

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

Held on Saturday 2 November 2013
at Dooley's Club, John Street, Lidcombe

Present:

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

Delegates:

K. McMahon (Armidale)	J. Gates (Armidale)
L. Hill (Bankstown)	J. Pike (Baulkham Hills)
M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)	K. Booth (Blacktown)
D. Thrift (Blue Mountains)	E. Godkin (Blue Mountains)
M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)	J. Bazley (Camden)
K. Thomas (Camden)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
G. Byrne (Campbelltown)	E. Riley (Cessnock)
D. Pascoe (Charlestown)	M. Harrison (Charlestown)
J. Occhiuto (City of Sydney)	J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)
D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)	P. Fitzpatrick (Gosford)
J. Webster (Grafton)	J. Small (Gunnedah)
D. Cross (Gunnedah)	K. Austin (Hastings Valley)
N. Stokes (Hastings Valley)	T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)
L. Turner (Hawkesbury)	L. Burgess OAM (Hills)
J. Thompson (Hills)	D. Elvy (Illawarra)
L. Szakacs (Illawarra)	K. Halcrow (Inner West)
L. Blackmore (Inner West)	J. Perry (Ku-Ring-Gai)
B. Dew OAM (Lismore)	J. Troy (Lismore)
T. Kane (Lower Clarence)	D. Hobson (Lower Clarence)
K. Lambley (Macleay)	J. Fullford (Maitland)
C. Davies (Maitland)	M. Hauser (Manly Warringah)
H. Dean (Manly Warringah)	C. O'Donnell (Mt DrUITt)
G. Urquhart (Nelson Bay)	L. Wilcox (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)	S. Gardiner (Parramatta Auburn)
J. Gillett OAM (Penrith)	B. Olsen (Penrith)
M. Archer (Port Stephens)	D. Breust (Queanbeyan)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	C. Hicks (Randwick)
W. Klein (Shoalhaven)	K. Rembisz (Shoalhaven)
M. Caddies (Singleton)	H. Andrews (St George)
L. Mina (St George)	M. Bettini (Sutherland)
V. Morris (Sutherland)	D. Lockwood (Tamworth)
K. Sweeny (Tamworth)	L. Bonnett (Taree)
M. Allen (Westlakes)	M. Chilvers (Westlakes)
E. Hamilton (Woy Woy)	M. Thoms (Woy Woy)
F. Passmore (Wyong)	

Life Members: L. Quinn OAM
A. Doring OAM
Y. Richardson
M. Corbett OAM
N. Mathews OAM

Observers: S. White (Lower Clarence) S. Way (Sutherland)

The President declared the meeting open at 10.32 am

(a) **Apologies**

Sam Dawes (City of Sydney)

MOVED Inner West Seconded Camden that apologies accepted for Extraordinary General Meeting also be recorded for Council Meeting, and with the addition of S. Dawes, accepted.

CARRIED

Announcements W. Archer AM (President)

- A number of our Associations have celebrated milestone birthdays this year – Newcastle 60 years, Grafton 40 years, Westlakes 50 years, Fairfield 40 years, Armidale 30 years and Penrith 40 years.
- Margaret Corbett and Audrey Davis both received an Australian Honour – the Order of Australia OAM, in the Queen's birthday lists.
- Paige Hadley made her Australian Diamonds debut against Malawi.
- Kimberlee Green was named as Australian Vice Captain for the Malawi Test Series.
- Sharon Kelly was named Australian Umpire of the year.
- QBE has signed for another 4 years as the Principal Partner with the NSW Swifts which, at the completion of the 4 years, will make them the longest-serving sponsor of an ANZ Team: 10 years.
- The Sydney Swans has also extended its sponsorship of the Swifts by another 3 years.
- Australian 21/U team for the World Youth Cup – Kristina Brice, Paige Hadley, Kimberley Ravallion, Gabi Simpson, Anita Keelan was Assistant Coach.
- Australian 19/U Squad – Kaitlyn Bryce, Taylah Davies, Billie Gurr, Madeline Hay, Claudia Russell, Tanisha Stanton.
- Australian 17/U Squad – Toni Anderson, Charlotte Jasprizza, Georgia Marshall, Elyssa Pierce, Ashley Valeni, Lauren Yager, Maureen Stephenson was Team Manager.
- Our Bench Officials on international games were – Helen Andrews, Lynn Quinn OAM, Sam Dawes, Janet Bothwell was Match Delegate.
- Joanne Macdermid has achieved her High Performance Coaching accreditation.
- Helen George and Jemma Carlton umpired at the World Youth Cup.
- Sharon Kelly and Rachel Ayre umpired the England vs South Africa Test Series.
- Clare McCabe umpired the Silver Ferns/Malawi series in New Zealand.
- Michelle Phippard will umpire the Fiji vs Malawi games in November.
- Helen George and Clare McCabe have been re-endorsed as IUA's.
- Rowena Gibson and Steven Jackson received their national A badges.
- Michelle McNamara and Jason Baker were endorsed as National A badges.

(b) **Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 23 March 2013**

MOVED Camden Seconded Port Stephens that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 March 2013, with the correction noted in the meeting papers for Clause 8 to be corrected to:

“D. Kelly: Men that play netball get a better understanding of the game, making them a better coach or umpire than men that do not play”, be adopted.

CARRIED

(c) **Business arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 23 March 2013**

MOVED Port Stephens Seconded Eastwood Ryde that NSW Men's Netball Association, trading as Men's Netball Association, be accepted as an affiliated association of Netball NSW

CARRIED

(d) Notices of Motion

(i) Changes to Championship & Competition Rules

1. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the name of the document be amended as follows:

GRADING POLICY AND PROCEDURES & RULES FOR STATE LEAGUE (Regions 1-8), STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS STATE AGE, NIGHT INTERDISTRICT AND DISTRICT CARNIVALS ~~COMPETITIONS~~

CARRIED

2. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded by Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 1.11 General Procedures be amended as follows:

11. Where a District/League Association, Region, ACT or AIS withdraws a team from any Netball NSW competition within three (3) weeks of the commencement of the particular competition the offending body will be fined \$500.00. ~~Appeal rights apply.~~

Discussion:

- Westlakes: As Council has resolved to remove term "League Associations", will that change occur throughout the document?
 - W. Archer confirmed that such change would cascade throughout the document as necessary.

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

3. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded by Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 2.2 Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

2. There will be ~~a maximum of 78~~ eight (8) teams ~~able to compete in State League. permitted to compete in Waratah Cup and Division Two. Ten (10) teams will be permitted to compete in the remaining divisions of State League.~~

Discussion on the motion:

- N. Walker (Competitions Coordinator and Chair of Rules Review Committee): Division 2 should be 8 teams – cannot fit 10 teams in season. Players often also play in ANL so 8 teams also allows flexibility with Nationals.
- C. Murphy: Great process in conducting the Rules Review Panel. Board disagrees with concept of 8 teams for Division 2, Board believes 8 teams should compete in Waratah Cup and 10 teams in other divisions. Whilst Board understands issue of quality of teams, it does not believe this is our decision to make. Home Districts do not always offer all standards of competition skill/play. Netball Australia (NA) does not have set dates for ANL, therefore NNSW cannot move its competitions around to suit vague dates. This year four Division 2 players were in ANL. In 2015 we will be in Netball Centre of Excellence and makeup of competitions will change – cannot predict this at this stage.
- M. Corbett OAM (Life Member): Disappointing that we are attempting to vote for only 8 teams in Division 2 as that division is very strongly competed/aspired to. Agree with Board's view
- St George: Why not start season earlier?

MOTION PUT

LOST

4. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 2.3 Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

3. Subject to Rules 2 and 4 the maximum numbers of teams that can be entered in State League by a District Association is ~~unlimited~~ five (5), however, where the number of entries received exceeds ~~76~~ 78 teams, each District will be limited to their four highest graded teams. Where this then reduces the number of entries to less than ~~76~~ 78 the rejected entries will be subject to a ballot to determine which team or teams are accepted to bring the number back to that required by Clause 5.

L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) and Jane Hauser **AMENDED** Motion 4 to change reference from 76 to 78 teams.

MOVED L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 2.3 Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

3. Subject to Rules 2 and 4 the maximum numbers of teams that can be entered in State League by a District Association is ~~unlimited~~ five (5), however, where the number of entries received exceeds ~~76~~ 78 teams, each District will be limited to their four highest graded teams. Where this then reduces the number of entries to less than ~~76~~ 78 the rejected entries will be subject to a ballot to determine which team or teams are accepted to bring the number back to that required by Clause 5.

5. **MOTION WITHDRAWN** by L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) and Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel)

MOVED L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded by Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Motions 6 – 16 be moved as a block.

CARRIED

6. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the following clause be inserted Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League as follows:

14. A team will be defined by having a minimum of five (5) players returning from the previous year.

7. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 2.14 Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

1415. Except in the case of the Waratah Cup, automatic promotion to the next highest division will be determined on the following basis: Grading procedure is to follow the process of: promotion then relegation then team status points.

- a) Only one (1) team per District Association is permitted in any division
- b) The promoted District Association(s) team(s) must retain a minimum of five (5) qualified players from the previous year
- c) The District Association team that won the grand final is automatically promoted (subject to clauses 14a and 14b)
- d) If a District Association team was the Minor Premiers in a division but lost the Grand Final they are automatically promoted (subject to clauses 14a and 14b)

8. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 2.15 Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

~~1516.~~ Except in the case of the lowest division, automatic relegation to the next lowest division will be determined on the following basis:

- a) Only one (1) team per District Association is permitted in any division
 - b) The District Association team that finished last on their respective division after the completion of the competition rounds is automatically relegated irrespective of their player status (subject to clause 15a)
 - c) The District Association team that finished second last in their respective division after the completion of the competition rounds is automatically relegated subject to two (2) teams being automatically promoted from the next lowest division
 - d) Where a District Association team has been relegated and that District also has a team in the Division where the relegated team is to be placed, the District team in that Division is also relegated to the next lower division
9. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 2.17 Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

~~178.~~ Player status points for players are only retained over the previous year. Player status is based on the highest division played in the preceding year (ie. the division in which the player played a minimum of five (5) games in the relevant division). If a player did not play five (5) games in a particular division in the preceding year however played a minimum of five (5) games in total, then the player status will be applied to the lowest division played. Finals games are not included in a player's status.

10. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 2.29 Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League be amended as follows:

~~29. Where Netball NSW rejects an application to late register a player the District or player concerned has the right of appeal to the Appeals Tribunal.~~

11. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 3.2 Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

~~2. Competition matches are to be played as advised by Netball NSW at the November Council Meeting each year and may be subject to alteration during the competition season following appropriate notice by Netball NSW.~~

~~Competition matches are to played as follows:~~

~~ANNE CLARK CENTRE~~

Waratah Cup	Wednesday night
State League Division 2	Tuesday night
State League Division 3	Monday night
State League Division 4	Thursday night
State League Division 5	Saturday
State League Division 6	Saturday
State League Division 7	Saturday

~~State League Division 8~~ ————— ~~Saturday~~

12. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 3.8 Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

8. A maximum of four (4) players may be “late registered” in each team any time from one week before the commencement of the Netball NSW State League competition until the end of the Netball NSW State League competition.

A “late registration” is defined as follows:

- i) Where a player has not been registered in the current competition or has been de-registered and is to be re-registered in the same team in the same division. A late registration fee is payable.
- ii) Where a player transfers from one division to a higher division by virtue of playing five (5) games in the same higher graded team that player is counted as a “late registration” in that higher graded team. To be eligible to move into the higher graded team the player must first have played five (5) games in the team and division they were originally graded into before being eligible to take the court for the fifth time in the higher graded team. In these circumstances no additional fees are payable.

13. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 3.9 Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

9. 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. The player must be a registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.

14. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 3.13 Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

13. A re-registered player is counted as a late registration. ~~and therefore must play a minimum of five (5) games to qualify for finals after the date of the re-registration.~~

15. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 3.24 Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

24. Any team found playing an ineligible player in the final series will be considered to have lost that match in which the ineligible player has taken part and the game will be awarded to the opposing team. Any player found to be ineligible to take part in the final series will not be permitted to take any further part in the final series.

16. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 3.25 Playing Rules for Region 1 State League Competitions be amended as follows:

~~25. — Any player found to be ineligible to take part in the final series will not be permitted to take any further part in the final series.~~

MOTIONS 6 - 16 PUT:

CARRIED

17. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 4.1 Grading Procedure for Regions 2 – 8 State League / Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

1. The Regional Coordinator is responsible for convening a meeting of participating District Associations to decide dates, venues and the format for the ensuing year. The format shall be a minimum of 2 days and a maximum of 4 days plus finals.

CARRIED

18. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 4.2 Grading Procedure for Regions 2 – 8 State League / Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

2. The format for the competitions shall be divisional. ~~-, according to the number of entries received-~~ 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 Division(s) – with a minimum age of 16 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 15 years as at the 31st December in the year of play

Discussion:

- Newcastle: Region 2 is currently working successfully and Newcastle would like the format to remain. If NNSW can use discretion in extenuating circumstances, who in NNSW will make decision, will it be Regional Coordinators?
 - W. Archer: In this context NNSW means Regional Coordinators in consultation with regions of that area. NNSW understands that there are some regions which cannot run 17s, simply run open competition. That sentence gives flexibility for Districts within that region to make decision for that year.

CARRIED

MOVED L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Motions 19 – 25 be moved as a block.

CARRIED

19. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 4.11 Grading Procedure for Regions 2 – 8 State League / Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

- ~~11. Provisional grading of teams will be completed and advised on the Netball NSW website together with all players' names and the team and division in which they have been placed within five (5) working days of the published closing date for entries~~

20. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 4.12 Grading Procedure for Regions 2 – 8 State League / Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

~~1211.~~ Districts have seven (7) days from the date of notification of provisional grading ~~on the website in which~~ to lodge an appeal with the Appeals Tribunal in relation to a grading decision.

21. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the following clause be inserted Grading Procedure for Regions 2 – 8 State League / Inter District Competitions as follows:

12. A maximum of four (4) players may be “late registered” in each team any time from one week before the commencement of the competition until the end of the competition.

22. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 4.13 Grading Procedure for Regions 2 – 8 State League / Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

~~13. On completion of the final grading, all players’ names and the team and division in which they have been placed will be listed on the Netball NSW website for the duration of the competition. De-registrations and late registrations will also be identified on the Netball NSW website throughout the competition by either deletion or addition to the original team list.~~

23. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 4.14 Grading Procedure for Regions 2 – 8 State League / Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

~~1413. A maximum of four (4) players may be “late registered” in each team any time from one week before the commencement of the competition until the end of the competition.~~

A “late registration” is defined as follows:

- (i) Where a player has not been registered in the current competition or has been de-registered and is to be re-registered in the same team in the same grade
- (ii) Where a player transfers from one division to a higher division by virtue of playing three (3) games in the higher graded team that player is counted as a late registration in that higher graded team

24. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 4.15 Grading Procedure for Regions 2 – 8 State League / Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

~~15. Where Netball NSW rejects an application to late register a player the District of player concerned has the right to appeal to the Appeals Tribunal.~~

25. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 5.34 Playing Rules for Regions 2 - 8 State League and Inter District Competitions be amended as follows:

34. Umpires

- (a) 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).

MOTIONS 19 - 25 PUT:

CARRIED

26. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 6.7 Grading Procedure for Region 1 - Night Inter District be amended as follows:

7. Grading is based on 7 players with the highest player status from (i) the immediate preceding State League Region 1 competition or higher or (ii) the immediate preceding State then State Age competition or (iii) the preceding NID

No player status is awarded to any player who did not play at least three (3) games in the previous NID competition or five (5) games in the preceding State League Region 1 competition or participate in the preceding TTNL, ANL, State or State Age competition.

The descending order for player status will be: Region 1 State League or higher (Waratah Cup through to Division 8 and then State, State Age and then Night Inter District.

CARRIED

27. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the following clause be inserted Grading Procedure for Region 1 - Night Inter District as follows:

8. Where two or more teams have equal grading based status of highest 7 players, grading priority will be determined by the next players in the teams with the highest player status.

CARRIED

MOVED L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Motions 28 – 29 be moved as a block.

CARRIED

28. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 7.3 Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3. All matches will be played at a venue and night notified by Netball NSW. at the Anne Clark Centre on Wednesday nights

29. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 7.7 Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

7. At no time is a team permitted to have more than 12 players registered. A maximum of six-four (64) players may be late registered in each team after the commencement of the competition until the end of the NID competition. Where a player moves from one division to another division by virtue of playing three games in the same higher graded team that player is counted as a late registration in that higher graded team.

MOTIONS 28 - 29 PUT:

CARRIED

MOVED L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Motions 30 – 32 be moved as a block.

CARRIED

30. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the following clause be inserted Grading Procedures for State Age Championships as follows:

7. A team will be defined by having a minimum of five (5) players returning from the previous year.

31. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 8.9 Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

910. For all other age Divisions grading will be undertaken having regard to the teams final placing from the previous year's State Age Championship results. A District/League Association may submit a request to have their provisional grading varied from being based on the team's final placing from the previous year's State Age Championship result where it can show, on the balance of probabilities that the team under contest has less than 5 players from the previous year's competition. A Statutory Declaration setting out the grounds of the request is to be submitted at the time of submitting the team entry. A District/League Association cannot appeal a provisional grading on the basis of having less than five (5) players returning from the previous year's competition if a Statutory Declaration and correct team information is not submitted at the time of submitting the team entry, nor can a District/League Association appeal placement in a higher Division when that District/League Association's team has been provisionally graded in a Division based on the placing achieved in the previous year's competition.

32. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 9.3 Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

(v) Up to Four (4) venues are to be used for State Age Championships, with a minimum of 24 courts at any one venue. Where a District/League Association hosts two divisions at the one venue a minimum of 48 courts at that venue is required.

MOTIONS 30 - 32 PUT:

CARRIED

MOVED L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Motions 33 – 34 be moved as a block.

CARRIED

33. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that the following clause be inserted Grading Procedures for State Championships as follows:

6. A team will be defined by having a minimum of five (5) players returning from the previous year.

34. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 10.9 Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

910. For all age groups and where divisions apply grading will be undertaken having regard to the teams final placing from the previous year's **State** Championship results. A District/League Association may submit a request to have their provisional grading varied from being based on the team's final placing from the previous year's **State** Championship result where it can show, on the balance of probabilities that the team under contest has less than 5 players from the previous year's competition. A Statutory Declaration setting out the grounds of the request is to be submitted at the time of submitting the team entry. A District/League Association cannot appeal a provisional grading on the basis of having less than five (5) players returning from the previous year's competition if a Statutory Declaration and correct team information is not submitted at the time of submitting the team entry, nor can a District/League Association appeal placement in a higher Division when that District/League Association's team has been provisionally graded in a Division based on the placing achieved in the previous year's competition.

MOTIONS 33 - 34 PUT:

CARRIED

35. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 11.1 Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

1. State championships (State)
 - a. Are held over the Queen's Birthday weekend.
 - b. Are conducted in six (6) sections:
 - i) Open – no minimum age qualification
 - ii) ~~19-21~~ and Under – for players who have not attained the age of twenty ~~- two~~ (22~~0~~) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - iii) 17 and Under – for players who have not attained the age of eighteen (18) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - iv) Over 35 years – for players who have attained the age of thirty five (35) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - v) Over 40 years – for players who have attained the age of forty (40) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - vi) Over 45 years – for players who have attained the age of forty-five (45) years as at December 31 in the year of play.
 - c. There shall be no finals or joint placing. Placing will be decided on point scores and goal averages will be used, if required to determine final individual placing.

CARRIED

36. **MOVED** L. Quinn OAM (Life Member) Seconded Jane Hauser (on behalf of the Rules Review Panel) that Clause 11.3 Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

~~(u) — 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

N. Walker (Competitions Coordinator and Chair of Rules Review Committee) thanked all panel members for their time and input into the rules, all Associations who provided input into Rules Forum and Associations who attended Forums.

W. Archer thanked Nathan Walker and the Panel, noting that it was a very robust outcome and Associations input has streamlined the process.

Premier League presentation

N. Walker (Competitions Coordinator) gave a brief outline of preliminary concepts for Premier League (“PL”) competition

- Baulkham Hills: Who will be on PL Commission?
 - W. Archer: Board currently looking at membership – makeup will be discussed at November Board meeting and available on PL Information Night in December.
- Sutherland: What will be licence cost?
 - W. Archer: Not yet determined, KPMG is doing business modelling and also looking at how similar competitions are price structured.
- Sutherland: Is it intended to have interaction with other States?
 - W. Archer: Not yet, maybe in the longer term.
- Sutherland: Will franchisee be an Association or an independent body?
 - W. Archer: Don’t yet have definition of a franchise i.e. possibly 2/3 Associations?
- Grafton: Need to consider which competition will have the players - consideration of players in other competitions.
- L. Quinn: As this is a step above State League – would PL be semi-professional?
 - W. Archer: No, would not use that term.
- L. Quinn: Franchise may wish to sponsor a team, then would all players need to be NNSW members?
 - W. Archer: Expectation that all players would be NNSW members, for reasons of insurance and marketing etc.
- L. Quinn: Are we looking at the next commercial step and paying players?
 - W. Archer: Good question, don’t yet have an answer – it is subject to business modelling by KPMG.
- Campbelltown: How many teams will be in PL?
 - W. Archer: Not yet determined
- Sutherland: Will PL be televised?
 - W. Archer: Good idea
- Newcastle: Requested that N. Walker’s presentation be sent out to Associations.
- Manly: Has NNSW reviewed interstate models?
 - W. Archer: Yes, NNSW is selecting the best ideas across all states and NZ.
- Manly: Exciting idea to franchise a group, especially if a couple of good players from one Association could join a franchise with another Association.
- Sutherland: Is this just revenue raising? What is difference between PL Divisions 1& 2 with State League Divisions 1-6 compared with State League Divisions 1-8? How will this raise player levels?
 - W. Archer: Remember when Superleague stripped players out of State League but it did recover. Best players will be creamed out of State League into PL. It will provide opportunities for any player to player at a higher level – important part of High Performance pathways for players, managers, coaches and umpires. Women’s sport needs NNSW to take risks – if we aren’t prepared to take risks we won’t be any better than we are now. Council and Board needs to take this step together to provide opportunities for better athletes, as well as all others.
- M. Corbett OAM (Life Member): PL is a very exciting concept, providing opportunities for top players and U/19s. Best thing we’ve ever brought up to support players.

(e) Elections

No elections at this meeting

(f) Correspondence

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

MOVED the Board of Directors Seconded Camden 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

Discussion:

- Manly – Asked why Masters had been peeled off to be played at Camden? Campbelltown being a good venue, a tragedy to hold Masters at separate venue to State Championships - Player numbers reduce if held over different venues.
 - N. Walker (Competitions Coordinator): Only a couple of Associations may host State Championships due to number of courts required. Average 150 entries over last 6 years, need spare courts for injuries or water or court issues. Insufficient courts at Campbelltown. Indoor courts were quite wet, players wore different shoes on inside courts than outside. We were pushdrying courts and rotating use. Had complaints about pushdrying courts while games being played on adjacent court . 6-10 people working constantly to keep courts safe for play.
- Manly: Sufficient courts available for injury & rain at Campbelltown, propose Campbelltown and move Masters to separate venue only if necessary.
- Port Stephens: Disagree that we are trying to wipe out Masters – just had successful Masters in Newcastle . Executive members don't have opportunity to play on June long weekend as too busy managing junior games.
- Eastwood Ryde strongly advocate that Masters is part of State Championships – Masters to be held with State Championships together, as one event at one venue, wherever possible.
 - W. Archer: a number of issues sit around this advice from our events people: one is the WHS and due diligence words that we now have to apply to all activities. NNSW events staff are saying strongly that they believe it needs to be separated for a number of reasons. Yes, currently Campbelltown will cope, but what if courts are unavailable? Grossly unfair to expect one Association to host every year.
- L. Quinn OAM (Life Member): NNSW already made decision that Campbelltown is able to support two Divisions in State Age which is 160 teams. Anomaly that Campbelltown cannot support 160 teams in State Championships.
- Sutherland: Unfair on Camden to name them as co-host then take it away 8 weeks out from start of competition– lots of preparatory work already done.
- Camden: Unfair to put 6 weeks notice on an Association whether they will be required or not – long lead time for some of the logistical issues, such as dealing with local council.
- Port Stephens : Have just moved to change to U/21s which will increase number of players. Not comfortable about voting against the WHS advice by the NNSW professionals who deal with operational issues every year.

MOVED Manly Seconded Eastwood/Ryde that State Championships, including Masters Division, up to a maximum of 155 teams be played at Campbelltown. If more than 155 teams nominate then venue be split over Campbelltown and Camden.

MOTION AMENDED to 150 teams:

MOVED Manly Seconded Eastwood Ryde that State Championships, including Masters Division up to a maximum of 150 teams be played at Campbelltown. If more than 150 teams nominate then venue be split over Campbelltown and Camden.

MOTION LOST (F:26, A:51)

Meeting adjourned at 12:42pm
Reconvened at 1.19pm

Vision 2015: Presentation by J. Bothwell on progress of strategic priorities of Board and NNSW , including update by the CEO on Netball Centre of Excellence.

MOVED Charlestown Seconded Eastwood Ryde to set aside standing orders to allow presentation by Sparke Helmore, Roland Hassall, to discuss member compliance and governance.

CARRIED

Governance:

Roland Hassall of Sparke Helmore Lawyers addressed the meeting about governance and responsibilities of Associations and members. Minister for Fair Trading recently indicated that a Discussion Paper to be released on governance for associations in NSW. This is significant as it increases scrutiny on Associations to comply with their own Constitutions and Member Protection Policies.

How important it is for District Associations to ensure their own constitutions and governance and NNSW constitution and governance? Penalties for non compliance can be many hundreds of thousands of dollars or jail terms. Likewise under the Fair Work Act, companies can be fined up to \$50,000 or individuals fined up to \$11,000 for non-compliance with OHS and employment conditions.

Main issues on governance within Associations are compliance matters: including audited financial statement within reasonable time after end of financial year; Registration requirements are contained in NNSW policies outlining certain conditions and non compliance with rules cannot be excused, i.e. a player playing in June and not registered until September would not be covered under NNSW insurance. There has been some review of the NNSW Constitution template for Associations in recent times but it is necessary to ensure that your constitution needs to be in good shape and works for you. In terms of matters that refer back to NNSW you need to ensure you are operating within your own constitution.

MOVED Charlestown Seconded Eastwood Ryde to resume standing orders.

CARRIED

Proposed Membership fees for 2014

MOVED Ku-rin-gai Seconded Sutherland that the membership fees structure for 2014, as presented in the Council papers, be accepted

Discussion:

- Northern Suburbs: Given that all junior players will be registered in NSG! would NNSW distribute unused equipment (such as player pack items) to disadvantaged communities?
 - W. Archer: Will take that question on advisement: NNSW staff to review logistics of distribution.

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

Proposed Competition fees for 2014

State League, Region 1

MOVED Hawkesbury Seconded Sutherland that the State League Region 1 fees for 2014, as presented in the Council papers, be accepted

MOTION PUT

CARRIED

Proposed Competition fees for 2014

Night Inter-District

MOVED Shoalhaven Seconded Woy Woy that the Night Inter-District fees for 2014, as presented in the Council papers, be accepted

Discussion:

- Bankstown: increase from \$40 to \$80 is not sustainable. 14 or 15 year olds have trouble paying \$88 incl GST. Although fee unchanged since 2008, better to have incremental increase each year.
 - WA: NID in 2014 will be played in Netball Centre of Excellence, so much better deal for them as individuals and teams.
- Sutherland: Compared with fee for State League, fee for NID is too high
 - WA: State League in 2014 will be at Anne Clark Centre: NID will be at Centre of Excellence.
- Manly: Indoor play does not justify a premium, also impact of parking fees at Olympic Park
 - WA: SOPA has policy on parking- majority of us will have to pay for parking, Board will be paying like everyone else. Completion fee is \$8/game which is less than comparable sports.
- L. Quinn OAM (Life Member): NID will only be playing 1 night, not 3 nights, therefore it will have to operate over 3 nights – that burden should not be put back on the players.
 - CEO: Business modelling is being conducted and the indicated competition fee rather than a player weekly entry fee is the preferred position. Centre of Excellence will be a first class facility with no washouts. Needs to be commercially viable or NNSW will not exist in 5 years time.
- Eastwood Ryde – parking fees increase the overall cost to players. 100% increase of competition fee is too much.
- Northern Suburbs: In view of NID fees increase in 2014 and expected increase to State League fees in 2015, perhaps we should increase State League fees now, to minimise the jump in fee in 2015.
 - CEO: not one of our competitions runs as a single business unit, fees are a token gesture towards the cost, other sports pay \$750/team for 3 day competition. We are putting a business plan together and NID will be the first one to be played in Netball Central
- Manly: Need incremental fees increase. Combined with parking costs, we might find that we are pricing ourselves out of the game. Associations have to pass costs onto the players. Business modelling will be very useful to plan for future. Recommend NID fees for 2014 be \$60 (excl GST).
- Shoalhaven – what is contingency if building is not finished?
- WA: would not be able to revert to previous price as Council appears to want incremental increase.
- Tamworth: Has two successful night competitions which are not interdistrict. Now have 28 teams, \$450/team, Thursday night competition is \$350/team. Can understand Council's reticence to accept 100% increase but this is what we use.

MOTION AMENDED

MOVED Sutherland Seconded Eastwood Ryde that the motion be amended that the Night Inter-District fees for 2014 be \$60 (excl GST)

AMENDMENT MOTION PUT

CARRIED

MOVED Shoalhaven Seconded Woy Woy that the Night Inter-District fees for 2014 be \$60 (excl GST)

CARRIED

State and State Age Championships

MOVED Northern Suburbs Seconded Grafton that the State and State Age Championships fees for 2014, as presented in the Council papers, be accepted

CARRIED

Regional State League Fees

MOVED Shoalhaven Seconded Camden that the Regional State League fees for 2014, as presented in the Council papers, be accepted

CARRIED

MOVED Campbelltown Seconded Inner West for the adoption of the Board report

CARRIED

Reports (continued): Finance Report

P. Ryan answered questions from the Council, including question on Finance Department and Corporate Expenditure compared to budget (it includes depreciation, audit, bank fees, provision for writedown of assets pertaining to move from Anne Clark to Centre of Excellence)

MOVED Cessnock Seconded Blue Mountains for the adoption of the Finance Report

CARRIED

Reports (continued): 2014 Budget

P. Ryan briefly reviewed the budget and answered question from the Council about professional fees (it is predominantly legal and consulting expenses such as the KPMG type business modelling study)

MOVED Charlestown Seconded Singleton for the adoption of the 2014 Budget

CARRIED

Reports (continued): CEO's Operational Report

CEO introduced new format which utilises Plans@Work software which allows all staff to upload areas of performance and monitor completion. Very effective performance management tool which has been used by the Board all year.

Council requested an explanation of reference numbers and in future a legend of acronyms

MOVED Camden Seconded Charlestown for the adoption of the CEO's Operational Report

CARRIED

(j) Any Other Reports: Appeals Tribunal

- Clarence: In respect to Appeal 3 of State Championships there appears to be typographical error: Maitland Netball Association appealed to be regraded from 17 Years Championship Division to 17 Years Division 3 (not 2 as in Council papers).
 - R. Watson: Agree that there is a typographical error.

MOVED Grafton Seconded N. Matthews (Life Member) for the adoption of the Appeals Tribunal Report, with correction in respect to Appeal 3 of State Championships there appears to be typographical error: Maitland Netball Association appealed to be regraded from 17 Years Championship Division to 17 Years Division 3

CARRIED

(j) Any Other Reports (continued): Historical Committee Report

- L. Burgess: Members of the Historical Committee have been working up to 8 hours every week over the last 6 months at NNSW sites, at the request of the Board, and have audited all NNSW collection and archives. Have received additional memorabilia but are seeking additional sources of netball memorabilia. Hopefully at Centre of Excellence there will be chance to display some of the items.
 - W. Archer: Commended the Historical Committee for its untiring efforts and hard work. Gaps in NNSW history have been identified and NNSW would be delighted to receive snippets of history that we can record. Requested all Associations to put out requests for historical information.

MOVED Port Stephens Seconded Singleton for the adoption of the Historical Committee Report
CARRIED

(k) **General Business**

- Shoalhaven: Thanked NNSW for sending out information about the Department of Primary Industries Hidden Treasures Honour Roll. Bev Thorpe was nominated.
- Port Stephens: Thanks for running Masters in Newcastle, the competition and social function was outstanding. Special thanks to Nathan, Gail, Kath, Jan and Heidi
- Maitland NNSW AGM of 29 March 2014 is week 1 of comp – does this affect other Associations?
 - W. Archer: regret that compliance requires us to keep to that date.
- Kath Tetley: Reminded Associations of the Annual Conference Feb 2014, handouts available.
- Kath Tetley: Noted that NNSW members can buy State Age zone seating tickets earlier than last year
- Shoalhaven: Where will social Masters be held next year?
 - W. Archer - on calendar, 18/19 October in Shoalhaven.
- Ku-rin-gai : Thanked Board, CEO and staff for incredible professionalism and hard work to make our day to day work much easier.

W. Archer noted the Annual Dinner tonight as an acknowledgement of 2013 season, also marking the passing of the Anne Clark Centre era and all that that has meant to our sport.

Thanked Council for strong discussion today, good participation as it is important that Board hears what members think. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Meeting closed 2.44pm