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

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Held on Sunday 25 March 2012  
at Dooley's Club, John Street, Lidcombe commencing at the conclusion of the AGM

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**Present:**

**Directors:** W. Archer AM, R. Watson, R. Havrlant, C. Murphy, J. Hahn, J. Bothwell,  
M. Murphy  
C. Campbell (Chief Executive Officer),

**Delegates:**

S. McDonald (Bankstown)	D. Howard (Bankstown)
J. Pike (Baulkham Hills)	M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)
S. Marks (Blacktown)	K. Booth (Blacktown)
D. Thrift (Blue Mountains)	E. Godkin (Blue Mountains)
K. Thomas (Camden)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
G. Byrne (Campbelltown)	D. Pascoe (Charlestown)
M. Harrison (Charlestown)	S. Dawes (City of Sydney)
J. Occhiuto (City of Sydney)	J. Watt (Eastwood/Ryde)
D. Bills (Eastwood/Ryde)	M. Lowe (Fairfield)
L. Simpson (Gosford)	P. Fitzpatrick (Gosford)
J. Webster (Grafton)	J. Small (Gunnedah)
T. Sutcliffe (Gunnedah)	K. Austin (Hastings Valley)
T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)	V. Bertenshaw (Hawkesbury)
L. Burgess OAM (Hills)	S. Cross (Hills)
C. Lear (Illawarra)	D. Elvy (Illawarra)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	L. Blackmore (Inner West)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	J. Perry (Kuring-gai)
K. Smith (Lakeside)	L. Smith (Lakeside)
J. Troy (Lismore)	B. Dew (Lismore)
K. Lambley (Macleay)	J. Fulford (Maitland)
B. Bird (Maitland)	H. Dean (Manly)
D. Philipson (Manly)	C. O'Donnell (Mt Druitt)
B. Lee (Mt. Druitt)	G. Urquhart (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)	E. Monaghan (Newcastle)
T. Field (Northern Suburbs)	J. Gage (Northern Suburbs)
P. Wilson (Orange)	S. Wilson (Orange)
K. Higgins (Parramatta/Auburn)	L. Welfare (Parramatta/Auburn)
J. Gillett (Penrith)	C. Ormerod (Penrith)
M. Archer (Port Stephens)	D. Breust (Queanbeyan)
J. Goudie (Quirindi)	M. Kelly (Randwick)
C. Hicks (Randwick)	M. Caddies (Singleton)
H. Andrews (St. George)	L. Mina (St. George)
M. Bettini (Sutherland)	V. Morris (Sutherland)
Y. Richardson (Taree)	L. Bonnett (Taree)

M. Allen (Westlakes)	M. Chilvers (Westlakes)
E. Hamilton (Woy Woy)	M. Thomas (Woy Woy)
C. Baiton (Young)	

Life Members:	M. Corbett	Anne Doring
	N. Matthews OAM	

Observers:	H. Randall (Charlestown)	C. Davies (Maitland)
	Len Burgess (Hills)	K. Williams (Camden)
	E. Konza (Blue Mountains)	J. Bothwell (Inner West)
	Y. Vickers (Brunswick Byron)	P. Keene
	J. Finch	

**The President declared the meeting open at 10.55am**

**a) Apologies**

A. Margalit (Kuring-gai)	A. Lipmon (Kuring-gai)
E. Lawler (Liverpool)	K. Whiteley (Liverpool)
J. Peare (Hawkesbury)	A. Shutt (Nelson Bay)
V. Bruncker (Kiama)	M. Mearbs (Lakeside)
A. Sargeant (Life Member)	H. Atzemis (City of Sydney)
M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)	D. Jackson (Port Stephens)
J. Thompson (Camden)	J. Blazley (Camden)
J. Webster (Grafton)	

**MOVED** Charlestown seconded Auburn that apologies be accepted

**CARRIED**

Before the commencement of the business of the meeting Carolyn Campbell CEO advised that all voting was carried out by the Australian Electoral Commission and no one knew the result of the election of AGM Board members before the meeting, except for the Returning Officer.

In regards to the token gift presented to Lynn Quinn, the Board wished to acknowledge Lyn's work and thought it more appropriate to present Lyn with a basket and not a bouquet of flowers. In all a basket is a small token gesture at this point of time.

W. Archer (President) introduced and welcomed Janet Bothwell from Inner West to the Board.

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

**MOVED** Young seconded Kiama for suspension of standing orders

**CARRIED**

Claire Mathieson was welcomed to the meeting. Claire advised she is the Project Leader for Scott Carver and that her team and the consultant team are very excited about this project and gave an overview of what the new building would be like through the facility of a PowerPoint presentation.

**Resumption of Standing Orders**

**MOVED** Lakeside seconded Eastwood Ryde for the resumption of standing orders

**CARRIED**

## Announcements W Archer AM (President)

- It has been noted with sadness the passing of Joan Marscham (Eastwood/Ryde) in January, a long time member of the Eastwood Ryde Executive and the recipient of the Anne Clark Service Award, who had a great passion for netball. Our condolences have been extended to Joan's family.
- Great sadness has been expressed by many on the passing of Marie Dunn OAM, a Hall of Fame Inductee, Life Member, and Anne Clark Service award holder – truly a “Netball Treasure”. Our condolences have been extended to Marie's family.
- An update on Duncan Lang since our last meeting. Duncan has had some surgery and is recovering well – his sense of humour is still intact.
- Gail Eckert and Jan Simpson have celebrated 10 years with Netball NSW.
- Eastwood Ryde has finally turned on their new lights – congratulations.
- Very proud to report that Netball NSW scooped the pool at the recent NSW Sports Federation Awards Dinner.

Carolyn Campbell -	Administration of the Year
Netball NSW -	Organisation of the Year
Sharon Kelly -	Official of the Year
Tara Warner -	Junior Official of the Year

Simone Thurtell from ABC Grandstand received the Media Award for her move into the digital arena with a live broadcast of all of the NSW Swifts home games.

- There was a special presentation at Parliament House on the 16 March for “Outstanding Community Service Awards” to 12 people in NSW – Neita Matthews OAM and Marie Dunn OAM were recognised in front of their families for their outstanding and long standing contribution to the community – Neita tells me that she and Marie's family were very moved to be recognised in such an outstanding group of people – Neita also tells me that she believes that they did Netball proud and of that I have absolutely no doubt.
- Our NSW Swifts are about to embark on their 2012 season with Lisa Beehag and Sue Hawkins at the helm of the court and Mo'onia Gerrard and Kim Green on the court and we wish them great netball.
- Our 17's and 19's will head off to Launceston next week to contest the Underage National Championships. Our best wishes have been extended to:  
17's Head Coach - Lenore Blades and Captain Kaitlyn Bryce and touring party  
19's Head Coach - Megan Simpson and Captain Amy Sommerville and touring party for a successful Championship.
- We also have several umpires in the ANZ Championship Pool – Sharon Kelly, Rachel Ayre, Helen George, Jemma Carlton and Tara Warner.
- Going to Underage Nationals – Courtney Harrington (Norths), Emma Burgess (Sutherland), Rebecca McKinnon (Kur-ringai), Bronwen Adams (Manly Warringah).

- The following umpires have gained their A endorsement over the past weeks and our congratulations have been extended to them – Chris Hall, Jan Simpson, Courtney Harrington.
- In the latest round of Sport and Recreation Facility Grants program the following Districts have received a grant – see listing.
- Sport & Recreation Facility Grant programs – grants made for netball:

Organisation	Project	Grant	Electorate
Rennie Netball Club Inc	Upgrade of 2 Netball Courts at Rennie Recreational Reserve	\$19,043	Albury
Parramatta Auburn Netball Association Inc	Upgrade of 11 Netball Court Surfaces at Wyatt Park	\$28,875	Auburn
Narrabri Shire Council	Installation of lighting, extension and upgrade of paved surface at Narrabri Netball Courts	\$50,000	Barwon
Kandos Rylstone Netball Association	Construction of a new Netball Court at Simpkins Park	\$14,734	Bathurst
Eurobodalla Netball Association Inc	Upgrade surface of Netball Courts at Captain Oldrey Park	\$32,500	Bega
Cardiff Netball Club Incorporated	Upgrade of Court surfaces	\$23,479	Charlestown
Hornsby Shire Council	Upgrade of lighting at Pennant Hills Netball complex	\$50,000	Epping
Lismore & District Netball Association Inc	Upgrade of lights and Netball Court at Marie Mackay Netball Courts	\$27,033	Lismore
Wellington Netball Association Incorp	Upgrade of storage and security facility at Wellington Netball and Tennis Centre	\$ 3,028	Orange
Macleay Netball Association	Upgrade of lighting at Belgrave St Netball Courts	\$ 9,500	Oxley
Eastwood Ryde Netball Association Inc	Lighting upgrade of Netball Courts at Meadowbank Park	\$50,000	Ryde
Tamworth Netball Association	Installation of additional lighting at the Tamworth Sports Dome	\$15,000	Tamworth
Parramatta City Council	Upgrade of 4 Netball Courts at Binalong Park	\$14,663	Toongabbie
Wollondilly Netball Association Inc	Upgrade of playing surface of Netball Courts	\$14,290	Wollondilly

**b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2011**

Corrections: Nil

**MOVED** Camden seconded Grafton that minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2011 be adopted **CARRIED**

**c) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2011.**

Nil

**(d) Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2011**

Corrections:

- Newcastle - The spelling of Aileen's surname be corrected to SHUTT
- Newcastle - Page 19 Item 5. It was suggested that the President's response of "yes" was missing from the minutes. It was reconfirmed that this particular aspect of the vote is under advice of the Australian Electoral Commission. The President didn't recall anything different from the minute taker's words. Newcastle asked the correction be made and that correction be included in subsequent minutes.

**MOVED** Newcastle seconded Mt. Druitt that Newcastle's correction be included in the minutes **LOST**

**MOVED** Port Stephens seconded Penrith that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2011 be adopted. **CARRIED**

**(e) Business arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 5 November 2011**

- Northern Suburbs - Page 17 – Bench Officials required to be members of Netball NSW – response from Board?
  - W. Archer (President) advised the CEO had sent a response by memo to all Districts last week and hard copies are available at this meeting. Board has taken the decision that all attendees for bench Officials Education session be charged at \$20 whether a member of NNSW or not.
  - Sutherland – still do not agree that bench officials must have accreditation.
    - W. Archer (President) You will recall there were similar issues with umpiring and coaches and this requirement for accreditation has come from the Australian Sports Commission. The aim is to protect volunteers and would like to see it as a positive rather than a negative and it is part of the ever changing landscape of the sport industry.

**MOVED** Sutherland seconded Newcastle that the mandatory accreditation of timers and scorers not be enforced for State League and is only required where training is sponsored by the State.

Point of Order: L. Quinn (Life Member) NNSW are not requiring bench personnel to have national accreditation, only state level accreditation for bench officials doing state league.

**MOTION PUT**

**CARRIED (F:36 A:29)**

- Young - Page 19- Did voting papers go to delegates or association?
  - M. Murphy (Director) – voting papers went from AEC to District Associations
  - Newcastle – what is the line between the Constitution and policy
    - W. Archer (President) - refer to clause 14.7 of the Constitution and have relied on the AEC to oversee this process in line with the Constitution and Policy. Following the conclusion of this voting process, the AEC have provided some further advice to the Board regarding the process and possible refinements.

## (f) Correspondence

Correspondence between 5 November 2011 and 23 March 2012, both hardcopy and email was tabled and available for viewing.

**MOVED** M. Murphy (Director) seconded Blacktown that the correspondence between 5 November 2011 and 23 March 2012 both hardcopy and email as tabled be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## (g) Business arising from Correspondence

Nil

## (h) Application for Membership

### **Application for Membership as an Affiliated Association received from Bermagui Netball Club Inc**

**MOVED** Port Stephens seconded Lakeside that Rebecca Miller representing the Bermagui Netball Club be granted permission to address the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Rebecca thanked the group for the opportunity to speak today for their application. The district is small and the closest netball association is over an hour away. Bermagui run a night comp for 14 year olds to adult aiming to get people to play netball

### **Discussion:**

- Sutherland - How do Sapphire Coast feel about Bermagui becoming an association instead of an affiliation?
  - Bermagui: No indication for or against the Sapphire Coast, in fact Sapphire Coast have written to all members of Bermagui advising they have been expelled from Sapphire Coast.
- Lismore - Is it the same Local Council district?
  - W. Archer (President) – Local Government boundaries are not longer a requirement or used to ascertain netball boundaries as there have been amalgamations of many local government areas and this was no feasible.
  - C. Campbell (CEO) - We have a strong network of regional coordinators and Bermagui forms part of South Coast. Critical is accessibility and the ability to be able to play the game in whatever version or facilities that are available. There has been a lot of contact with Sapphire Coast and have sent game development staff to them to assist. Membership numbers have increased by about 100 members from 2009 – 2010.
- St George: Where does it operate out of?
  - Bermagui: Sapphire Coast is based in the Bega Valley between Bega and Merimbula.
- Newcastle - A suggestion would be for Bermagui to work under Sapphire Coast until they become more sizeable and then they could become a District.

- Carolyn Campbell CEO: This has been done with Wagga Wagga and Coolamon and it doesn't work as a rule. I believe Bermagui needs to become a separate association.

- Eastwood/Ryde - We should encourage Bermagui to become an association.

**MOVED** Young seconded Eastwood/Ryde that Bermagui be accepted for membership as an affiliated Association with Netball NSW. **CARRIED**

## **Application for Membership as an Affiliated Association received from George's River Netball**

**MOVED** Lakeside seconded N. Matthews (Life Member) that Julian Finch representing Georges River Netball be granted permission to address the Council. **CARRIED**

Julian thanked the group for the opportunity to speak on their proposal. He spoke that George's River needed more access to netball competitions and more opportunity for children to participate in netball. George's River wished to provide more opportunity for coaches to define their skills and invited other teams to join them. Their mission is to obtain more young children to participate in netball.

- Eastwood/Ryde: How many teams are they thinking of forming?
  - George's River: We do not know at this stage – maybe summer competitions and sport through summer
  - Bankstown: The Agenda gave no idea who was in charge of George's River. It has never been discussed with Bankstown and George's River has had time to do this.
  - St. George – there has been minimal growth in numbers in St. George area and do not believe we need or can sustain another Association.
  - Sutherland: As one of the 3 Districts we were not advised about this either and effectively it would mean Sutherland have 2 teams entered in State competition.
- Margaret Corbett: Speaking on behalf of netball, we should promote the game for as many people as possible. We're here for all the players and not just the representatives and we do lend our players around.
- Young: We are not hearing at this meeting what netball is doing for children and it is not appropriate that an association only take elite players.
- Lynn Quinn: Speaking as a Life Member, I have encouraged and been involved in the formation of associations. Some of the information put forward to this Council is not correct and we shouldn't vote when we haven't got all the information. We represent 110 associations and if we accept this type of association we are opening a pandora's box. Current proposal is not in the best interest for the current members of NSW Netball.
- Right of reply: George's River: A submission was sent in November 2011. St George is an ageing population and is a changing demographic and St George is missing out on young players as their schools don't always allow them to play on Saturdays.

**MOVED** Marilyn Melhuish (Life Member) seconded that the Georges River application for affiliation as a District Association of Netball NSW be declined.

**MOVED** Lakeside seconded Eastwood/Ryde that permission be granted to Phil Keene from Georges River to address the meeting **LOST (F:27 A:31)**

**MOTION PUT** **CARRIED (F:64 A:4)**

## **Application for Membership as an Affiliated Association received from Norfolk Island Netball**

No representative present but a video presentation provided for viewing. Norfolk Island has a population of 1800 of which 25% is currently playing netball and a promising increase in numbers with the introduction of NetSetGo. They have also competed at State Championships previously.

Margaret Corbett (Life Member) - Would like to support the application of Norfolk Island

**MOVED** Port Stephens seconded Blacktown that the Norfolk Island Netball Association be granted affiliation as a District Association with Netball NSW. **CARRIED**

### **(i) Notice of Motion – Nil**

### **(j) Reports:**

#### **Board of Directors Report**

M Murphy (Director) – reinforce the safety requirements for State and State Age Championships

- Newcastle – does the safety requirements extend to all courts surrounds?
  - M. Murphy (Director) - yes

**MOVED** M Murphy (Director) seconded Blue Mountains for the adoption of the Board report. **CARRIED**

#### **Finance Report**

**MOVED** J. Hahn (Director) seconded Young for the adoption of the Finance Report **CARRIED**

#### **CEO's Operational Report**

**MOVED** Charlestown seconded Maitland for the adoption of the CEO's Operational report **CARRIED**

### **(k) Any Other Reports**

#### **Appeals Tribunal Report**

**MOVED** R. Watson (Director/Convenor) seconded Port Stephens for the adoption of the Appeals Tribunal report **CARRIED**

### **(l) General Business**

- M. Melhuish (Life Member) – would like to acknowledge and thank Liverpool Association who named their disabled stairs facility after my late husband Jack. I attended with my daughter and was greatly moved and honored by this gesture.
- Northern Suburbs: Would like to introduce our new President, Jenny Gage.

- Penrith: Advised they had registered a 73 year old player and the club now has 3 generations of this family as registered players.
- Newcastle: Advised that they will be hosting the Transplant Games in October 2012 and the Junior Special Olympics will be held in September 2012. In 2013 Newcastle is also hosting the 2013 Asia Pacific Special Olympics
- Gosford: Questioned why over 35s & 40s was moved to Masters instead of having 2 separate events?

W. Archer (president): Decision was taken by this Council last November for change in format for Masters in 2013. As the Masters divisions continue to grow the Board is endeavoring to find a balance that will suit everyone.

- Gosford: Advised they had missed a memo about close-off date for deregistration of members which has now passed and they have been told there are no refunds

Board response: Board allowed 2 months to deregister players and apply for refund. J. Hahn (Director) to meet outside meeting to further explain.

- Manly – can beat Penrith – have two players aged 73 years old playing in A Reserve competition.

**The President declared the meeting closed at 1:20 pm**