

NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Sunday 27 March 2011
at Dooley's Club, John Street, Lidcombe commencing at 9.00am

Present:

Directors: W. Archer AM, R. Watson, R. Havrlant, C. Murphy, J. Hahn, L. Quinn OAM,
M. Murphy and C. Campbell (General Manager),

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)
M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)	J. Bazley (Camden)
K. Thomas (Camden)	V. Cochrane (Cessnock)
K. Tomlinson (Cessnock)	D. Pascoe (Charlestown)
M. Harrison (Charlestown)	S. Dawes (City of Sydney)
H. Atzemis (City of Sydney)	J. Watt (Eastwood/Ryde)
D. Bills (Eastwood/Ryde)	J. Lowe (Fairfield)
N. Howard (Fairfield)	L. Simpson (Gosford)
P. Fitzpatrick (Gosford)	J. Webster (Grafton)
K. Higgins (Griffith)	E. Hamilton (Griffith)
J. Small (Gunnedah)	E. Konza (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)
V. Bruncker (Kiama)	T. Beedles (Kiama)
J. Perry (Kuring-gai)	A. Lipman (Kuring-gai)
S. Fitzgerald (Lakeside)	M. McGrath (Lakeside)
J. Troy (Lismore)	B. Dew (Lismore)
E. Lawler (Liverpool)	B. Wilson (Liverpool)
P. Hayman (Macleay)	J. Fulford (Maitland)
B. Bird (Maitland)	H. Dean (Manly)
M. Hauser (Manly)	P. White (Mt Druitt)
C. O'Donnell (Mt Druitt)	A. Schutt (Nelson Bay)
G. Urquhart (Nelson Bay)	A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)
E. Monaghan (Newcastle)	M. Sinclair (Northern Suburbs)
G. Paranihi (Northern Suburbs)	J. Byrnes (Parramatta/Auburn)
L. Welfare (Parramatta/Auburn)	J. Gillett (Penrith)
B. Olsen (Penrith)	M. Archer (Port Stephens)
F. Burgess (Port Stephens)	H. Randall (Queanbeyan)
I. Robson (Queanbeyan)	J. Goudie (Quirindi)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	F. Reynolds (Randwick)
R. Stephenson (Sapphire Coast)	M. Caddies (Singleton)

H. Andrews (St. George)	L. Mina (St. George)
M. Bettini (Sutherland)	V. Morris (Sutherland)
L. Bonnett (Taree)	J. Sibbald (Tumut)
T. Mann (Tumut)	S. Bailey (Woy Woy)
M. Thomas (Woy Woy)	C. Miles (Wyong)
F. Passmore (Wyong)	C. Baiton (Young)

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

Observers:	S. Way (Sutherland)	C. Davies (Maitland)
	L. Blackie (Maitland)	

Returning Officer: Les Turner

The President declared the meeting open at 9.35am

1. Apologies

J. Baskerville; A. Fergus (Mudgee)	D. Hodson; T. Kane (Lower Clarence)
N. Lowe; R. Butler (Ulladulla)	J. Smith; L. Rodgers (Ballina)
S. Huston; T. Berensden (Jindabyne)	N. Bowra; L. Rodgers (Southern Highlands)
S. Wilson; P. Wilson (Orange)	M. Chilvers; M. Allen (Westlakes)
V. McDowell; J. Wiseman (Coffs Harbour)	K. Lambley; E. Brown (Macleay)
K. Mellenburg (Bathurst)	T. Fields (Northern Suburbs)
K. Whitely (Liverpool)	Y. Richardson (Taree)
M. Dunn OAM (life Member)	A. Sargeant OAM (Life Member)
M. Boyle OAM (Life Member)	K. Fullagar (Life Member)

MOVED Mt Druitt seconded Grafton that the apologies be accepted

CARRIED

Announcement – W. Archer AM (President)

1. Pleased to confirm the announcement that Netball NSW has been allocated \$27million by the State Government, regardless of the outcome of the State election, to build the NSW Netball Centre of Excellence at Sydney Olympic Park. Would like to formally thank the Minister Kevin Green and to our General Manager for the work done to achieve this outcome
2. Am also pleased to confirm that Australia and Sydney have been awarded the 2015 World Netball Championships – again many thanks are extended to the General manager for the work undertaken to achieve this result.

Suspension of Standing Orders

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Blacktown for suspension of standing orders to raise correspondence received which should properly be raised at AGM.

CARRIED

- C. Campbell (General Manager) stated that an email entitled "Incorrect Procedure" was received from Adele Saunders at 11.40pm on Friday 25 March 2011 - The General Manager read the email to the meeting
- The General Manager then read out legal advice from Jason Sprague of Sparke Helmore dated 21 March 2011 entitled "NNSW Eligibility of Late Fee Paying Members to Participate in AGM".
- The General Manager stated that the Board had instructed the General Manager to seek two separate legal opinions, the first was from Sparke Helmore, abovementioned; the second was sought from a party with no prior relationship with NNSW. The General Manager also read out the second legal advice, from Louise Massey, Special Counsel, Gadens Lawyers dated 21 March 2011.
- An Extraordinary Board meeting was called for evening of Tuesday 22 March where two motions were moved and carried unanimously – these were:

MOVED *W. Archer seconded R. Havrlant that all District Associations be advised of the Board's decision that, based on further independent legal advice, an amnesty will be enacted in regards to District membership and the ability of delegates to attend and vote at the AGM scheduled for Sunday 27 March 2011. Associations who have paid, or do pay, the required affiliation fee up until the advertised commencement time of the AGM for 2011 will be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting. Additionally, the Constitutional clause relating to the submission of delegates names and/or alternations to delegates, continues to apply, being Clause 5 The Council ii).*

MOVED *J. Hahn seconded C. Murphy that the Office staff under General Manager are to contact all Associations by email or phone to advise of this change to previously provided advice and confirm the ability for all financial District Associations to attend and vote at the AGM on 27 March 2011, including advising of the option to appoint proxy delegates to attend on their behalf. Such requests for proxy delegates be managed and arranged by the General Manager.*

- Subsequently every District Association was contacted (log is available) to confirm the voting status of every Association. Proxy delegation was facilitated by the General Manager and Manal Yen who provided phone numbers of other attending Associations to contact.
- Random checks were conducted to confirm that voting entitlement was clearly understood – Associations contacted for random check were Wyong, Woy Woy, Blue Mountains, Baulkham Hills, Hills, Charlestown, Manly Warringah, Parramatta Auburn, Blacktown, Inner West, Liverpool and Grafton.
- Proxy requests were received from Queanbeyan, Wagga Wagga, Port Stephens, Hume, Gunnedah, Griffith; NNSW provided mobile numbers to allow communication directly between proxy delegates.
- W. Archer (President) would categorically refute the allegation made by Newcastle that the Board stacked the Extraordinary meeting in December 2010.
- Sapphire Coast - As Sapphire Coast delegate, apologise that my correspondence has cost so much money in legal advice. Completely utterly deny that there was intimidation by NNSW, denied allegation that Sapphire Coast had questioned integrity of C. Campbell and this allegation issue will be raised elsewhere under member protection rules. Sapphire Coast reiterated that as a delegate and member, I have every right to write a letter to all members. It is objectionable that legal advice received was not sent to members prior to the AGM. There has been some

inappropriate and unprofessional statements made to me as Sapphire Coast delegate. Whilst recognising that “Fees shall be paid and must be accompanied by paperwork” the logistical reality is that Sapphire Coast has to drive for 3 hours to obtain a second signature.

- Blacktown - Call point of order, feel that this matter has been dealt with, requested to move on to business of AGM.

Resumption of Standing Orders

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Blue Mountains for the resumption of standing orders **CARRIED**

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 6 March 2010.

Corrections:

- Parramatta/Auburn, page 1, Delegates, Parramatta/Auburn delegate J. Byrnes, did not attend.
- Newcastle, page 5, items 6 and 7, word should be ensuing year, not ensuring year.
- Lismore: J Troy is from Lismore, not Kuringai.

MOVED Northern Suburbs seconded Grafton that minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 March 2010 be adopted **CARRIED**

4. Annual Report and Balance Sheet

J. Hahn (Director Finance) drew attention to the financial clauses, in particular the funding to Netball Australia which has been included in the 2010 year. Director Finance expressed his appreciation to staff of NNSW, Rosa and Nathan in preparation of the Annual Report, under direction from the General Manager. Director Finance introduced Sharvet Naidu of KPMG to review the Annual Report and audited Balance sheet.

S. Naidu spoke to the Annual Report, highlighting key information in the Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flow, Changes in Equity and invited delegates to review the Notes for further elaboration. No issues to note on controls. Board and management quite open and transparent. In conclusion, he stated that NNSW is in a safe, healthy financial position with \$2.2M of working capital

Statement of cash flow: results consistent with last year, apart from the extra \$109,000 charge. Last year financial membership base grew by approx 3,500 members giving additional membership fee income. Increased admin cost impacted by additional Swifts game, acknowledged reduction in insurance costs

Statement of Cash flow \$635k additional cash in business.

- Newcastle – page 10, net cash from financing activities – government grant, is that regional grant?
 - S.Naidu - \$104 is not regional grant – is debit cash, credit liability
 - J. Hahn (Director Finance) clarified figure is made up of NetSetGo, Department of Sport & Recreation, Netball Development Grant, MPIO training grant.
- Newcastle page 3, requested further explanation on the money having to be paid to Netball Australia.
 - J. Hahn (Director Finance) stated that at the time of Annual Report going into print there was a dispute with Netball Australia; however we have made a further decision based on advice from NA that money is due and payable.

MOVED J. Hahn seconded Blacktown that the Annual Report and audited Balance Sheets for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 be adopted **CARRIED**

The President thanked KPMG, M. Yen and C. Campbell for their hard work in producing the Report and Balance Sheet – getting better at it!

5. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Reports from Sub Committees and Delegates to Other Organisations.

i. Anne Clark Service Award Committee

MOVED Camden, seconded Hills for the acceptance of the Annual Report of the Anne Clark Service Award Committee **CARRIED**

ii. Appeals Committee

MOVED Liverpool, seconded Griffith for the acceptance of the Annual Report of the Appeals Committee **CARRIED**

iii. Appointments Panel

MOVED Wyong, seconded Charlestown for the acceptance of the Annual Report of the Appointments Panel **CARRIED**

iv. Championships & Competitions Committee

- Newcastle: at the time of scoring accreditation, no reference was made to it being just a learning thing for smaller events.
 - L. Quinn OAM Director Championships and Competitions) Asked whether the question could be deferred to the next Council meeting. (Newcastle agreed)
- L. Quinn (Director Championships and Competitions) Although not stated in the annual report (apologies for oversight) would thank Helen Andrews, Lyn Bonnet, Helen Atzemis, Sam Dawes, Betty Spillane, Yvonne Richardson, Helen Herbert and Donna Harrison for their work on the Championships and Competitions Committee.

MOVED N. Matthews OAM (Life Member), seconded Baulkham Hills for the acceptance of the Annual Report of the Championships & Competitions Committee **CARRIED**

v. Finance Committee

MOVED Woy Woy, seconded Hills for the acceptance of the Annual Report of the Finance Committee **CARRIED**

vi. Sports Marketing Committee

MOVED Young, seconded Eastwood Ryde for the acceptance of the Annual Report of the Sports Marketing Committee **CARRIED**

vii. Technical Services encompassing Technical Services Strategic Panel, Coaches Operating Panel, Umpires Operating Panel and Selection Committee

MOVED Parramatta/Auburn, seconded Fairfield for the acceptance of the Annual Report of the Technical Services encompassing Technical Services Strategic Panel, Coaches Operating Panel, Umpires Operating Panel and Selection Committee **CARRIED**

viii. Delegates to Other Organisations

NSW Sports Federation Report: congratulated C. Campbell on her reelection of Sports Federation Board

MOVED Eastwood/Ryde, seconded Kiama for the acceptance of the Annual Report of the Delegate to NSW Sports Federation **CARRIED**

6. Appointment of an Auditor for the ensuing year.

J. Hahn (Director Finance) recommended KPMG be appointed as auditor for ensuing year.

MOVED Charlestown seconded Illawarra that KPMG be appointed as Auditor for the year 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 **CARRIED**

7. Appointment of a Returning Officer for the ensuing year.

Board recommended that Les Turner be appointed as Returning Officer for the ensuing year.

MOVED M. Melhuish OAM (Life Member) seconded Blue Mountains that Les Turner be appointed as Returning Officer for the year 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 **CARRIED**

8. Other Business

• **Honorarium to President**

MOVED R. Watson (Vice President) seconded Maitland that an Honorarium of \$5,000 be paid to the President on the same conditions as previous year **CARRIED**

• **Nomination for Life Membership**

W. Archer (President) advised that due to the subsequent issues raised regarding eligibility to vote, there was insufficient time to send out papers for voting in regards to the nomination for Life Membership. Votes received remain unopened in the safe at NNSW. The nomination for Life Membership will be brought forward to the 2012 AGM.

MOVED Kiama, seconded Blacktown that the votes for Life Membership currently held in the NNSW safe be destroyed. **CARRIED**

9. Election of Directors.

W. Archer (President) declared the positions of Vice President, Director State Administration, Director Sports marketing and Director Championships & Competitions vacant.

L. Turner (Returning Officer) explained the voting procedure, called for non-voting scrutineers and oversaw collection of votes.

While the votes were being counted, C Campbell (General Manager) spoke on the process of the bid for 2015 Netball World Championship and introduced, then screened, the bid video.

Returning Officer announced the results of the voting, tabled below.

- Lismore asked for exact voting results for the position of Vice President.
- St George asked for exact voting results of the position of Director State Administration.

The Returning Officer gave the results, noted in table below.

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by		Result
Vice President	Rodney Watson	Joy Gillett OAM	Patricia Mann	DECLARED ELECTED	59 votes
	Janette Troy	Tricia Hunt	Cath Moore		37 votes
Director State Administration	Carol Baiton	Lynn Quinn OAM	Kerryann Anton		41 votes
	Michele Murphy	Heather Smith	Leanne Leach	DECLARED ELECTED	55 votes
Director Sports Marketing	Carol Murphy	Carol Coyle	Jenny Maher	DECLARED ELECTED	
Director Championships & Competitions	Lyn Quinn OAM	Carol Murphy	Coralie Newman	DECLARED ELECTED	

L. Turner (Returning Officer) stated that votes were sealed and would be destroyed after 30 days (or day later as 30 days is a public holiday).

MOVED Kiama, seconded N. Matthews OAM (Life Member) that the voting papers be destroyed after 30 days
CARRIED

- Hills – on behalf of Jennie Thompson, President Hills Netball Association, we would like to congratulate the NNSW Board, General Manager and staff on their hard work in securing funding for the Centre of Excellence and for the 2015 World Championship.

President declared the meeting closed at 11.15am