

NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the **Council Meeting** held on Saturday 3 March 2007 at Dooleys Club, John Street, Lidcombe.

Present:

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

Delegates:

M. Leonard (Bankstown)	S. McLeod (Bankstown)
C. Murphy (Baulkham Hills)	C. Aird (Baulkham Hills)
H. Smith (Blacktown)	S. Marks (Blacktown)
E. Godkin (Blue Mountains)	M. Williams (Brunswick-Byron)
R. Bracken (Camden)	K. Thomas (Camden)
J. Halcrown (Campbelltown)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
D. Yorke (Charlestown)	A. Hicks (Charlestown)
J. Marscham (Eastwood Ryde)	L. Chiovo (Fairfield)
C. Mulvey (Fairfield)	E. Monaghan (Forbes)
J. Brook (Gosford)	H. Eadie (Gosford)
J. Webster (Grafton)	T. Cooper (Gunnedah)
D. Clark (Gunnedah)	K. Austin (Hastings Valley)
K. Pettit (Hawkesbury)	L. Burgess (Hills)
B. Mann (Hills)	M. Bradley (Illawarra)
C. Lear (Illawarra)	C. Hamilton (Inner West)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	B. Pope (Kuring-gai)
R. Havrlant (Kuring-gai)	S. Fitzgerald (Lakeside)
M. McGrath (Lakeside)	H. Herbert (Lismore)
E. Lawler (Liverpool)	K. Whiteley (Liverpool)
H. Atzemis (Lower Clarence)	O. Brown (Macleay)
E. Brown (Macleay)	H. Dean (Manly)
P. Mamo (Manly)	D. James (Mt. Druitt)
C. O'Donnell (Mt. Druitt)	A. Shutt (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders (Newcastle)	G. Urquhart (Newcastle)
M. Patterson (Northern Suburbs)	P. Wilson (Orange)
S. Wilson (Orange)	L. Welfare (Parramatta Auburn)
J. Byrnes (Parramatta Auburn)	J. Gillett (Penrith)
B. Olsen (Penrith)	R. Cronin (Port Stephens)
M. Archer (Port Stephens)	L. Morgan (Quirindi)
F. Reynolds (Randwick)	M. Kelly (Randwick)
S. Dawes (Sapphire Coast)	R. Stephenson (Sapphire Coast)
S. Mitchell (Shoalhaven)	M. Caddies (Singleton)
H. Andrews (St. George)	T. Willetts (St. George)
K. Patterson (Sthn Highlands)	Y. Vickers (Sutherland)
P. Hayman (Sutherland)	D. Lockwood (Tamworth)
Y. Richardson (Taree)	L. Bonnett (Taree)
J. Jarman (Westlakes)	C. Cairns (Westlakes)

F. Passmore (Wyong)

C. Baiton (Young)

Life Members: M. Dunn OAM

M. Corbett

A. Doring

N. Matthews OAM

N. Kenny OAM

P. Weston OAM

M. Melhuish OAM

K. Fullagar

Observers: B. Moore (Bankstown)

D. Lang (Liverpool)

B. Dew (Manly)

S. Hopper (Bankstown)

J. Peare (Hawkesbury)

R. Burgess (Macleay)

Staff Members: J. Fitzgerald (Sydney TAB Swifts Coach)

J. Simpson (Umpires Education Officer)

Returning Officer: Les Turner

The President declared the meeting open at 11.10am

Apologies: E. Konza (Blue Mountains)

L. Taylor (Maitland)

M. Burke (Brunswick-Byron)

D. Pascoe (Charlestown)

V. Curren (Illawarra)

C. Hicks (Randwick)

F. Smith (Tamworth)

B. Bird (Maitland)

V. Morris (Sutherland)

M. Holmes (Shoalhaven)

L. Bowne (Lakeside)

C. Miles (Wyong)

N. Stokes (Hastings Valley)

K. Regan (Hawkesbury)

MOVED M. Dunn (Life Member) seconded Liverpool that apologies be accepted

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS – W. Archer (President)

- In the Australia Day Honours list Marie Dunn and Neita Matthews were acknowledged for their significant contribution to sport. To both ladies, on your behalf, I extend our very warm and hearty congratulations
- At the Confederation of Australian Sports Awards held in Melbourne recently the Sydney TAB Swifts were finalists of Team of the Year and Coach Julie Fitzgerald was a finalist as Coach of the Year. I am very pleased to acknowledge that the Swifts were joint winners with the West Coast Eagles
- Prior to the Confederation Awards, the NSW Sport Awards were held and the Sydney Tab Swifts were winners as Team of the Year and Julie won Coach of the Year. These awards are an acknowledgment within the sporting community both within NSW and Nationally of the wonderful achievements of this team in 2006.
- I would like to acknowledge the dedicated contribution of Marie Dunn to the Championships & Competitions committee for the last 10 years. Marie is not seeking re-election to this committee in 2007.

- I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Kate Thornborough who is not seeking re-appointment to the Umpires Operating Panel. Kate has given dedicated service to Netball NSW in this are for the past 15 years.
- The Manly Warringah Association, at long last, has announced it will have a new home. The Minister for Lands, The Hon. Tony Kelly made the announcement yesterday. Acknowledgement is made of the work that the Administrator of Warringah Council Mr Dick Pearson and Mr David Barr the Member for manly in assisting the Association to secure a new home at Belrose. The new facility will not only benefit the Manly Warringah Association but netball as a whole. Now the work really being in making the new home a reality. Well done Manly Warringah.
- Congratulations to dell Saunders of Newcastle Association who received a Special recognition Award at the Newcastle Sports Awards last night.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2006 – as distributed

CORRECTIONS

- Nil received

MOVED N. Matthews (Life Member) seconded Grafton that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 November 2006 be accepted **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2006

- W. Archer (President) – update on national database – NA is currently addressing outstanding issues with the supplier Interfuse. Will keep Council updated as to progress.
- W. Archer (President) – from November Council meeting the presentation by Janet Bothwell on High Performance Program is not able to go ahead as Janet no longer working for NA
- Newcastle – when will changes to Championship & Competition rules be distributed from November Council Meeting?
 - W. Archer (President) – new rules are available on website – anyone without web access can contact the NNSW office and a hard copy will be distributed

ELECTIONS

Position	Nominee
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Anne Clark Service Award Sub Committee:

(5 elected)	Jean Peare	DECLARED ELECTED
	Kath Fullagher	DECLARED ELECTED
	Carol Baiton	
	Marie Dunn	DECLARED ELECTED
	Neita Matthews	DECLARED ELECTED
	Pat Weston	DECLARED ELECTED

Appeals Sub Committee: (3 elected + 2 reserves)	Marie Dunn	SECOND RESERVE
	Neita Matthews	DECLARED ELECTED
	Carol Murphy	
	Margaret Burke	
	Helen Herbert	FIRST RESERVE
	Marilyn Melhuish	DECLARED ELECTED
	Lyn Burgess	DECLARED ELECTED

Championships & Competitions Sub Committee: (6 elected)	Helen Atzemis	DECLARED ELECTED
	Lyn Bonnett	DECLARED ELECTED
	Ruth Havrlant	DECLARED ELECTED
	Betty Spillane	DECLARED ELECTED
	Helen Andrews	DECLARED ELECTED
	Yvonne Richardson	DECLARED ELECTED

Finance Sub Committee: (3 elected)	Carol Baiton	DECLARED ELECTED
	Beverley Dew	DECLARED ELECTED
	Lyn Quinn	DECLARED ELECTED

Sports Marketing Sub Committee: (5 elected)	Neita Matthews	DECLARED ELECTED
	Beverley Dew	DECLARED ELECTED
	Carol Baiton	DECLARED ELECTED

➤ Call for vacant positions on Sports Marketing Sub Committee

Director Technical Services:		
	Rhonda Stephenson	
	Duncan Lang	
	Beverley Dew	
	Ruth Havrlant	DECLARED ELECTED

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Hawkesbury that all ballot papers be destroyed **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE

- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – daily correspondence lists from 31 October 2006 to 20 February 2007 – tabled

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Macleay that correspondence be accepted **CARRIED**

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Nil received

REPORTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT – as distributed – M. Murphy (Director State Administration)

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded K. Fullagher (Life Member) that an honorarium of \$5,000 be paid to the President for 2007 **CARRIED**

- M. Corbett (Life Member) – question changes to 15 year TID Program as distributed.
 - W. Archer (President) – This program is an operational program, and after much consultation with Academies, Board has adopted this new program commencing in 2007.

Julie Fitzgerald (member of Technical Services Strategic Panel) requested permission to address Council

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded Inner West that Julie Fitzgerald be granted permission to address Council **CARRIED**

- J. Fitzgerald – program offers every player a chance to be identified without them having to play in every competition being held. Extensive discussion with panel and academies to ensure program meets all requirements and has best interest of player at heart.
- Lakeside – also concerned at changes to program and associated costs
- Sapphire Coast – concerns re 15 year program
- Camden – no consultation with Districts re changes. In future would like to see consultation with Districts
- Sapphire Coast – is NSW paying?
 - J. Hahn (Director Finance) – no – NSW contribute equally to all Academies and there is no increase to this funding for this program

- Gunnedah – Far West girls do not get an opportunity to be seen at State Age – this program will mean players have a greater than of being identified
 - C. Campbell (General Manager) – this program has been developed in line with strategies identified by the Technical Services Strategic Panel and after extensive consultation with individual Academies. Funding and other questions have all be agreed and accepted by each Academy.
 - M. Corbett (Life Member) – concerns re finding and lack of consultation with coaches
- Manly Warringah – report shows 2008 venues for State/State Age, already knew this want 2009 venues
- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – 2009 venues will be published with minutes of this meeting

MOVED M. Murphy (Director State Administration) seconded M. Dunn (Life Member that the Board of Directors report be accepted **CARRIED**

CHAMPIONSHIPS & COMPETITIONS REPORT – as distributed – L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions)

- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – Baulkham Hills have advised that their carnival planned for 27 may has been cancelled
- L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) – provision State League grading has been distributed. Note that there were not enough entries for a 17 years competition and as such, after contacting each District concerned, 17 year entries have been included in open grading. To accommodate the 82 entries received, Division 8 will be a 12 team competition and will require a special draw

MOVED L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) seconded Lismore that Division 8 of the Region 1 State League competition in 2007 be a 12 team competition with each team playing each other once then the division be split into 2 divisions of 6 teams who play each other once with semi finals be done on placings **CARRIED**

- Fixture for Region 1 State League will be distributed once all appeals finalised
- Time slots for Saturday games at ACC as follows:
- Division 8: 9.00am and 10.30am
 - Division 7: 12noon and 1.30pm
 - Division 6: 1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm
 - Division 5: 4.30pm and 6.00pm

MOVED L. Quinn (Director Championships & Competitions) seconded Macleay that the Championships and Competitions report be accepted **CARRIED**

FINANCE REPORT – as distributed – J. Hahn (Director Finance)

- M. Corbett (Life Member) – does the Finance Committee determine the payment to coaches for courses?
 - J. Hahn (Director Finance) – if you would like to prepare a submission to change payment schedule and submit to General Manager, Board will consider any recommendations from the General Manager

MOVED J. Hahn (Director Finance) seconded Kuring-gai that the Finance report be accepted **CARRIED**

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT – as distributed

- W. Archer (President) – advise that Tracey Robinson has resigned as coach of 17 year State Team as she has accepted a full time position as Head Coach at Tasmanian Institute of Sport. Wendy Glassman has been appointed as coach for this team. Megan Simpson has been appointed Assistant Coach for the 19 years team

MOVED Penrith seconded Bankstown that the Technical Services report be accepted **CARRIED**

The President adjourned the meeting at 1.05pm

The President re-convened the meeting at 1.55pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. W. Archer (President) – refer to Briefing Paper and Memo re Eastman report and notations re actions being taken by NNSW to address report recommendations. Also advise that NA have now endorsed a Member Protection Policy and are currently developing an implementation profile

MOVED Newcastle seconded P. Weston that in the last four paragraphs of the briefing paper on the second page be deleted **MOTION LOST**

MOVED Newcastle seconded Campbelltown that the Eastman report be received and that Section 1 (Policies and Guidelines) be implemented and a report be provided to Council on the progress of same. Adopt and implement Section 2 and Section 3. In relation to Section 4 NNSW Board ensure that all fees that are due and payable to the State body by the Districts are paid as and when required. Non complying Districts to be named. Section 5 to be accepted and abided by.

Discussion:

- M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – do not believe this motion is required as NSW has already commenced the process of addressing the recommendations contained in the report
 - Sapphire Coast – object to the report stating the matter is closed – this matter is definitely not closed
 - Young – have not received this report so unable to understand motion
 - Newcastle – on the basis that not all delegates have received the report would like to foreshadow this motion for May Council meeting
2. W. Archer (President) – NA Update – as distributed
- Any further information or media releases re the Trans Tasman concept will be distributed
3. W. Archer (President) – Notices have been distributed as follows:
- Call for applications for the position of manager for the Sydney Storm – close 9 March
 - Call for EOI's for panel for Nance Kenny Medal – close 9 March
 - Ad Hoc Historical Committee

MOVED M. Dunn (Life Member) seconded Young that the ad hoc Historical Committee be put in place as per discussion paper

CARRIED

Nominations called for:

Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded By
Pat Weston	K. Fullagher	S. Hopper
Marie Dunn	Blacktown	Kuring-gai
Margaret Corbett	Sutherland	Kuring-gai
Beverley Dew	Manly	Liverpool
Marie Kelly	Randwick	Nance Kenny
Lyn Quinn	Fairfield	Grafton
Neita Matthews	Hawkesbury	Manly
Kath Fullagher	Liverpool	Liverpool
Dell Saunders	M. Melhuish	Lismore

Returning Officer outlined the voting process

MOVED Young seconded Bankstown that names be listed on the ballot papers as nominated from the floor as above

CARRIED

- Kath Fullagher withdrew nomination; Dell Saunders withdraw nomination

VOTE TAKEN – following declared elected:

Marie Dunn
Pat Weston
Neita Matthews
Margaret Corbett
Lynn Quinn

- A. Doring (Life Member) – request that results from all elections be put onto whiteboard
 - M. Murphy (Director State Administration) – motion already passed to destroy ballot papers so not appropriate to post vote numbers
4. A. Doring (Life Member) – would like to defer implementation of new 15 year TID program until 2008 to ensure no District is disadvantaged on the basis that an Academy chooses to not enter a team
 - W. Archer (President) – extensive discussion has taken place and the program is in place for 2007 but will pass all concerns back to Strategic Panel who will review program at the end of the year
 5. R. Watson (Vice President) – refer to Newcastle question from AGM re venue for Region 2 regional meeting – the venue decision and date is a decision made by the region and if any District in that region wants it changed, need to go back to region – not a decision for this Council
 - Newcastle – were aware that the decision was taken at a regional meeting and will refer back to the region
 6. Baulkham Hills – have been asked why carnival has been cancelled – advice that we have received approval for development of new courts and permanent facilities and hope to have building commenced in May and therefore have safety concerns if holding a carnival amongst a building site.
 7. Newcastle – refer to NNSW registration form and would advise that we received legal advice in regard to the Prohibited Employment Declaration. Our advice states that the declaration refers to the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998. This Act has now been repealed and the relevant provisions are now found in the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 No 146.
 - R. Watson (Vice President) – note this advice but would also advise that when changes occur to an Act the intent of the original Act carried over but we will update registration forms

8. M. Dunn (Life Member) – would like to thank Parramatta Auburn and all my friends in netball for their best wishes on receiving my award
9. Sapphire Coast – as SIROS coach will be representing that are – question asked how do we get a flying squad visit and also believe we need a Coaching Committee – it is in the constitution and it should be in place
 - C. Campbell (General Manager) – Development visit are worked through the Regional Co-ordinator and whilst the regional co-ordinator for this region has recently resigned, the Districts are working direct with NSW and any requests for development visits can come direct to the office.
 - W. Archer (President) – with regards to the Coaching Panel – all appointments are done following this meeting and the Board will look at the Coaching Panel as all other panels
10. R. Watson (Vice President) – on behalf of Cooma Association, please to report that they now have 3 sealed courts.
11. R. Watson (Vice President) – as previously report, we made a submission to State Government re Sports Ground Management – this report has now been issued and is available on NSW Government website. There is a particular recommendation that Sports Associations need to liaise and development relationships with local Council and Councillors
12. Camden – pleased to report that our membership has now grown to over 2,000 and we no longer see ourselves as a 'small association'
13. N. Matthews (Life Member) – would like to follow Marie in saying thank you to everyone for their best wishes and congratulations on my award
14. P. Weston (Life Member) – would like to thank Wendy for chairing today's meetings and congratulate the Board, those re-elected.
15. M. Melhuish (Life Member) – is there any update in plans for new venue?
 - R. Watson (Vice President) – nothing positive to report at this time – we are still working hard both at State and Federal level to secure funding
16. D. Lang requested permission to address Council

MOVED Young seconded M. Dunn that permission be granted to D. Lang to address Council
CARRIED

D. Lang – advise that ground has been turned for new venue for Liverpool Netball Association and expect to be in action by July 2007.

17. W. Archer (President) – would like to thank Returning Officer and those who assisted with counting today for the work carried out. Best wishes to our 17 and 19 years State Teams competing in Melbourne in April in a few weeks.

The President declared the meeting closed at 3.20pm