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

Held on 5 November 2011
at Dooley's Club, John Street, Lidcombe

Present:

Directors: W. Archer AM, R. Havrlant, C. Murphy, J. Hahn, L. Quinn OAM, M. Murphy
K. Tetley (Acting General Manager),

Delegates:

J. Gates (Armidale)	K. McMahon (Armidale)
S. McDonald (Bankstown)	D. Howard (Bankstown)
K. Mellenbergh (Bathurst)	J. Pike (Baulkham Hills)
M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)	S. Marks (Blacktown)
D. Thrift (Blue Mountains)	M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)
J. Bazley (Camden)	K. Thomas (Camden)
V. Cochrane (Cessnock)	K. Tomlinson (Cessnock)
D. Pascoe (Charlestown)	M. Harrison (Charlestown)
H. Atzemis (City of Sydney)	V. McDowell (Coffs Harbour)
M. Charles (Coffs Harbour)	J. Watt (Eastwood/Ryde)
D. Bills (Eastwood/Ryde)	M. Lowe (Fairfield)
I. Robson (Fairfield)	L. Simpson (Gosford)
R. Higgs (Gosford)	J. Webster (Grafton)
C. Walls (Grafton)	T. Sutcliffe (Gunnedah)
J. Small (Gunnedah)	K. Austin (Hastings Valley)
T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)	V. Bertenshaw (Hawkesbury)
L. Burgess OAM (Hills)	J. Thompson (Hills)
C. Lear (Illawarra)	D. Elvy (Illawarra)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	L. Blackmore (Inner West)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	J. Perry (Kuringai)
A. Margalit (Kuringai)	K. Smith (Lakeside)
M. Meares (Lakeside)	J. Troy (Lismore)
B. Dew OAM (Lismore)	E. Lawler (Liverpool)
K. Whiteley (Liverpool)	J. Perry (Kuring-gai)
A. Lipman (Kuring-gai)	T. Kane (Lower Clarence)
D. Hodson (Lower Clarence)	K. Lambley (Macleay)
J. Fulford (Maitland)	B. Bird (Maitland)
H. Dean (Manly)	M. Hauser (Manly)
C. O'Donnell (Mt Druitt)	B. Lee (Mt. Druitt)
J. Baskerville (Mudgee)	A. Schutt (Nelson Bay)
G. Urquhart (Nelson Bay)	A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)
S. Johns (Newcastle)	T. Field (Northern Suburbs)
M. Sinclair (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)
S. Fitzgerald (Queanbeyan)	D. Breust (Queanbeyan)
J. Goudie (Quirindi)	M. Kelly (Randwich)

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)
L. O'Brien (Tamworth)	Y. Richardson (Taree)
L. Bonnett (Taree)	P. Burt (Westlakes)
S. Shelley (Westlakes)	S. Bailey (Woy Woy)
M. Thoms (Woy Woy)	C. Miles (Wyang)
F. Passmore (Wyang)	

Life Members: M. Corbett A. Doring
M. Boyle OAM N. Matthews OAM

Observers: E. Hamilton (Woy Woy) F. Reynolds (Randwick)
T. Eastham (Lakeside) K. Sweeney (Tamworth)
K. Jeffress (Westlakes) D. Reid (Kandos)
S. Oldfield (Kandos)

Returning Officer: Les Turner

The President declared the meeting open at 10.05 am

a) Apologies

R. Watson (Vice President)	C. Campbell (General Manager)
J. Byrnes (Parramatta/Auburn)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
G. Byrnes (Campbelltown)	V. Bruncker (Kiama)
C. Booth (Blacktown)	D. Jackson (Port Stephens)
M. McGrath (Lakeside)	E. Brown (Macleay)
C. Baiton (Young)	M. Dunn OAM (Life Member)

MOVED City of Sydney seconded Charlestown that apologies be accepted

CARRIED

Announcements W. Archer AM (President)

- Our congratulations have been extended to Tara Warner on gaining her All Australia umpiring badge at the ANL Finals Series
- Congratulations have also been extended to our NSW Waratahs, an extraordinary group, led by Rob Wright who took out the ANL Title in resounding fashion.
- Congratulations have been extended to April Letton, Verity Simmons, Vanessa Ware, Rebecca Bulley, Ashleigh Brazill, Amy Wild, Carla Dziwoki and Susan Pratley on their selection into the Australian Fastnet team that will contest the November tournament in Liverpool, England. April and Carla will be here at morning tea to mingle with delegates.
- Congratulations have also been extended to Paige Hadley, Kimberley Ravallion, Samantha Poolman, Kristine Brice, Amy Sommerville and Gabi Simpson who were part of the Australian 21/U team who were training partners for the Diamonds in the recent Tests Series in Perth.

- It has been noted with sadness the passing of Denise Masonwells (nee Skinner) who was President of the Forbes Netball Association and had a great influence on the sport in that area over an extended period of time.
- Duncan Lang, a member of our UOP, isn't enjoying great health at the moment but his sense of humour hasn't been lost and we have sent our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.
- Hannah Hauser will be married next weekend and we have sent her our best wishes.
- Welcome observers from Kandos/Rylstone to Council meeting today.
- Welcome to Kath Tetley as Acting General Manager and the NNSW staff.

b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2011.

Corrections - Nil

MOVED Kuringai seconded Lismore that minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2011 be accepted **CARRIED**

c) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2011.

Nil

d) Notices of Motion

ii. Board of Directors – Changes to the Championship and Competition Rules as follows, including rationale for changes.

M. Murphy (Director State Administration) introduced the Board of Directors' recommended changes to Championships and Competitions Rules.

Grading Procedure – Regional 1 State League

1. **MOVED** Charlestown, seconded Lakeside for the deletion of words "does not have permanent resident status" from Clause 10 **CARRIED**
2. **MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Sutherland for the deletion of clause 10a in its entirety as no longer required

~~10a. For 2011 the following special provisions will apply to players contracted by the NSW Swifts to participate in the Tasman Trophy competition.~~

- ~~(i) Where a team has a registered import and Netball NSW requests another import to participate in the competition between the months of May 2011 and July 2011 this can occur on the following conditions~~
 - ~~a) Only one import can be on the court at any one time.~~
 - ~~b) The second import does not count as a late registered player~~
 - ~~c) Where the playing of the second import means that there are thirteen players in the team there is not a requirement to de-register the first import.~~
 - ~~d) The second import is ineligible to play in the final series.~~

CARRIED

3. **MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Lismore that Clause 11 (ii) include the words "over a 4 week period"

After discussion (and in consultation with Lismore and Eastwood/Ryde) the meeting agreed, on a show of hands, to amend the motion to:

MOVED Lismore seconded Eastwood/Ryde that Clause 11 (ii) include the words “within a 4 week period” **CARRIED**

W. Archer (President) introduced April Letton to the meeting, noting how proud everyone was of all the players in Waratah Cup

Meeting adjourned at 10.32 am

Meeting reconvened at 11 am

W. Archer (President) welcomed Carla Dziwoki who was one of the winning Waratah Cup team

4. **MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Grafton for clause 12 to be changed to read “Subsequent to the close of registrations for the Waratah Cup, any player selected in a TTNL team as a replacement player will not be classified as an import player for the purposes of Clause 10. **CARRIED**
5. **MOVED** M Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Baulkham Hills for clause 15 to be changed to include second sentence as follows: “If the player has no status points from the previous year, status points from the year before that is to be accepted provided that the player has played a minimum of three games in the relevant grade in that year. **CARRIED**
6. **MOVED** M Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Port Stephens for clause 16 the following words be inserted “is a player who” after “international player”, “of the competition” inserted after “in the previous year...” At the end of the last paragraph the words “notwithstanding in some circumstances Rule 15 may apply” to be included. **CARRIED**
7. **MOVED** M Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Gosford clause 18 include 1 status point for 15 years State Age players from previous year.

W. Archer (President) noted that the above motion dealt with the same clause as Notice of Motion iv) from St George Netball Association and invited St George to address Council on St George’s motion re Changes to Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, Rule 18 (page 17 and 18 of the Council meeting papers).

Discussion:

- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) noted that the intention was to create as level a playing field as possible
- Camden sought clarification of players playing the highest level would have highest status points based on their previous State League season. (confirmed by M Murphy)
- St George spoke to the motion on page 17 noting that team which came second receives same points as team which came 8th.

- W Archer sought clarification that St George's proposal was for graduated grading within a grade. St George confirmed that was the case.
- J Hahn discussed concept of promotion of top 1 or 2 teams, bottom team finds it difficult not to be relegated.
- Kuringai Spoke in support of St Georges motion
- W Archer (President) noted that it was a team grading
- Sapphire Cast: Spoke in support of St George's motion
- Camden: Current subject of discussion is what used to happen previously.
- Manly asked if L Quinn had any view on this issue
- L Quinn believes that there needs to be some form of adjustment If teams are staying with basic 5 or 7 players then grading is true as players now have more choice
- Bathurst pointed out that we also need to consider future motion about 5 players, need to look at the next stage of how to differentiate between multiple teams on same points.
- M Murphy proposed deferring this motion to enable further consideration after other motions passed. In this year's grading of 78 teams in Waratah Cup there was not a single appeal. Grading is a simple mathematical system which has been successful this year.

MOTION PUT

CARRIED (F:78 A:15)

Sutherland: Point of Order: Question the validity of voting as the motion was amended without seconder.

W. Archer (President) noted Sutherland's point, stated that the meeting was now going to take St George's full motion and discuss it, if that full motion is passed then it will become the Rule.

MOVED and seconded by St George that it's Notice of Motion iv) Change to Grading Procedure – Region 1 State League, Rule 18 amended by the addition that 15 year State Age representative players would receive 10 points and change in points allocated include proposed points for Trans Tasman players and International players as listed - Rule 16 changed to read to coincide with whole motion.

Waratah Cup	90 points
State League Division 2	80 points
State League Division 3	70 points
State League Division 4	60 points
State League Division 5	50 points
State League Division 6	40 points
State League Division 7	30 points
State League Division 8	20 points

Tasman Trophy Player	To 99 points
International Player*	To 99 points
Australian Institute of Sport#	To 95 points
State League – Interstate+	To 65 points

Points are added for the teams finishing position:

1 st	10 points
2 nd	9 points
3 rd	8 points
4 th	7 points
5 th	5 points
6 th	4 points
7 th	3 points
8 th	2 points
9 th	1 point

Any team finishing in last position (including equal last) shall receive 0 additional points.

Note: The team that finished last excludes teams participating on an invitational basis.

Special Loading: any player eligible to play in a team that won a grand final in a Division of the State League competition in the previous year – 1 point additional

Grading status is applied to a player who played at least three games in the same team in the previous year. E.g. a player who played at least 3 games in Division 4 and at least 3 games in Division 2 receives 80+ playing status points. A player who played at least 3 games in Division 4 and 2 games in Division 2 receives 60+ playing status points.

Discussion:

- Norths: how would it work if there is a team with 5 players from diff districts? Does that give more points than a team which is retaining its players
- Sutherland Does it disadvantage a player with less points?
- W Archer – that is up to District's management - acknowledge the imperfections of the system but intention is to give as equitable a system as possible
- Blacktown – we are saying it's about a team, but it is about a player. Shouldn't a team be rewarded for high retention of players. Players are very mobile. No incentive for District to keep its own players
- W Archer did not disagree with Blacktown's statement but people have freedom of choice. Only sport with fair control is a draft system – this system was considered by NNSW a number of years ago and it was discarded.

AMENDMENT MOVED Manly seconded Lismore that the Notice of Motion iv) as amended, be further amended by the inclusion of the words “points are added for the players in the teams finishing in the following positions”

Port Stephens questioned why we are going into the detail of allocations when players who move up to a higher competition may seek more points. Creates more work for District Associations, needs consideration and discussion before the system is changed.

If a player who didn't play in 2010, where do her team points come from – from her 2009 points? W Archer stated that that player would have no status points.

AMENDMENT MOTION PUT

CARRIED (F:66 A:15)

MOTION WITH THE AMENDMENT PUT

CARRIED (F:43 A:34)

MOVED and seconded by St George for the inclusion of points from previous year's State and State Age Championships for players who did not play State League in the previous year:

17 & Under teams finishing:	Championship Division: 1 st to 5th	17 points
	Championship Division: 6 th to 10th	15 points
	Championship Division: Balance	13 points
	Division 2	10 points
	Division 3	6 points
15 yrs State Age teams finishing:	Championship Division: 1 st to 5th	14 points
	Championship Division: 6 th to 10th	12 points
	Championship Division: Balance	9 points
	Division 2: 1 st to 10th	7 points
	Division 2:	5 points
	Division 3:	3 points
	Division 4	2 points

CARRIED (F:37 A:29)

8. **MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Blacktown Clause 7 delete reference to 10a. **CARRIED**

MOVED and seconded Mt Druitt Rule 14 "Delete seven (7) and instead insert five (5)"

AMENDMENT MOVED Sutherland seconded Mt. Druitt for the inclusion of the following additional words: Where more than 10 eligible teams are submitted for a grade with equal points, the points allocated to the next highest ranked player in each team will be used to determine ranking.

Discussion:

- M Corbett Has spoken on this issue previously – needs to support rights and abilities of players, who are currently selected on points, not on ability. This is an anomaly as Districts want to support young talented players. Current system is stifling/leaving out talented players who do not have points.
- W Archer advised that 16 players is the maximum you can have registered through your team for the year.
- Port Stephens Concern is taking it back to associations where it is accepted practice that teams register with 7 players. We are proposing to move a grading on 5 players (excluding subsequent amendment put during the meeting) Need to make process fair and consistent – using 7 players, not 5.

Mt. Druitt agreed with Sutherland words and included in motion

MOTION WAS PUT INCLUDING AMENDMENT

CARRIED (F:77 A:3)

Mt Druitt withdrew the motion relating to clause 6

Grading Procedure for State Age Championships

9. **MOVED** and seconded the Board of Directors Clause 1 – change “shall” to “will”

1. The closing date for the State Age competition ~~shall~~ will be advised at the November Council meeting and as notified on the Netball NSW website.

CARRIED

10. **MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Sutherland for the inclusion of a new sentence in Clause 7 to read “where more than 80 entries are received on an age group, 22 teams will be graded into the Championship division for that age group. For first year, 4 up 2 down shall apply.

CARRIED

Rules for State Championships

11. **MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Grafton for the deletion of the 21 and under division and insert instead 19 and under division, with the correction in 1.b.(ii) to read 19 and Under – for players who have not attained the age of twenty (20) years as at December 31 in the year of play.

CARRIED

Guidelines for conduct of District Carnivals

12. **MOVED** M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Newcastle for the rewording of Clause 1 as follows “Each District will be allocated one (1) official carnival which will be advertised on the Netball NSW website calendar each year. Applications to hold a District carnival to be received by Netball NSW by 30 September each year following which Netball NSW will allocate and approve dates for carnivals. Late applications will only be considered for vacant dates following initial allocations”

Discussion:

- Newcastle questioned: in the Hunter region, all Hunter associations collaborate on dates to ensure no date clashes, will subject amendment mean that local collaboration will be overridden?.
- W Archer confirmed that there is no intention to impinge on regional dates as the current system of local collaboration works very well.
- Sapphire Coast: raised issue - re Clause 11 - of no minimum age group, conflicts with constitution which states that no people under 15 can play in State league. Seeks clarification of minimum age (duty of care issue with younger players)
- W. Archer (President) responded that motion 11 had been carried but believes that Districts would exercise common sense and not nominate players younger than 15 for State league events. The Board to include the age restrictions issue at Regional and District Forums next year

AMENDMENT MOVED Newcastle seconded Orange for the inclusion of a second paragraph in clause 1 being “The decision and allocations of carnivals made at a regional level in their region shall be the dates approved by Netball NSW

AMENDMENT PUT

LOST (F:26 A:55)

MOTION PUT

CARRIED (F:88 A:0)

Meeting adjourned at 12.35

Meeting reconvened at 1.20pm

MOVED M Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Camden that the change from 7 to 5 players for grading purposes be made consistent throughout the document

CARRIED

Masters 2012 format and new format from 2013 as follows

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Lakeside that due to insufficient courts available at the 2012 Penrith venue to hold Masters divisions, the June Masters divisions are to be held at a second venue in close proximity to Penrith at the same time, being the June long weekend, noting the October 2012 Masters tournament will be held in the same format as 2011 and will be held at Tamworth.

CARRIED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Blacktown that from 2013 the Masters Championship division will no longer be included in the State Championships held in June.

Discussion:

- St George - Strategic forum had mixed feedback, so no change for 2012. For 2013 are we looking to hold a Masters division and Championship division, will put forward thoughts at a future Forum

MOTION PUT

CARRIED (F:58 A:22)

Kuringai – Grading procedures for State Age

MOVED Kuringai seconded Manly for the following changes to Rule 8 of the Grading procedures for State Age Championships:

8. a) For the 12 years age division, the District/League Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation. Where it is not possible to place a District/League Association in the Division requested the procedures as detailed in Rule 8 b) and 8 c) will be applied.
- b) Where nominations are received that recommends placement of more than 20 teams in Championship Division the placement of teams will be based on an average of each District/League Association's final results in the 12, 13, 14 & 15 years age Division over of the previous ~~3 years. Such averages. Placement will be to be~~ determined after the promotion and relegation of teams for the previous year has been undertaken.
- c) For the remaining Divisions the placement of teams will be based on an average of District/League Association final results in the 12, 13, 14 & 15 years age Division ~~over~~

of the previous ~~3~~ years and the over riding requirement to divide as far as is possible equally teams between Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.

Such averages to be determined after the promotion and relegation of teams for the previous year has been undertaken ~~and teams have participated for the previous three years. Associations without teams in all age groups would be averaged across participating age groups.~~

Discussion:

- Lyn Quinn when we had 26 to play with it was a diff proposition – now with only 20 in championship there is restriction.
- Kiama – requested clarification of principle under which 12s are allocated
- Lyn Quinn, currently under the rules, grading for 12s is done on average , i.e. if Kuringai was to put a team in for 12s, the placement for that team would be based on average for previous 3 years Acknowledged that this is disadvantage from prior players.
- Camden 12, 13, 14, 15 the situation remains the same – averaging occurs
- Fairfield Average only comes into play when there are more than 20 teams applying for championship, small clubs with a strong team coming through would be disadvantaged by prior teams performance.
- City of Sydney remember that 12 – 15 is the primary age for development. Should be thinking about holistic approach across competitions, not just Championship grade.
- Sapphire Coast Would be frustrated if winning team was not promoted. Teams 18 – 20 need to be relegated (perhaps 17 as well) Players and teams need something to target, promote 2 teams.
- Lyn Quinn – old system for 12s was that if you were in championships in 2011 then you were in championships in 2012 unless you applied for grading/other grade??
- Randwick Have many more than 20 applied ?
- Lyn Quinn – approx 22, (M. Murphy clarified as 21)
- Randwick – unlucky scenario of team during changeover where undefeated team was not promoted.
- Queanbeyan Don't think you should take results of carnivals into grading. Carnivals are used by Districts for grading.
- Kuringai suggested put first motion, then proceed to second.

MOTION PUT

LOST (F:16 A:63)

MOVED Kuringai seconded Blacktown for the following changes to Rule 8 of the Grading procedures for State Age Championships:

8. a) For the 12 years age division, the District/League Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation. Where it is not possible to place a District/League Association in the Division requested the procedures as detailed in Rule 8 b) and 8 c) will be applied.
- b) Where nominations are received that recommends placement of more than 20 teams in Championship Division the placement of teams will be based on an average of District/League Association final results in the

12 years age Division over the previous ~~3~~ years. ~~Such averages- Placement~~ to be determined after the promotion and relegation of teams for the previous year has been undertaken.

- c) For the remaining Divisions the placement of teams will be based on ~~an average of~~ District/League Association's final results in the 12 years age Division ~~over of~~ the previous ~~3~~ years and the over riding requirement to divide as far as is possible equally teams between Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.

Such ~~averages-placement~~ to be determined after the promotion and relegation of teams for the previous year has been undertaken ~~and teams have participated for the previous three years.~~

MOTION PUT

LOST (F:36 A:43)

e) Elections

Nil elections

f) Correspondence

Correspondence between 9 August 2011 and 4 November 2011, both hardcopy and email was tabled and available for viewing.

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Sutherland that the correspondence between 9 August and 4 November 2011 be accepted

CARRIED

g) Business arising from correspondence

Nil

h) Applications for membership

An application for membership was received from Kandos Rylstone Netball Club. They have been playing with Mudgee District Association but cost and distance has led them to form their own association. Area includes Bylong, Clandulla, Running Stream, Capertee, Glen Alice, Glen Davis. Have all weather fields and sponsorship from local Council.

MOVED Board of Directors seconded Grafton that the application for membership by Kandos/Rylstone Netball Association be accepted.

Discussion

Mudgee & District expressed its disappointment in this unexpected development, Kandos is only 40km from Mudgee. Mudgee's Council has spent \$10m on regional sporting facility, now has 6 all weather courts and 8 grass courts. Kandos/Rylstone has 85 members in Mudgee district and wonders where it will field 300 players.

MOVED Port Stephens seconded Mt. Druitt to allow representatives from Kandos/Rylstone to address the Council **CARRIED**

Kandos: Nowhere did Kandos state it would have 300 players, but there is tremendous level of expressions of interest and is planning to run season and offseason competitions.

Sutherland – asked if Kandos in same council district as Mudgee? Does that contravene constitution?

M. Murphy (Director State Administration) –does not contravene Constitution – there are other instances of two districts in same council area – by permission of Council.

Board has recommended acceptance of the motion, noted Mudgee’s disappointment

MOTION PUT **CARRIED**

i) Reports:

i. Board of Directors

M. Murphy (Director State Administration) highlighted that passing board report does not pass the membership fee -that will be separate motion.

- Attention drawn to dates for 2012 and note that Strategic Forum and mid year Council meeting have been kept separate to State Championships on the basis there was no consensus as to the move either verbally or through formal feedback process.

- Convenor’s Reports

W Archer Appointments Panel – State Team appointments now concluded:

17 and under	Coach: Lenore Blades
	Ass. Coach: Colleen Mitchell
	Manager: Narelle Stokes
19 and Under	Coach: Megan Simpson
	Ass. Coach: Moira Gaha
	Manager: Maureen Stephenson
21 and Under	Coach: Maria Lynch,
	Ass. Coach: Briony Akle
	Manager: Jacqua Heedle

- Newcastle – question about last paragraph page 26, individual members registering between January 1st and February 28th, is there a problem that has prompted this issue?
 - M. Murphy – teams are already being put together for next year and need to ensure cover for all players.
- Sutherland Page 25, Bench officials requirements, onerous provisions for scorers and timers being accredited.
 - Lyn Quinn - large numbers of officials trained last year and accreditation processes and requirements. Sport has progressed, with accreditation for trainers and managers, now for bench officials, National accreditation is now in effect which necessitates accreditation of umpires, next step is the bench, as bench has effect on the game. Has been previous examples of disputes on score sheets. When we have national events in the state we need to get Level 1 accreditation through to Level 2.
 - W. Archer advised that it has been a long-term goal of Australian Sports Institute to get accreditation for umpiring, training, coaching; now it is flowing to bench officials.

- Camden - could NNSW increase the registration fee so we could get someone to pay for this, unable to get parents and others to pay for an accreditation course.
- W. Archer (President) stated that she would take question under advisement.
- City of Sydney – from coaching perspective, had same approach to accreditation, Sydney supported its accreditation fees and it's up to each district to support its own.
- Manly – big district, had limited notice of free training, could only have 2 people attend, requested additional free training. Struggled along with just 2 accredited people. \$35 fee is onerous on people who travel 100km. Do online umpiring and online principles is onerous, particularly on 17 year old players as limited parental supporters, attempting to get boyfriends accredited. Accreditation is good and Manly supports a very small increase in membership fees for this purpose.

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Neita Matthews (Life Member) for the adoption of the Board report **CARRIED**

ii. Finance

J. Hahn (Director Finance) introduced the finance report stating that auditing had already commenced,

MOVED J. Hahn (Director Finance) seconded Lakeside for the adoption of the proposed 2012 membership fees as follows:

	Senior	Junior	Netta	Fun Net	Non Players/PWD
NNSW	\$51.00	\$37.55	\$27.64	\$16.91	\$21.91
NA	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$9.00
Sub Total	\$60.00	\$44.55	\$33.64	\$20.91	\$30.91
GST	\$6.00	\$4.45	\$3.36	\$2.09	\$3.09
Total	\$66.00	\$49.00	\$37.00	\$23.00	\$34.00

The Board has proposed a fee increase of \$2.00 to Senior, Junior and Netta with a \$1.00 increase to Fun Net/PWD and Non Players **CARRIED**

MOVED J Hahn seconded Parramatta/Auburn for the adoption of the draft budget summary for 2012 as tabled and the Finance Report **CARRIED**

iii. General Manager's Operational Report.

Kath Tetley (Acting General Manager) noted the report in the Council papers

MOVED Liverpool seconded Eastwood/Ryde for the adoption of the General Manager's Operational Report **CARRIED**

j) General Business

1. M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – 2012 Events Calendar – can collect copy of calendar. Carnival and meeting dates now included in calendar on web next week,
2. N. Matthews (Life Member) requested status update on Homebush Centre for Excellence
 - W. Archer (President) – Centre for Excellence is proceeding, NNSW architect progressing, drawings which will hopefully go to Olympic Park Authority for approval. Lots of people working hard to push it along. DA process will take 6 months, NNSW delegates working together, aware that there is \$27m to spend and no other funding available. Recently appointed Michael Still as independent Chair of Steering Committee at the suggestion of Michael Knight (John Hahn, Wendy Archer, Carolyn Campbell on Steering Committee, 2 from SOPA, 1 Government representative) Project Control Group is John Hahn, Megan Simpson and Carolyn Campbell. Hope to be in construction by September/October 2012, 12 months construction period, be in by 2014.
3. St George noted that one of the motions on page 16 had been missed and wished to amend words “Championships and Competitions Committee” to “Grading Panel”
 - W. Archer (President) opined that motion was no longer relevant in light of the other motions passed about additional points and drop from 7 to 5 player grading. Perhaps we need to see these changes run before we make any more changes.
St George withdrew the motion.
4. Newcastle Referred to page 37 of Council papers and asked which channel would be broadcasting ANZ Championship
 - K. Tetley (Acting General Manager) responded that it would be broadcast on Channels 10 and One HD. She also advised that Netball England is in negotiations with Sky TV to broadcast to NZ, Australian fans may need to use facebook/twitter to get quarter by quarter results. Seeking online streaming on Sky but difficult.
 - Newcastle - What is SLIP
 - K. Tetley – State League Improvement Program for umpires on S/L decision 5-8
5. Newcastle – clarification re Policy on postal voting – no one unless a council delegate can register a postal vote?
 - M. Murphy (Director State Administration) took the question on notice

The President declared the meeting closed at 2.45pm