

## NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the **Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 28 August 2007 at Dooleys Club, John Street, Lidcombe.

### **Present:**

**Directors:** M. Murphy, R. Watson, J. Hahn, J. Troy, L. Quinn, R. Havrlent, K. Tetley (Acting General Manager)

**Delegates:**

M. Leonard (Bankstown)	S. McLeod (Bankstown)
C. Aird (Baulkham Hills)	C. Murphy (Baulkham Hills)
E. Godkin (Blue Mountains)	E. Konza (Blue Mountains)
M. Burke (Brunswick-Byron)	R. Bracken (Camden)
J. Halcrow (Campbelltown)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
D. Pascoe (Charlestown)	D. Cowburn (Charlestown)
S. Dawes (City of Sydney)	H. Atzemis (City of Sydney)
C. Mulvey (Fairfield)	J. Brook (Gosford)
J. Webster (Grafton)	K. Pettet (Hawkesbury)
K. Regan (Hawkesbury)	L. Burgess (Hills)
V. Curren (Illawarra)	C. Lear (Illawarra)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	G. Corderoy (Kuring-gai)
S. Fitzgerald (Lakeside)	M. McGrath (Lakeside)
H. Herbert (Lismore)	B. Bird (Maitland)
L. Taylor (Maitland)	H. Dean (Manly)
C. O'Donnell (Mt. Druiett)	A. Saunders (Newcastle)
G. Urquhart (Newcastle)	L. Welfare (Parramatta Auburn)
B. Olsen (Penrith)	J. Gillette (Penrith)
L. Morgan (Quirindi)	C. Hicks (Randwick)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	S. Mitchell (Shoalhaven)
M. Caddies (Singleton)	H. Andrews (St. George)
T. Willetts (St. George)	V. Morris (Sutherland)
S. Way (Sutherland)	C. Baiton (Young)

**Life Members:** M. Dunn OAM  
M. Melhuish OAM  
N. Kenny OAM

**Observers:** J. Peare (Hawkesbury)  
E. Monaghan (Newcastle)  
B. Dew (Manly)

**Staff Members:** A. Smith (Corporate Services Manager)

**Returning Officer:** Les Turner

**The Vice President declared the meeting open at 6.55pm**

**Apologies:** W. Archer (President)                      Woy Woy N.A.

Wollondilly N.A.	Liverpool N.A.
B. Mann (Hills)	K. Fullagher (Life Member)
N. Matthews (Life Member)	J. Marscham (Eastwood Ryde)
Blacktown N.A.	P. Hayman (Sutherland)
M. Holmes (Shoalhaven)	H. Eadie (Gosford)
M. Corbett (Life Member)	D. James (Mt. Druitt)
L. Bowne (Lakeside)	B. Pope (Kuring-gai)

**MOVED** Grafton seconded Sutherland that apologies be accepted  
**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2007 – as distributed**

### **CORRECTIONS**

- M. Melhuish (Life Member) - page 5 – Presentation re Falls Prevention Program – would like summary of presentation/program to be included in minutes –

*NNSW has accepted a proposal to enter into a partnership with the NSW Dept of Health to promote a leadership program among netball players and ex-players in order to increase the size and spread of instructors for aged mobility programs in the community. NSW Health will provide wages and costs for promotional materials, events and travel for a position within Netball NSW to deliver a program of fitness type activities to strengthen and increase mobility in the elderly. Initially NSW health will provide this funding for one year and based on agreed outcomes, if successful, a further two year agreement will be entered into. This is a terrific initiative for NNSW and it is envisaged this partnership, as a major health initiative, will involve substantial media recognition whilst providing a real service to the community. John Bruning, Game Development Manager is heading this program for us.*

- St. George (H. Andrews ) – was present at meeting but name does not appear under attendees – attendance sheet to be checked - noted
- Attendees list – corrections to spelling of names – Pettet, Urquhart, D. James

**MOVED** M. Melhuish (Life Member) seconded Sutherland that the minutes, with the above corrections and additions, of the Council meeting held on 29 May 2007 be accepted  
**CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2007**

- M. Melhuish – page 11 – is there any update on Tasman Trophy competition?

- R. Watson (Vice President) –refer to Board report
- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – page 13 – from the Technical services Report can now report that in answer to the question from Sapphire Coast that there have been 17 level 1 coaching courses held with 282 participants and 53 OTC courses with 1,255 participants
- Newcastle – Falls Prevention Program – is there an update on implementation?
  - K. Tetley (Acting General Manager) – Christina Rollo has been appointed to the position of program co-ordinator working with NSW Health, Marilyn Melhuish is also a member of the Strategic Committee. Currently working with Fitness Australia to put a structure in place.
- Newcastle – page 15 – Is there any update on rule books?
  - R. Watson (Vice President) – as previously advised no more books are being printed
    - Newcastle – what is the timeline for any rule changes to be accepted?
      - R. Watson (Vice President) – The Rule Review Committee will put any recommendations to IFNA but no decision will be made at least before the next World Championships in November

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – daily correspondence lists from 26 May 2007 to 20 August 2007 – tabled
- Newcastle – have a letter which would like to read concerning State Age
  - Correspondence read re announcing of 15 years Talent ID squad at State Age – disappointing this now not being done
    - Noted

**MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Charlestown that correspondence be accepted **CARRIED**

## **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- Nil received

## **REPORTS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT – as distributed – M. Murphy (Director State Administration)**

- M. Melhuish (Life Member) – update on Tasman Trophy?
  - R. Watson (Vice President) – at this stage have nothing further to add other than what is reported
  - N. Kenny (Life Member) – what is the proposed structure is any for underpinning programs?
    - R. Watson (Vice President) – certainly working to put in place underpinning structure
    - N. Kenny (Life Member) – what is position with Jaegers coach?
      - M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – at this time still working to complete some pre-planned coaching clinics however, following that, the position will be redundant.
  
- R. Watson (Vice President) – presentation on behalf of the Board regarding the strategic direction of the Board and the Board's decision to recommend to Council that the structure be changed to a non-portfolio structure
  - Baulkham Hills – why is the Board recommending this change?
  - R. Watson (Vice President) – the Board believes its role is now that of a more strategic position supported by the operation staff - *presentation to be distributed with minutes including complete overview of structure and reasons for change.*
  
- R. Watson (Vice President) – just as further information regarding the development of underpinning programs with the introduction of the Tasman Trophy, NSW will be supporting two teams in an ANL competition. The Waratah Cup will become our premier state competition, however neither Storm or Jays will be involved and will effectively cease to exist. These players will return to their Districts and compete in the Waratah Cup, vying for selection into the ANL teams. The NSWIS status is being reviewed. Waratah Cup will still be a 10 team competition with players selected receiving extra training during the season leading up to ANL final team selection
  - Grafton – with the ANL running from August to October, is that the demise of the 21's nationals?
    - R. Watson (Vice President) – no; the MO's have accepted a staggered format whereby 17, 19 & 21's all play together in April each year, hopefully commencing in 2008
    - Campbelltown – what impact on the timing of State League from ANL?
      - L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – may impact in that Waratah Cup may have to commence earlier, closer to early March to ensure completed prior to ANL commencing
      - St. George – who else is competing in ANL?
        - R. Watson (Vice President) – all State and Territories with possible exception of WA

- Young – is Waratah Cup starting earlier does that mean all divisions will start earlier?
  - L. Quinn – calendar has not been finalised as yet but will present to November Council meeting
  - R. Watson (Vice President) – additionally, ANL will be played on weekends, and not every week end at that
  - Newcastle – what is the cost of 2 ANL teams and Tasman Trophy – can we afford it?
    - J. Hahn (Director Finance) – Board is currently planning to accommodate the 2 ANL teams and Tasman trophy team within current budget allocations for 2 CBT teams. Budget process well under way and Board will ensure budget conditions
    - Young – can we expect a substantial increase in fees to support Tasman trophy and ANL?
      - J. Hahn (Director Finance) – proposed fee increase will be published in September – not anticipating a substantial increase – at this stage envisage \$2 increase.
      - Lismore – where will NAL games be played?
      - R. Watson (Vice President) – as this will be a budget competition, games will be played at ACC and possibly regional centres
      - Maitland – will there be games in the Hunter?
      - R. Watson (Vice President) – Yes – our intention where possible is to hold game sin regional centres based on costings and venue availability

**MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Grafton that the Board of Directors report be accepted **CARRIED**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS & COMPETITIONS REPORT – as distributed – L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions)**

- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – up to date points score for State League available on NNSW website
- Scorebench and Player Bench protocols have now been issued
- Provisional State Age grading for 2008 now available

**MOVED** L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) seconded Lismore that the Championships and Competitions report be accepted

**CARRIED**

**FINANCE REPORT – as distributed – J. Hahn (Director Finance)**

- J. Hahn (Director Finance) – 2008 budget process well under way
- J. Hahn (Director Finance) - Auditors for 2007 year end - have to report problems with Auditors re timeframe and cost. Now that we have employed a qualified Accountant in Andrew Smith we went to our current Auditors Walker Wayland and asked them to review their current quote of \$30,000 for our end of year audit which is the same as last year, however they are not willing to review this charge. At the November 2008 Council meeting the Board will be putting forward motions to cancel the appointment of Walker Wayland as our Auditors and recommending new Auditors will result in approx a 50% saving on costs.
- Financial Summary – as distributed
- Shoalhaven – with the proposed new Board structure, what will happen with the Finance Committee?
  - J. Hahn (Director Finance) – currently there is a Finance Committee but in reality the Board is handling the overall financial position of the Association. There is an ongoing necessity for the Board to manage the Association's finances due to their complexity and diversity which includes the Tasman Trophy.
    - R. Watson (Vice President) – under the proposed new structure there is an Audit & Risk Committee to oversee the Board's control of the finances

**MOVED** J. Hahn (Director Finance) seconded Mt. Druitt that the Finance report be accepted

**CARRIED**

**SPORTS MARKETING – as distributed - J. Troy (Director Sports Marketing)**

**MOVED** J. Troy (Director Sports Marketing) seconded Sutherland that the Sports Marketing report be accepted **CARRIED**

**TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT – as distributed – R. Havrlent (Director Technical Services)**

- R. Havrlent (Director Technical Services) – pleased to announce we have 2 new AA badges and 3 new A badges
- Shoalhaven – can you advise if all players selected to date, including those from State Age have received their letters
  - R. Havrlent (Director Technical Services) – at this stage the selection process is not yet finished so no would not think letters have been received

**MOVED** R. Havrlent (Director Technical Services) seconded Blue Mountains that the Technical Services report be accepted **CARRIED**

**OTHER REPORTS**

**APPEALS COMMITTEE REPORT – as distributed – R. Watson (Vice President, Convenor)**

**MOVED** Lismore seconded Hills that the Appeals Committee report be accepted **CARRIED**

**AD-HOC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT – as read – L. Burgess (Convenor)**

- Will be sending a memo to all Districts regarding members with Australian honours – we would like to complete our list and ask each Association to provide any names of recipients not yet listed. With regards to District update information for our next book, need all information back by November Council meeting.
  - Baulkham Hills – do we include Australian Sports Medals?
    - Yes – will follow this up also with all Districts

**MOVED** L. Burgess (Hills) seconded M. Dunn (Life Member) that the Appeals Committee report be accepted **CARRIED**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. R. Watson (Vice President) – would like to formally congratulate the Sydney TAB Swifts on this years CBT premiership and on their performance since the inception of the competition. Would also congratulate the McDonalds Hunter Jaegers on an outstanding short

history, the team's performance is a credit to the players and the coaching staff.

2. K. Tetley (Acting General Manager) – just an update on our staff – would like to welcome Hayley Schoenmaker as our new Coaching Administrator; Christina Rollo on her appointment to the Falls Prevention Program and welcome Andrew Smith as our Corporate Services manager. John Bruning has recently resigned as Game Development Manager to work closer to home and this position is currently being advertised.
3. M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – just a reminder of the November Council meeting and State Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday 3 November at the Telstra Arena and information for delegates re accommodation packages will be sent shortly.
4. Campbelltown – with the proposed change in insurers will this affect current claims – have had a players claim denied.
  - o R. Watson (Vice President) – liability for a claim is the decision of the insurer not NNSW and would ask that any other questions regarding a claim be directed to Andrew Smith at the office.
5. Shoalhaven – is there anything further on the proposed new venue opening in 2010?
  - o R. Watson (Vice President) – at this stage certainly cannot confirm date but we are still confident of receiving the necessary funding – meeting are still progressing and confident of receiving stage one funding of \$30M for 6 indoor courts
6. Illawarra – do we have a policy on videoing of games?
  - o K. Tetley (Acting General Manager) – have previously published a policy and will forward to you – please call me to discuss further
7. Maitland – celebrating 60 years of netball at Maitland this year and will be holding reunion dinner this week
8. Shoalhaven – do we have a potential problem with videoing of underage players at State League?
  - o R. Watson (Vice President) – we will reissue our policy and post on website but can advise that government advice was that the videoing of games was not prohibited under current legislation but an issue could arise if pictures posted in the internet but private videoing of games is not prohibited
9. R. Havrlent (Director Technical Services) – submit my apology for the November Council meeting as will be overseas



10. J. Troy (Director Sports Marketing) – would like to speak as the manager of the Sydney TAB Swifts and thank the Council, all Associations and members for their support of the Swifts over the last 11 years, and not just the Swifts but the Storm, Jays, Jaegers and Sandpipers and hope that you will all support the new team in 2008.

**The Vice President declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm**