

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

Held on Sunday 27 March 2011  
at Dooley's Club, John Street, Lidcombe commencing at 11.40am

**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)	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)
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)	M. Kelly (Randwich)
F. Reynolds (Randwick)	R. Stephenson (Sapphire Coast)
M. Caddies (Singleton)	H. Andrews (St. George)
L. Mina (St. George)	M. Bettini (Sutherland)

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V. Morris (Sutherland)	L. Bonnett (Taree)
J. Sibbald (Tumut)	S. Bailey (Woy Woy)
M. Thoms (Woy Woy)	C. Miles (Wyang)
F. Passmore (Wyang)	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 11.40 am

**The President** proposed a suspension of standing orders to allow presentation by Bob Perry on preliminary design concepts of the proposed Centre of Excellence at Homebush.

**MOVED** Kiama, seconded Manly for a suspension of standing orders

**CARRIED**

B. Perry showed the design concept drawings and explained the brief, restrictions and advantages of site, aspect, shared access to Sports Centre, environmental initiatives, airflow concepts and facilities.

W. Archer (President) noted that the redevelopment of the Anne Clark Centre was the original brief but the new centre at Homebush became the preferred option as it subsequently appeared that funding had been more likely for a new centre. There are also significant traffic and parking problems at Wyatt Park/Anne Clark Centre.

An informal question and answer session ensued, questions (and responses in brackets) are listed below:

- Sapphire Coast: Provision of warmup courts? (a maximum number of courts already on site, provisions for warmup to be considered in further planning).
- Width of shared accessway – sufficient for dual pedestrian traffic flow? (sufficient)
- Parking availability/accessibility? (Parking, including disability parking, is available nearby)
- Airflow ventilation stacks – not airconditioned, for environmental reasons? (Uneconomic to aircondition – large space, airflow is next best thing. Can use indices for measuring comfort, for players, for spectators and officials)
- Commend ventilation proposal, will it be leader in sustainability for Sydney Olympic Park? (Sydney Olympic Park sees itself as leader in sustainability; Sydney Olympic Park is leader in sustainability in Australia. Need to comply with local regulations – i.e. dual water use. Every building can do a few sustainability factors well; will look to exploit all those opportunities (i.e. solar access).
- Can doors be opened for airflow to courts? (Proposed ventilation system will work better than open doors. In livestock buildings using this system, the internal air can change air 10 times per hour, air flows across the floor.)

- What set benchmark for amount of seating? (Constricted by space. Can showcase large events in the show court. Site is incredibly tight – some talk of relaxing southern boundary. Has pushed the boundaries to achieve 6 courts. Started with huge wishlist so we could cope with the needs of 25 years in the future.)
- St George: As the proposed timeframe is 18 months – 2 years, what will be the impact on competition during the changeover from Anne Clark to Sydney Olympic Park? (Aim is to have Sydney Olympic Park completed for 2013 season, continuing to operate out of Anne Clark Centre until Sydney Olympic Park is operational so no interruption to competition. Board has not yet discussed what will happen with Anne Clark Centre, was awaiting confirmation of funding.)
- Newcastle: Asked whether ultimate ownership of the Centre of Excellence would reside with NNSW, who would be funding ongoing maintenance? (Line of agreement similar to that held with Auburn Council for the Anne Clark Centre, lease fee is similar. Many business models need to be developed in order to ascertain optimal facility. Building owned by NNSW, need to look at maintenance costs etc. Lease is (from memory of the General Manager) around \$25,000, which is less than current lease at Auburn.)
- Future of the Anne Clark Centre? (Not yet decided, General Manager will investigate scenarios for the Board. Outgoing Sports Minister Greene’s view is that there is dearth of facilities for indoor sports in NSW.)
- Naming of the Centre? (Will be decided in future. It is one of the many future considerations, working under government funding guidelines, and those of another stakeholder, Olympic Park, which has design concepts to be taken into consideration.)

## Resumption of Standing Orders

**MOVED** Camden seconded Illawarra for resumption of standing orders

**CARRIED**

### 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)
J. Webster (Grafton)	

**MOVED** Queanbeyan seconded Manly that the apologies be accepted

**CARRIED**

### Announcements W. Archer AM (President)

- Noted with sadness the passing of Moira McGuinness MBE, a lady who made a tremendous contribution to our sport from grass roots through to the NA level.
- Also noted with sadness the passing of Julie Fitzgerald’s mother, Rita, this week.
- Australian honour for Bev Dew (Manly NA) with an OAM for services to netball.

- Australian honour for Joy Gillett (Penrith NA) with an OAM for services to Rotary and to the community.
- Kath Fullagar, Neita Matthews, Ann Tomaszewski, Lesley Morgan, Marie Caddies, Marilyn Melhuish haven't been enjoying great health of late and our best wishes have been extended to them, good to see a couple of them here today.
- Congratulations extended to Rebecca Pollard who has been appointed a Game Manager for the World Netball Championships to be held in Singapore in July.
- Congratulations to C. Campbell on her re-election to the NSW Sports Federation Board, which provides great networking opportunities for netball.
- Acknowledgement of Helen Andrews, Sam Dawes and Helen Atzemis, thanking them for their service to Competitions and Championships.

## 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 6 November 2010.

Corrections:

- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) - Page 13 of Council meeting papers, Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League. An amendment moved by Sutherland seconded by Manly to alter clause 3. The second part of this amendment read "Where this then reduces the number of entries to less than 80, the rejected entries will be subject to a ballot to determine which team or teams are accepted". This sentence has been omitted entirely.
- Correction: Helen Atzemis should have been noted as an apology.

**MOVED** Camden seconded Hills that minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 6 November 2010, with the above corrections, be accepted **CARRIED**

## 3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 6 November 2010.

- Correction re Grading Procedure, noted above
- St. George - Page 37, clause 9 (ii) could not find where duties of Panels/Committees were distributed
  - C. Campbell (General Manager) as duties are listed in Constitution did not resend

## 4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Saturday 6 November 2010.

Corrections

Nil

**MOVED** Charlestown seconded Kuringai that minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Saturday 6 November 2010 be accepted **CARRIED**

## 5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on Saturday 6 November 2010.

Nil

**6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Saturday 11 December 2010.**

**Corrections**

Nil

**MOVED** Charlestown seconded Randwick that minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Saturday 11 December 2010 be accepted **CARRIED**

**7. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held on Saturday 11 December 2010.**

Nil

**8. Elections**

L. Turner (Returning Officer) conducted the elections as required and count proceeded

**9. Correspondence**

Correspondence between 6 November 2010 and 25 March 2011, both hardcopy and email was tabled and available for viewing.

**MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Lakeside that the correspondence between 6 November 2010 and 25 March 2011 be accepted **CARRIED**

**10. Applications for membership**

M. Murphy (Director State Administration) recommends acceptance of new associations to Council. Have received three applications and have been working with these proposed Associations for some months recommend the acceptance of the applications for membership, assuring Council that their constitutions and structure are compliant.

**MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Wyong that the Barellan and District Netball Association be accepted as a member of NNSW **CARRIED**

**MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Sapphire Coast that the Coonabarabran Netball Association be accepted as a member of NNSW **CARRIED**

**MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Margaret Corbett (Life Member) that the Gilgandra and District Netball Association be accepted as a member of NNSW **CARRIED**

W. Archer (President) looks forward to welcoming them in their own right to State and State Age competitions.

## 11. Reports:

### i. Board of Directors

- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) Following on from the presentation shown earlier in the meeting regarding the proposed Centre of Excellence at Sydney Olympic Park, there is now a definitive, real and funded proposed facility. No levy imposed on members for the new facility. Previously the Board has asked Council to support recommendation and endorse the proposal. Board now seeks endorsement by Council of the new building along the lines of the preliminary concepts presented to the meeting by B. Perry.

**MOVED** Gosford seconded N. Matthews (Life Member) that the Council endorses the proposed Netball NSW Centre of Excellence **CARRIED**

- St George - Noted that Item 1 State Age Championships, Divisions are contrary to that moved at November 2010 Council meeting (no. 7) only Division 1 has 20 teams. Now reverting back to what Board had proposed.
  - M. Murphy (Director State Administration) apologized for the error in transcription (cut paste edit), will provide as correction in next minutes.
- Young - had proposed the above motion, concur with correction.
- Sapphire Coast- Section 2, page 58, has this been rectified? Who is responsible for proxy delegates?.
  - Was identified that Kuringai had appointed an additional proxy delegate. NNSW has changed its process for this meeting, proxies will have to state home association. Did full check on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March of proxies. Kuringai has now addressed this issue by adopting a proxy policy.
- Young - Gave example that member is delegate for Young and is also proxy for Bankstown. How to handle proxy delegate?
  - W. Archer (President) agreed that the area needs further consideration and will bring the matter to the Strategic Forum.
- Appointments Panel  
W. Archer (President) named the following appointments, made since preparation of the meeting papers.

21s and under	Assistant Coach Manager	Jenny O'Keefe Maureen Stephenson
NSW Waratahs	Assistant Coach Manager	Anita Keelan Maureen Stapleton
NSW Blues	Assistant Coach Manager	Moira Gaha Donna Harrison
- Newcastle - Championship & Competitions Committee – timing of scoring and timing accreditation training and short notice
  - L. Quinn OAM (Director Championship & Competitions) responded that since writing the report there has been a number of developments: all associations received email that we are now operating under national scheme. Part of the requirements of the

national scheme is training. Scorers must have attended approved course to operate as scorer in 2011. New accreditation levels - Level 1 – State scorers, including State League. Pleased about attendance at courses. Five courses were conducted: at the first three there were 150 attendees, in the last two there were 240 attendees.

- Camden: Do accredited scorers need to do course every year?
  - L. Quinn OAM (Director Championship & Competitions): they will only need to do course once. All accreditation needs to be updated, they have to submit their logbook every four years.
  - Camden: Was that explained to attendees at the course?
    - L. Quinn OAM (Director Championship & Competitions): This only applies for accreditation.
    - Manly - Are there plans for future scorers course, to be held on another evening, not on a Thursday night?
    - L. Quinn OAM (Director Championship & Competitions): looking at other days/options for people who cannot attend Thursday nights. Planning a course for next Saturday. There now has to be sufficient numbers of attendees in order to run the course.
    - Manly – too short notice about first two courses, told at the end of previous week that they were going to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday night. Why don't we let the members who have done the course score for the year?
    - L. Quinn OAM (Director Championship & Competitions): – apologies for short notice, had been trying to get information from Netball Australia for 12 months and a late decision had to be made how courses would be run for 2011.
  - Newcastle. Could regional Coordinator's names appear on their reports in future.
    - C. Campbell (General Manager) noted for future reports.

**MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Blacktown for the adoption of the Board report

**CARRIED**

## ii. Finance

- St George: Is it possible, in future, to list costs for ANL separate to State League?
  - J. Hahn (Director Finance) said that it was possible to separate Swifts costs. ANL is state team, reporting is same as previous 2 years. J, Hahn referred to the budget and advised that the 2010 cost of running two ANL teams was \$82,595. He stated that some costs are equalized across all teams, i.e. travel costs - not cost to NNSW.
- Manly: Why is the affiliation fee \$0?
  - M. Yen stated that the affiliation fee figure will show up in next report as the payment made
  - Manly: Figure should be included in February report for AGM.

- J. Hahn (Director Finance) will take comment on board and ensure it happens for next year.
- Sapphire Coast: interested to know costs of State Team as separate cost to ANL Teams.
  - J. Hahn (Director Finance) responded that costs for Age State teams in 2010 was \$146,108.30.
  - Manly: asked whether breakdown was available – do the Director Finance and Board see those figures?
  - J. Hahn (Director Finance) asked the reason for the request.
    - Sapphire Coast: requested data for state team expenses.
    - J. Hahn (Director Finance) responded that the data is kept together to reduce paperwork, all expenditure goes through audit and risk checks.
    - Sapphire Coast: no inference that costs are wrong, just seeking the detail.
    - M. Melhuish OAM (Life Member) disappointed in the question, the Board is elected by Council, we should not waste time of Council.
    - Sutherland: seconded the above statement. The Board puts forward a budget to Council – if expenditure is within budget we should be happy with that.
    - M. Boyle OAM (life Member): No objection, support above statement.
    - J Hahn stated he was happy to answer questions

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

**CARRIED**

### iii. General Manager's Operational Report.

- Kiama - Curious about Swifts/ANZ short season
  - C. Campbell (General Manager) Season ends in mid May as there is a need for both NZ and Australian players to be released from ANZ league six weeks before international championships. Not ideal, includes Thursday night competitions and a very congested draw but much better than that originally proposed.
- Newcastle: Will Rachelle Brazier, Regional Coordinator be well enough to attend meeting next Monday?
  - C. Campbell (General Manager) uncertain but protocols will be in place if Rachelle is not well enough.
- Manly Page 85, Umpires Exam, Monday 9 May and Monday 5 September. Why would NNSW have the same night twice (some people cannot attend on Mondays).
  - Jan Simpson replied that if umpires cannot come into a Monday night then an additional training can be established. For the last 10 years Umpires exams have been run on the first Monday of May and the first Monday of September.

**MOVED** Griffith seconded Fairfield for the adoption of the General Manager's Operational Report

**CARRIED**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1.15PM**



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MEETING RECONVENED AT 2.05PM

Returning Officer declared the elections as follows:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Elected</i>
Anne Clark Service Award	Lyn Burgess OAM
	Neita Matthews OAM
	Beverly Dew OAM
	Jean Peare OAM
	Lyn Quinn OAM

Championship & Competitions	Lyn Bonnett
	<b>Three vacancies</b>

Finance	<b>Three vacancies</b>
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Historical	Lyn Quinn OAM
	Beverly Dew OAM
	Neita Matthews OAM
	Carol Baiton
	Lyn Burgess OAM

Sports Marketing	Beverly Dew OAM
	Neita Matthews OAM
	Carol Baiton
	<b>One vacancy</b>

The Returning Officer advised that following the recall for late nominations, the following were received and are now declared elected

Championship & Competitions	Kerry Austin
	<b>Two vacancies</b>

Finance	Kerry Austin
	<b>Two vacancies</b>

Sports Marketing	Kerry Austin
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**12. Any other reports**

Nil

**13. General Business**

W. Archer (President) wishes all Associations best wishes for the upcoming season

**The President declared the meeting closed at 2.10pm**