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

Held on Saturday 3 November 2012
at Dooley's Club, John Street, Lidcombe

Present:

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

Delegates:

K. McMahon (Armidale)	J. Gates (Armidale)
D. Howard (Bankstown)	S. McDonald (Bankstown)
J. Pike (Baulkham Hills)	M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)
S. Marks (Blacktown)	K. Booth (Blacktown)
D. Thrift (Blue Mountains)	M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)
K. Thomas (Camden)	K. Williams (Camden)
S. Connolly (Campbelltown)	E. Riley (Cessnock)
D. Pascoe (Charlestown)	M. Harrison (Charlestown)
S. Dawes (City of Sydney)	J. Occhiuto (City of Sydney)
V. McDowell (Coffs Harbour)	N. Wilson (Coffs Harbour)
J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)	D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)
L. Simpson (Gosford)	S. Mitchell (Gosford)
J. Webster (Grafton)	J. Small (Gunnedah)
T. Sutcliffe (Gunnedah)	K. Austin (Hastings Valley)
T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)	V. Bertenshaw (Hawkesbury)
J. Thompson (Hills)	S. Cross (Hills)
D. Elvy (Illawarra)	C. Lear (Illawarra)
L. Blackmore (Inner West)	A. Hobbs (Inner West)
J. Perry (Kuringai)	A. Margalit (Kuringai)
J. Troy (Lismore)	B. Dew (Lismore)
E. Lawler (Liverpool)	K. Whiteley (Liverpool)
T. Kane (Lower Clarence)	D. Hobson (Lower Clarence)
K. Lambley (Macleay)	E. Brown (Macleay)
J. Fullford (Maitland)	B. Bird (Maitland)
H. Dean (Manly)	D. Phillipson (Manly)
B. Lee (Mt Druitt)	C. O'Donnell (Mt Druitt)
A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)	E. Monaghan (Newcastle)
J. Gage (Northern Suburbs)	T. Field (Northern Suburbs)
P. Wilson (Orange)	L. Welfare (Parramatta/Auburn)
S. Gardiner (Parramatta/Auburn)	J. Gillett OAM (Penrith)
C. Ormerod (Penrith)	D. Breust (Queanbeyan)
M. Kelly (Randwick)	C. Hicks (Randwick)
R. Stephenson (Sapphire Coast)	M. Caddies (Singleton)
H. Andrews (St. George)	L. Mina (St. George)
M. Bettini (Sutherland)	V. Morris (Sutherland)
D. Lockwood (Tamworth)	K. Sweeny (Tamworth)
M. Allen (Westlakes)	M. Chilvers (Westlakes)
E. Hamilton (Woy Woy)	M. Thoms (Woy Woy)

F. Passmore (Wyong)

C. Baiton (Young)

Life Members: M. Corbett
M. Boyle OAM

A. Doring OAM
Y. Richardson

Observers: J. Jamieson (Tamworth)
C. Davies (Maitland)
G. Byrne (Campbelltown)
F. Reynolds (Randwick)
J. Kavanagh (Armidale)

S. Luhr (Camden)
S. Wilson (Orange)
H. Randall (Charlestown)
S. Fitzgerald (Lakeside)

The President declared the meeting open at 10.07am

a) Apologies

L. Quinn OAM (Life Member)	A. Shutt (Life Member)
G. Urquhart (Nelson Bay)	A. Sargent (Life Member)
K. Fullagar (Life Member)	M. Archer (Port Stephens)
L. Bonnet (Taree)	C. Miles (Wyong)
P. Fitzpatrick (Gosford)	J. Bazley (Camden)

MOVED Grafton seconded Baulkham Hills that apologies be accepted

CARRIED

Announcements W. Archer AM (President)

Some of these announcements were scheduled to be made at the July Council meeting which was abandoned due to lack of quorum

- Condolences have been passed on to the families of Norm Rogers (Illawarra), Val Oliver (Illawarra) and Lesley Quinn (Northern Suburbs) – all Anne Clark Services Award holders
- Aileen Shutt (Newcastle) and Lois Green (Hall of Fame) our best wishes for full recoveries.
- Our 17s and Under Lenore Blades – National Champions
Kaitlyn Bryce was named 17U Most Valuable Player
Players into Australian Squad – Kaitlyn Bryce, Billie Gurr, Madeline Hay, Isabella Keogh, Kristiana Manu'a, Gloria Masiasomua, Tanisha Stanton, invitees Georgia Marshall and Phoebe Seamer.
- Our Under 19s and Under, Megan Simpson- Runners Up
Australian Squad members – Kristina Brice, Sophie Halpin, Kimberley Ravailion, Amy Sommerville, Courtney Torpey.
- Our Under 21s and Under, Maria Lynch – National Champions for the 5th consecutive year
Australian Squad members – Kristina Brice, Paige Hadley, Alix McDermott, Brooke Miller, Kimberley Ravailion, Gabi Simpson
- The following umpires have received their National A badge:
Emma Burgess – Sutherland
Haydn Mackay – Manly Warringah
Kate Howard – Bankstown
Kim Chan – Kuring-gai
Hayley Burgess – Sutherland

A endorsements

Rachel Hughes
Alan Melville

IUA endorsements

Sharon Kelly
Rachael Ayre

Umpires at 21 and under Nationals

Courtney Harrington

Bronwen Adams

Tara Warner

Sharon Kelly was appointed to the grand final of the ANZ Championship for the fifth consecutive year

November Council meeting announcements:

- Our condolences have been sent to Margaret McGrath's family – formerly President of the Lakeside Association and involved with netball for 48 years.
- Our condolences have been sent to Bev Surplice's family – past President of Maitland Association.
- Lynn Quinn OAM is currently recuperating from a hip operation and we have sent our best wishes to her for a full and speedy recovery
- Pleased to say that Aileen Shutt is recovering well
- Duncan Lang is having further treatment and going along okay, and I'm pleased to say that his sense of humour is intact.
- Manal Yen, on maternity leave, welcomed a baby girl in August, named Mila.
- Introduce Paul Ryan, Corporate Services Manager and welcome him to the team.

b) Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Sunday 25 March 2012

Corrections: Newcastle noted that name of Lynn Quinn OAM (Life Member) was missing from those present

MOVED Eastwood/Ryde seconded Charlestown that minutes of the Council meeting, with correction noted above, held on Sunday 25 March 2012 be adopted **CARRIED**

c) Business arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on Sunday 25 March 2012 Nil

d) Notices of Motion

i) Board of Directors

Changes to Championship & Competition Rules

The Council's attention was drawn to the marked up version of the Grading Policy and Procedures & Rules for Championships and Competitions within the body of Council papers, noting that it is the finalisation of the review process undertaken by the Rules Review Panel.

- W Archer (President) noted that the Board has approved work done by Rules Review Panel, not an easy task, lot of time, effort and reading done to understand all the ratifications of changes. A member of that panel is here today Grant Corderoy – thank you for work done and for your time here today.
- Grant Corderoy is an observer and Council needs to pass a resolution if Council wishes him to speak.

MOVED Eastwood/Ryde seconded Camden that Grant Corderoy be permitted to address Council meeting in relation to the Rules Review Panel **CARRIED**

- Grant introduced himself and role of the panel and thanked Netball NSW and panel members for support. Panel members were Lynn Quinn OAM, Jane Hauser, Debra Hansen, Jenny Thompson. He detailed the structure and timing of review and the process of submissions, feedback, consultation and availability on Netball NSW website of submissions and proposals and draft rules.

- W Archer (President) noted that the Board had received feedback on timing of dissemination of information and will review process to improve timing in future.

MOVED Hills seconded Eastwood/Ryde for the adoption in its entirety of all proposed changes to Championship and Competition Rules as attached to meeting papers.

(grave concerns that if not adopted in its entirety then the document will be inconsistent if some clauses accepted and others are not)

- C. Murphy - Understand principles behind Hills' motion – but believe should be discussed as previously handled by Council meetings: section by section
- Norths - Excellent document, thanks for review panel's work, however elements can be discussed on a standalone basis without impacting the rest of the document

MOTION PUT

LOST (F: 54 A: 26)

MOVED Blacktown seconded Liverpool for amendments proposed on page 16 of meeting papers (General Procedures, clauses 1 – 11) be accepted

CARRIED

MOVED Baulkham Hills seconded Broken Hill for amendments proposed in clause 1, page 17 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clause 1) be accepted

CARRIED

MOVED Eastwood/Ryde seconded Charlestown amendments proposed in clause 2, page 17 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clause 2) be accepted.

- Camden - Page 17 clause 2 (maximum 76 teams) Effect is to reduce competition – NNSW is a growing association, why are we reducing competition? Need to be able to fully utilise new venue. This proposal is also restricting up and coming young players - if you lose them at 15/16 they will not return.
- St George - Against dropping numbers, all teams should be equal, dropping numbers panders to top 10%
- Hills - Explained reason for reduction. Originally proposed 8 teams of 8, but wanted to create a more elite state team; in 2014 those teams would be playing Monday-Thursday at Netball Central, leaving Saturday free.
- Camden – good idea but not represented in the proposed amendment.
- Eastwood Ryde - Spoke in support of motion – lots of talk in forums about player overtraining and overexposure (especially in top divisions). 8 teams in top 2 Division, maximum 10 teams in the divisions below.
- M. Corbett (Life Member) - Spoke against the motion: Division 1 should have 8 teams but Division 2 was very competitive this year and should remain 10 teams. Speaking on behalf of Sutherland they would not support current amendments. Need larger competition for encouragement of younger players
- Manly - If Council does not agree today to the motion currently under discussion (page 17, clause 2 for 76 teams) Manly **FORESHADOWED a MOTION** to amend Clause 2, page 17 to 78 teams, making Waratah Cup Division 8 teams and all other divisions 10 teams. Seconded by Northern Suburbs.
- Grafton - Agree Division 1 as 8 teams, with our ANL competition, most of our Blues players came from Division 2 - if this schedule had run this year then games in ANL competition would have date clashed with State League. Need to finish State League in sufficient time, including Grand Final date, before ANL starts.
 - W Archer (President)– Netball NSW has absolutely no impact at all on ANL fixture – it's Netball Australia's schedule, so Netball NSW cannot give assurance about overlapping dates until we see what ANL fixture is.
- Grafton -Thanks, understood, need to ensure that scheduling issue remains under consideration
 - W Archer (President) – aware of scheduling issues and cannot act until ANL fixture is released. Take request on notice and it is certainly considered.
- Camden - Young players will miss out, not the elite.

- Sapphire Coast - Attended Rules Forum but many districts did not attend. Committee did an outstanding result of acting on the consensus of the forum - Although I personally preferred to have 12 teams in all divisions, the motion as presented represents the Forum consensus. Top teams do well, bottom teams get flogged: we don't want to discourage our players and restricting the number of teams will increase the quality of the teams.
- Sutherland – Purpose of the Rules forum was to preclude all this discussion. Everyone in Region 1 was invited to attend the forum.
- C. Murphy - Motion now under discussion is to change from 80 to 76 teams. The Board's position is to retain 80 teams – 10 per division. The review panel's intention was not to limit players, but we know how difficult it is for elite players, coaches/umpires to move up. By limiting number of teams in Divisions 1 and 2 we are also impacting their development opportunities. Smaller Associations may miss out on State League place. New venue will have more courts available.
- Grant Corderoy- Agree with Sutherland that Rules Forum was chance to thrash out the ideas and harness a consensus. There was long discussion on this particular issue at the Rules forum and clear majority view at that forum was that Divisions 1 and 2 be 8 teams each.

MOTION PUT (Clause 2, page 17, as is, 76 teams)

LOST (F: 22, A: 48, Abst: 7)

MOVED Manly, seconded Northern Suburbs that Clause 2. page 17 be amended to:

“There will be a maximum of 78 teams able to compete in State League.”

CARRIED

- W Archer (President) noted that as correction to 78 teams has been accepted that it will flow through to all other clauses within the document.

MOVED Hawkesbury seconded Bankstown for amendments proposed in clauses 3 and 4, page 17 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clauses 3 and 4) be accepted

CARRIED

MOVED Blacktown seconded Kuring-gai for amendments proposed in clause 5, page 17 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clause 5) be accepted with the following additional amendment: that first sentence to read: “Eight (8) teams will be graded into the top division.”

CARRIED

MOVED Blacktown seconded St George for amendments proposed in clauses 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, page 17 and 18 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clauses 6 - 10) be accepted.

- C Murphy - Clause 10 - Board recommends that the word calendar be included between “previous” and “year”. Clause 10 to thus read:
“10 District Associations are permitted to register only one (1) import player into the Waratah Cup Division 1 competition. An import player is defined as a player who is registered in a Tasman Trophy Team in the current year or an international player who has played at the international level in an Open competition within the previous calendar year. An import player can only be registered in the Waratah Cup competition.”
- Blacktown and St George agreed to amendment to motion

MOTION (as amended above) PUT

CARRIED

MOVED Blacktown seconded Eastwood/Ryde for amendments proposed in clause 11, page 19 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clauses 11) be accepted.

CARRIED

- (ii) Motion put forward by Camden re Proposed Change to existing rule discussed at the Competition Rules Forum held on Wednesday 29 August 2012.

Grading Policy & Procedures & Rules for Championships & Competitions – Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League.

Rule 13:

Players must turn 15 years of age in the year of play to be eligible to be registered in any division of the competition. A maximum of three (3) players in total of that age qualification can only be registered by a District on their original entry form, with no late registrations being accepted for this age group.

Camden feels that smaller Associations would be extremely disadvantaged if only players turning 16 years of age in the year of play were able to be registered into State League teams. Camden need to develop its higher calibre of 15 year old players by being able to place them in its teams to compete in the State League Competition and not just State Age and/or NID.

- Camden - Attended forum and was vocal about this issue. Young talented players need to play at appropriate level, late registration not accepted.
- Grant Corderoy - Statistics provided by Netball NSW proved that majority of 15 year olds were registered after State Age
- Young – spoke against 15 year old being involved. Support Camden’s motion that talented girls would need to be nominated right at the beginning of year – always intended it be an elite competition.
- Newcastle – is the intention that one or three 15 year old be able to register per team.
 - Camden clarified that an association would be able to register a total of three 15 year old players, that is a maximum of 3 players across all teams in the competition (not 3 players per team).
- M. Corbett (Life Member) – spoke against this amendment – at 15 year old players have so much on their plate – hard on their physique – risk of injury – why not wait until 16? If they are talented they will get there and have a long career.
- Sutherland - reason for maximum of 3 was to stop possible abuse by registering players and gaining points for following year.
- Campbelltown - Logic is opposite to that of previous motion – in relation to burnout issue
- Randwick –recently had that rare child – a 15 year old Division 1 quality player – she deserved the opportunity to play at that level - Not a concept of sending up the best three 15 year old players to State League.

MOVED Hills seconded Blacktown for amendments proposed in clause 13, page 19 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clause 13) be accepted. Clause to read: “13. Players must turn 16 years of age in the year of play to be eligible to be registered in any division of the competition.”

CARRIED (F: 58 A: 12 Abst: 7)

MOVED Eastwood/Ryde seconded Sutherland for amendments proposed in clause 14, page 19 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clause 14) be accepted

- St George – spoke against 14(e) and lengthy general discussion ensued.
- Eastwood Ryde proposed the omission of clause 14 (e), seconded by Grafton

MOTION PUT (with the omission of 14 (e))

CARRIED (F: 58, A: 6, Abst: 4)

MOVED Newcastle seconded Illawarra for removal of clause 14(d)

- Newcastle – spoke against 14(d) and general discussion ensued.
- Hills - noted that this general discussion of detail is an example of why document should have been moved in entirety.

MOTION WITHDRAWN by Newcastle (as the intent of the clause had been clarified by discussion) and apologised for wasting Council's time.

MOVED Eastwood/Ryde seconded Sutherland for amendments proposed in clause 15, page 19 of meeting papers (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, clause 15) be accepted

- C. Murphy - For reasons of clarity, if you have a team already in the higher grade, a winning team of the same district cannot also be promoted. The Board therefore proposes to add clause 15 (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".
- Eastwood/Ryde and Sutherland agreed to this amendment to the motion.

MOTION PUT (with the addition of 15(d))

CARRIED

W. Archer (President) called for discussion on proposed amendments to Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League Clause 16, page 20 of meeting papers

- C. Murphy - discussed the implication of bonus points - will skew the grading of teams, especially in lower divisions where less points are needed. It is believed the purpose of this clause is to promote District loyalty, but this currently could benefit a team who changes to a different District no bonus points to be allocated. Believe only first sentence of clause 16 should be used.

MOVED Hills seconded Gosford that the Board's suggestion be discussed

CARRIED

- Sutherland - Why not just say teams to retain 5 players?
- Grant Corderoy – Some discrepancies have occurred this year and intent is to keep teams together in Districts. Consensus of forum is to reward loyalty of teams staying together.
- General discussion ensued about ensuring that the intent of loyalty to team was reflected in the Rules. Discussion culminated in Sutherland suggesting amendment to insert "District Association with teams....." at the beginning sentence 2 and remove NB paragraph.
- Campbelltown - Later in these papers, winning teams are plus 1 point. By making this point now, we need to ensure that we are not duplicating the effect of special loadings.
- Grant – bottom two teams are relegated, irrespective of point's issue.
- Randwick - Suggest amendment be: Associations who retain 5 players in an association from the previous year.
- Sapphire Coast - Conflict between concept of team or players. Ensure that there is clarity that it is the same team playing together – Add the word "same" to team
- R. Watson raised issue whether intent was to retain team or district loyalty
- Grant Corderoy advised that intent was to retain loyalty within team itself.
- Blacktown Clause 10 we added word "calendar". Does this need to be carried through the document
- W. Archer – assertion of clarification in clause 10 was in relation to the international calendar so not necessarily all through.
- Hills to get bonus points you must include 5 players in the 7
- Sutherland – Insert "Associations with.... teams" ----- at the beginning of sentence 2
Or
Make change in NB paragraph, to remove the words "irrespective of"
- Hills -Happy to accept Sutherland's amendment
- Gosford – happy to accept Sutherland's amendment
- C. Murphy - Call it a "District Association with teams....."
- Norths - Not specific that it is the same District Association.
- Sutherland – remove NB paragraph entirely

MOVED Hills seconded Gosford for amendment of clause 16, (Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League) to:

“Subject to Rules 14 and 15, grading will be based on the seven (7) players with the highest player status. District Associations with teams who retain five (5) players from the previous year will receive a bonus of six (6) grading points which will be added to that team(s) accumulated status points used for the purpose of grading. In this circumstance, five (5) players from the previous year will be included in the teams accumulated status points.”

CARRIED

Meeting suspended at 12.16pm for lunch

Meeting reconvened at 12:53pm

Suspension of Standing Orders

MOVED Blacktown seconded Hawkesbury for the suspension of standing orders

CARRIED

Presentation by Scott Carver on Netball Central and by Netball NSW on San Remo Net Set Go.

MOVED St George seconded Charlestown for the resumption of standing orders

CARRIED

MOVED Sutherland seconded Sapphire Coast to consider clauses 17 – 19 together then the rest of the document in its entirety.

- Northern Suburbs - reference to player status, or to give notice if players are going on maternity leave. If team is relegated then team members have no player status for the following year.
- C. Murphy- Anyone who played 3 games had player status. Any change now to change it to 5 games would effectively be retrospective legislation. Board’s preference is that for registration in 2014 and onward the minimum number of games needed for player status from the previous season will be five (5).”
- Northern Suburbs – Changing 3 games to 5 does not address the issue
- C. Murphy: Clause 19 – suggested adding “who was’ to clarify the sentence, which would then read: “Special Loadings: a) Any player who was eligible to play in a team that won a grand final in a division of State League in the previous year shall have one (1) player status point additional (+1)”
- Sutherland and sapphire coast agreed Boards amendment

MOTION PUT (including amendment to 19 Player Status and 19 (a) Special Loadings from Board comments)

CARRIED

W Archer (President) noted, in reference to Sutherland’s motion that clause 20 onwards be considered in its entirety, that there may need to be discussion around the Masters Rules.

MOTION AMENDED Sutherland seconded Blacktown to consider document from clause 20 on page 22 of the meeting papers up to start of page 48 be considered in its entirety

CARRIED

MOVED Baulkham Hills seconded Blacktown for amendments proposed from clause 20 on page 22 of the meeting papers up to the start of page 48 be accepted

CARRIED

MOVED Hills seconded Sutherland for amendments proposed in clauses 1 – 11, pages 48 - 50 of meeting papers (Grading Procedures for State Age Championships, clauses 1 -11) be accepted

CARRIED

MOVED Hills seconded Hawkesbury for amendments proposed in pages 51 – 55 of the meeting papers

- Newcastle – sought clarification of Clause 2(d) of Playing Rules for State Age Championships that fines for umpires withdrawing after confirmation date is \$200 per game, per day.
- Armidale – that is a lot of money \$200/game/day. Are there grounds for waiver in case of extenuating circumstances?
 - W. Archer – Yes, agreed. Extenuating circumstances may be considered but previously there have been huge logistical issues if umpires withdraw after confirmation date.

Suggested amendment of the motion by addition of words “per game per day” to Clause 2(d) on page 52 of meeting papers so that paragraph 4 of Clause 2(d) of Playing Rules for State Age Championships reads: “Where an umpire withdraws on the day for other than medical reasons or other extenuating circumstances, or does not show that District/League Association will incur a fine a \$200 per allocation per day.”

- Gunnedah – on page 55 – what happened to former clause 3(v)?
 - W. Archer – Appears to be an editing error. Read out former 3(v) regarding venues for State Age Championships.

MOTION PUT including additional words in Clause 2(d) on page 52 and reinstatement of former clause 3(v) on page 55 **CARRIED**

MOVED Baulkham Hills seconded Maitland for amendments proposed in clauses 1 – 10, pages 56 - 58 of meeting papers (Grading Procedures for State Championships, clauses 1 -10) be accepted

CARRIED

MOVED Sutherland seconded Hills for amendments proposed in pages 59 – 63 of meeting papers

- Grant Corderoy – consensus decision at forums re State Championships was that Masters is an integral part of State Championship
 - C. Murphy - Masters has been integral part of State Championships but it is no longer possible. Except that 4 teams withdrew we wouldn't have been able to fit them in. Masters could be run at separate timing as we cannot fit everyone in. It can either be at two venues at the one time on the long weekend, or it could be held at two separate times often Masters players are also coaching/mentoring other State Championship teams.
- Gosford - Why couldn't it be at two different venues as suggested previously?
- Hills - Having Masters in October would be playing out of season – Masters should be included in State Championships – at second venue. Opens is getting weaker and Masters getting stronger.
- Tamworth - Withdrawal of Masters from State Championships would allow mature aged coaches, managers and umpires to play. Younger umpires who play in State could umpire Masters. More venues would be able to host State Championships and no need for balloting out of teams. Masters allows playing and social evenings – another outstanding feature. Would allow more regions to host Masters if Masters was held at separate venues.
- Eastwood/Ryde - Want to see Masters played at State Championships as they support each other. Wonderful to have separate competitions for Masters at Club level, not at State. Happy to have split venues as that means more players playing.
- Sutherland - Board is saying that cannot be all together, let's just vote on it.
 - W. Archer – please consider that Council voted last year that Masters would be held in Newcastle in 2013 as part of their 60th anniversary celebrations – if this motion is carried that decision will need to be reviewed.

MOTION PUT Inclusive of deletion of Playing Rules for State Championship rule 3(u) as per Board comments.

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy seconded Gosford for rescission of motion from November 2011 Council meeting re Newcastle's hosting of Masters State Championships in 2013. **CARRIED (F:55, A:20)**

MOVED Baulkham Hills seconded Sutherland for amendments proposed in clauses 1 – 12, pages 64 - 68 of meeting papers (Guidelines for conduct of District Carnivals) be accepted including such flow on amendments caused by previous decisions of Council today)

- C. Murphy : Carnival fees have been the same for some years and costs have increased, Board proposes that carnival fee should be \$33

MOTION PUT (with amendment of Carnival fee to \$33) **CARRIED**

e) Elections

No elections held at this meeting

f) Correspondence

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

Moved J. Hahn seconded Macleay that correspondence for the preceding period, both hardcopy and email be accepted. **CARRIED**

g) Business arising from Correspondence

Nil

h) Applications for Membership

No applications for membership presented to this meeting.

i) Reports:

Board of Directors

- W. Archer (President) reviewed the report and pointed out that Netball Central building contractor is to be appointed within a couple of weeks

MOVED Sapphire Coast seconded Camden for the adoption of the Board report excluding item 5. Membership fees **CARRIED**

- J. Hahn presented the Board of Directors reports issued for the mid-year council meeting which did not occur due to lack of quorum.

MOVED Macleay seconded Camden that the Board of Directors report issued for mid-year Council meeting be adopted **CARRIED**

J. Bothwell gave PowerPoint presentation to Council - Vision 2015

Finance

MOVED Charlestown seconded Gunnedah for the adoption of the July 2012 finance report.

CARRIED

C. Campbell (CEO) presented the Finance report for November Council papers, noting the cut and paste error and redistribution of the budget.

C. Campbell (CEO) reviewed the budget noting maintenance costs which will hopefully be reduced in 12 month's time. 2013 will be a 6 home game season so operating costs alter accordingly. ANL team figure will be supplied by Netball Australia formula – costing and draw Netball Australia implementing new system, rolling out to smaller states first. NMAS system licencing.

- Kuring-gai - What is Netball NSW's 2013 budget for receiving sponsorship and royalty and grants?
 - C. Campbell (CEO) responded that sometimes they cannot be predicted. Netball Australia now employs a government liaison person who flagged a potential grant which NNSW applied for, so this item is unpredictable.

C. Campbell (CEO) presented the Board's proposal to increase membership fee by \$2.00 to Senior, Junior and Netta with a \$1.00 increase to Fun Net/PWD and Non Players.

- A comment from the floor noted that GST on \$62.00 would be \$6.20 (not \$6.00) thus increasing the fee for Seniors to \$68.20.

MOVED Sutherland seconded Grafton for the adoption of the Finance report, including the amendment of the additional 20c on the senior membership fee – total membership fee for senior to be \$68.20.

CARRIED

CEO's Operational Report

C. Campbell (CEO) reviewed the Operational Report prepared for the abandoned July 2012 Council meeting.

MOVED Grafton seconded Sutherland for adoption of July 2012 CEO's report

CARRIED

C. Campbell (CEO) reviewed the November Operational Report

- Newcastle - no mention on page 93, umpiring National A badges Alexandra Hernando from Newcastle
- Campbelltown – Note spelling mistake - Merryn Connolly spelt with two "l"s
- Randwick – need to add another name to page 95 Bench officials Cheryl Goulder
- Newcastle- P95 David Levens review - when will anything concrete come from that?
 - C. Campbell (CEO) - Will be presented to Strategic Forum on 29 November
- Newcastle - When will Level 1Umpires course online
- Nicole Horton – Netball Australia has indicated it will be online in March 2013

MOVED Sutherland seconded Gosford for the adoption of the CEO's Operational report

CARRIED

j) Any Other Reports
Nil

k) General Business

M. Murphy – On the basis that I have lost respect and trust in some senior staff members and as a Board member, this makes my position untenable, so with respect to the Council that first elected me some 17 years ago, I would announce that I will not be seeking re-election for 2013. I would like to take this final opportunity to thank several people.

- Neita Matthews for her friendship and ongoing support

- The late Marie Dunn who always kept things in perspective for me
- Special friends I have made over the years – Estelle Lawler, Kerry Austin, Lyn Bonnett, Joy Gillett, Di Pascoe
- People I respect and admire – Marg Corbett, Lynn Quinn, Barb Bird, Cec O'Donnell

I had the honour to serve as secretary to 3 very different presidents, the late Pat Weston, Marilyn Melhuish and Wendy Archer. I hope they feel that I fulfilled the role they expected from me, a role I was committed to, ensuring NNSW moved ahead into a new era of management in sport. Thank my Association, Hawkesbury for their ongoing support where I have been a member for 40 years and will continue there. Finally my sincere thanks to some lifelong friends – Jean Peare, Rodney Watson and his family and Wendy Archer and her family.

W. Archer (President) – Shocked by Michele's decision and thanked her for her dedicated service to Netball NSW and it will be acknowledged at an appropriate time.

The President declared the meeting closed at 3.05 pm