball Community Award for our All Abilities program. Also celebrating 50 years next year
- President extended best wishes to all for Christmas, best wishes also for Janet Bothwell and her fiancé getting married in mid-November.

Meeting closed 2.55pm