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

**HELD SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2017
AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB, 8 GREENFIELD PARADE BANKSTOWN**

Present:

Directors: W. Archer AM, M. Baron-Hay, J. Drakos, C. Feldmanis, J. Hahn, R. Havrlant, C. Murphy, L. Sullivan, R. Watson OAM, C. Campbell (CEO)

Delegates:

J. Kavanagh (Armidale)	J. Hansen (Armidale)
W. Chesterton (Bankstown)	J. Cherry (Bankstown)
L. Cunico (Baulkham Hills)	M. O'Callaghan (Baulkham Hills)
S. Marks (Blacktown)	J. Webster (Blacktown)
J. Walker (Blue Mountains)	A. Yates (Blue Mountains)
M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)	S. Connolly (Campbelltown)
A. Stewart (Campbelltown)	D. Pascoe (Charlestown)
H. Randall (Charlestown)	J. Occhiuto (City of Sydney)
D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)	J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)
B. Dew OAM (Fairfield)	C. Baiton (Fairfield)
S. Gribble (Gosford)	J. Dasan (Gosford)
C. Glover (Hastings Valley)	T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)
V. Bertenshaw (Hawkesbury)	J. Thompson (Hills)
L. Burgess OAM (Hills)	M. Harvey (Illawarra)
L. Holmes (Illawarra)	D. Philipson (Inner West)
L. Blackmore (Inner West)	T. Beedles (Kiama)
K. Staggs (Ku-Ring-Gai)	N. Hermann (Ku-Ring-Gai)
J. Webster (Liverpool)	H. Dean (Manly Warringah)
V. De Luca OAM (Mens)	R. Keating (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders OAM (Newcastle)	E. Monaghan (Newcastle)
G. Paranihi (Northern Suburbs)	M. Cherote (Northern Suburbs)
D. Escreet (Orange)	C. Wilcock (Orange)
M. Shephard (Parramatta Auburn)	J. Gillett OAM (Penrith)
J. Sibbard (Penrith)	M. Kelly (Randwick)
F. Reynolds (Randwick)	W. Klein (Shoalhaven)
K. Rembisz (Shoalhaven)	G. Mayers (Singleton)
E. O'Brien (St George)	H. Andrews (St George)
K. Salter (Sutherland)	S. Way (Sutherland)
D. Cross (Tamworth)	J. Jamieson (Tamworth)
J. Kennewell (Taree)	R. Smith (Taree)
J. Still (Westlakes)	P. Burt (Westlakes)
C. Miles (Wyang)	F. Passmore (Wyang)

Life Members:

L. Quinn OAM	A. Doring OAM
N. Matthews OAM	

Observers:

S. Lockwood (Tamworth)	J. Burton (Armidale)
K. Frost (Armidale)	R. Ellis (St George)

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K. Waud (Eastwood Ryde)
M. Latham (Eastwood Ryde)
R. Sutton (Blacktown)

L. Burgess (Hills)
E. Brown (Eastwood Ryde)

Returning Officer: M. Anderson (Company Secretary)

President declared the meeting open at 10.25 am.

(a) Apologies

MOVED: Baulkham Hills **Seconded:** Blacktown that apologies accepted for the Extra Ordinary Council meeting held earlier today be accepted for Council meeting.

CARRIED

President introduced the Board to Council

MOVED: Blue Mountains **Seconded:** Sutherland for suspension of standing orders to allow presentations to Council

CARRIED

Presentations on Statewide Facilities Strategy & NNSW Competitions Framework Review; and Active Kids Program

Meeting reconvened at 12:50pm

MOVED: Blacktown **Seconded:** Campbelltown for resumption of standing orders

CARRIED

President's Announcements

- We have extended our condolences to the families of Dot Lockwood, Pam Guyer OAM, Betty Greenaway, Vera Wiltshire OAM, Ernita McGrath, Pat Bishop, June Jarmain, Maureen Goetze and Julie Ayling.
- We have celebrated Dr Grace Bryant OAM being inducted into the Australian Sport Hall of Fame in October.
- Ruth Havrlant has been appointed as a Bench Manager to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Trish Mann and Yvonne Richardson have been appointed as Timers to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Jamie-Lee Price, Keira Austin and Claire O'Brien were members of the Australian 21/U that contested the World Youth Cup in Botswana and finished with a Silver Medal. Teigan O'Shannassy was a training partner, Jamie-Lee Price was named MVP for the Tournament.
- Susan Pettit and Paige Hadley have just been named in the Australian Diamonds Team for the Quad Series that will be contested in England and South Africa in January 2018.
- Sam Poolman, Maddy Turner and Sarah Klau were members of the Australian Flyers in the recent Fast5 tournament in Melbourne.
- Megan Anderson and Rob Wright were appointed as Assistant Coaches to the Australian Flyers for the Fast5 Tournament.
- Our NSW Swifts finished 5th in the Suncorp Super Netball stretching all top four teams throughout the season.
- Our Giants Netball finished a very pleasing runner-up in the Suncorp Super Netball in their inaugural year.
- The Canberra Giants finished third in the Australian Netball League in their inaugural year.
- Although the NSW Waratahs finished 7th in the Australian Netball League promise was shown amongst the new young talent.
- Anne Sargeant OAM and Maria Lynch have again been Australian Selectors in 2017.

- I would also like to acknowledge Stewart Ting, National A umpire who has moved recently to Queensland. Stewart has been part of the umpiring development programs and an active National B and then National A umpire for over 20 years.
- Colleen Mitchell has achieved her Elite coaching accreditation whilst Van Nguyen, Michael Seery and Karen Stonnil have achieved their Advanced coaching accreditation.
- We had 6 umpires in the SSN pool, 4 in the ANL pool and 3 at National Championships with Tamara Welsford being selected into the Emerging Talent squad during Nationals.
- Our Bench Officials have also been busy – Suncorp we had 8, ANL 11. We have 4 new Nationally accredited bench officials – Lara Mina, Alan Melville, Kylie Tzavaras, Keryn Twining.
- We had 5 new National A umpires – Shauna Winchester, Anton Stechiwskyj, Laura Hay, Jordan Kiss and Amanda McLachlan; 2 National A endorsements – Stewart Ting and Michelle McNamara; 3 IUA endorsements – Helen George, Clare McCabe and Jemma Carlton.
- Tara Warners, IUA, represented at the Netball Youth World Cup 2017 in Botswana.
- Clare McCabe IUA in the Quad series
- Emma Davey, Bronwen Adams, Tara Adams at the Nations Cup.

(b) Confirmation of Minutes of Council meeting held on Saturday 25 March 2017.

MOVED: Wyong **Seconded:** Liverpool that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 25 March 2017 be adopted. **CARRIED**

(c) Business Arising from the Minutes of Council meeting held on Saturday 25 March 2017

- Nil

(d) Correspondence

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

(e) Business arising from Correspondence

- Nil

(f) Applications for Membership

MOVED: Blacktown **Seconded:** Orange that Bingara Netball Association be accepted as an affiliate of NNSW **CARRIED**

(g) Notices of Motion

Changes to Grading Policy and Procedures & Rules for State Championships, State Age Championships, Night Interdistrict and Association Carnivals

MOVED: Blue Mountains **Seconded:** N. Matthews OAM (Life Member) that motions 1 through to 7 be put to the meeting together. **LOST**

1. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 1.1 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

1.1 1.1 — Except for Rule 1.2 and 1.3 only Netball NSW affiliated Associations are eligible to enter competitions or events conducted by Netball NSW.

CARRIED 69:2 (Voting power 77)

2. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 1.2 of the General Procedures be added as follows:

1.2 Any grouping of Netball NSW affiliated Association can be admitted to enter the Competition subject to approval of Netball NSW. For the purpose of these Rules, Association means Netball NSW affiliated Associations and any other teams admitted to the various competitions in accordance with Rule 1.3.

Discussion:

- Sutherland: Requested definition of “grouping”
 - o President: Detailed examples of Sapphire Coast and Hunter United groupings, which have both been in place for some time. Groupings generally approved by Council.
- L. Quinn OAM (Life Member): Could have a situation where groups apply that do not have an affiliated Association attached.
 - o W. Archer AM, President: Is that not covered by subsequent wording - subject to approval of NNSW?
- L. Quinn OAM (Life Member): Sapphire Coast is affiliated but doesn’t run normal competitions, 4 or 5 clubs run competitions. If 3 or 4 of those groups got together they could put proposal to Board, Board approves and they could play without affiliation.
 - o President: Clarified that question was whether a group of netballers, who are not affiliated, may enter. We need the capability to admit players who are not affiliated. The words “subject to approval of NNSW” is the overriding checkpoint.
- Sutherland: If groupings are approved by council, what conditions would be in place to stop a megagroup being created for competition purposes?
 - o President: Need to apply some common sense to discussion. Most competition entries are subject to approval of NNSW or the Board, gave example of Premier League group. Council charges the Board with responsibility to allow or disallow entries and flexibility is needed.
- Shoalhaven: Requested motion be put, we wish to form a group.

CARRIED 71:0

3. **Motion withdrawn by Campbelltown**

4. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 1.3 of the General Procedures be added as follows:

1.3 Netball NSW may admit teams to various competitions on an invitation basis as required. Invitational teams will be charged a Netball NSW invitational fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the Competition entry fee to enter the competition.

CARRIED 73:0

5. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 1.6 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

- 1.8 All entries for competitions must be lodged as directed by the Netball NSW Competitions Manager ~~on the official Entry and Team Registration forms~~ and must be received by Netball NSW by the published time and date for close of entries. Late entries will only be accepted as detailed in Rule 1.9 ~~7~~ below.

CARRIED 74:0

6. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 1.8 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

~~1.108~~ The late entry fee for ~~Region 1 competitions shall be~~ the Night Inter district Competition shall be \$1,000.00, for all Associations. ~~No late entry fee shall be applicable to competitions held in Regions 2—8.~~

CARRIED 70:4

7. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 1.10 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

~~1.120~~ Where an ~~Entity Association, Region or ACT~~ withdraws a team from any Netball NSW competition within three (3) weeks of the commencement of the particular competition the offending body will be fined \$500.00.

CARRIED 73:0

- MOVED:** Shoalhaven **Seconded:** Mens that motions 8 to 27 be moved together and that future voting in this meeting be taken on a voice basis, unless result is in any way doubtful, then a vote be counted.

CARRIED

8. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 1.13 of the General Procedures be added as follows:

~~1.13~~ Where an Association is not satisfied with a decision made by Netball NSW under this policy, an Association may lodge an appeal. An Association can only lodge an appeal regarding a decision made which directly affects that Association. An association cannot lodge an appeal for or on behalf of another Association or Associations. Such appeals are to be undertaken in accordance with the Appeals in respect to decisions made by Netball NSW under this Policy or its procedures may be made to the Appeals Tribunal in accordance with the Appeals Tribunal Procedures set out in Clause 5 of Attachment E – Hearings and Appeals Tribunal Procedural Requirements of the Netball NSW Member Protection Policy (or in accordance with the netball NSW Member Protection Policy as amended from time to time). Any appeal must be solely and exclusively resolved by the Appeals Tribunal and the
The decision of the Appeals Tribunal is final and binding on the parties.

9. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 2.6 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be added as follows:

~~2.6~~ The minimum age for any player to play in the Night Inter District Competition is turning 14 in the year of play.

10. **MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 2.6 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

~~2.76~~ All grading shall be based on names submitted on the official entry forms and taking into account a players highest level played in the same year ~~previous playing experience~~ across competitions such as:

- Premier League;
- Metro League;
- State Championships;
- State Age Championships;

- Night Interdistrict; and

all grading of teams will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW. ~~The current Ladder positions of the previous season~~ are not used for grading purposes in NID.

- 11. MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 2.8 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be deleted:

~~2.8 – No late registration of players will be accepted between the published date for the close of entries and one week before the commencement of NID. Late registrations are to be submitted on the appropriate form by an Association official to Netball NSW prior to the commencement of match.~~

- 12. MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 2.9 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

2.9 For NID Netball NSW will, based on the number of entries received be responsible for determining:

- a) ~~the number of rounds to be played~~
- b) ~~the number of teams to participate in each division~~
- c) ~~the format of the competition~~

- 13. MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.2 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be added as follows:

3.2 The Night Interdistrict Competition is a sporting activity for female players only.

- 14. MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.5 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

~~3.5~~ Each team will be allowed only one (1) ~~a maximum of 2~~ forfeits throughout the competition without penalty. On the ~~second~~ third occasion the forfeiting team will be fined \$100.00. Each subsequent forfeit the fine will increase by \$100.00. A team that withdraws from the competition after the commencement will be classed as forfeiting each match after this date.

- 15. MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.6 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

~~3.6~~ Players may play up to two (2) matches in any given week subject to the following conditions:

- a) Games must be in alternate time slots if played on the same night.
- b) One game must be in the team in which the player is registered.
- c) Additional game must be in a higher graded team from the same association as the player is currently registered in the NID Competition for.

- 16. MOVED:** Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.11 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.11 A maximum of four (4) players may be late registered in each team, late registrations will be accepted from ~~one~~ week before the commencement of the competition until the end of the NID competition.

~~Where a player moves from one division to another division by virtue of playing three games in the same higher graded team that player is counted as a late registration in that higher graded team.~~

17. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.13 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.1~~53~~ Late registrations are to be submitted on the appropriate form by an Association official to Netball NSW prior to the commencement of the match in which they are to play. The player must be a financial registered member of Netball NSW as shown in the MyNetball database. ~~of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.~~

18. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.14 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.1~~64~~ After a team has been graded, any late registration should be of an equal playing standard. Netball NSW may reject a late registration where it considers the inclusion of the player would affect the grade of the team. In such circumstances the Association or player concerned has the right of appeal to the Appeals Tribunal, as detailed in clause 1.13.4.

19. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.15 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.1~~75~~ A player may only be a member of a Team in a maximum of two (2) divisions in one season. Where a player plays three (3) matches in a division higher than that originally graded, on playing the ~~her~~ third game in the same higher graded team the player will transfer to ~~remain in~~ that higher graded team for the remainder of the competition and cannot participate in any other game in any higher graded division for the remainder of the competition.

20. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.16 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.1~~86~~ If an Association records the name of an unregistered or ineligible player on the score sheet, the Association will be required to prove within seven (7) days that the person who played under that name is registered with that team.

This proof shall be in the form of a Statutory Declaration to Netball NSW. Failure to submit such proof within seven (7) days of notification shall result in the following penalty:

- a) The team playing the ineligible player will be considered to have lost the Competition match in which the ineligible player has taken part in.
- b) The points for winning the Competition match will be awarded to the opposing team (provided the opposing team itself has not played an ineligible player)
- c) The Team playing the ineligible player will lose ~~loss of~~ two (2) competition points.

21. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.19 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.~~2119~~ Bench Officials

- a) Each team is to provide up to two (2) approved Bench Officials who have completed the on line Bench Officials education course and the Netball NSW practical training workshop and hold a current certificate.
- b) Where an Association fails to provide the appropriate number of approved Bench Officials a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed.
- c) Netball NSW will remove any person who has not completed the on line Bench Officials education course and the Netball NSW practical training workshop from the bench and a fine of \$50.00 will be imposed on the offending Association.

22. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.20 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.2~~20~~ Equipment

- a) Score ~~sheets~~ books, supplementary score sheets, substitution forms and team list pads, will be supplied by Netball NSW and will be available for each match on the score bench.
- b) Each team is to provide an approved match ball.
- c) Each team is to have available two (2) sets of position patches of different colours.

23. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.21 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

- 3.2~~31~~ Score sheets shall be returned to central control at the conclusion of each match, by the winning team.

24. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.22 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

- 3.2~~42~~ If in the opinion of Netball NSW matches are unable to be played due to the condition of courts, each team will be awarded one (1) point. When matches are cancelled due to an event which NNSW determines was beyond its control or beyond the control of either Team (including, but not limited to, a strike, power loss, wet weather that causes stadium or court damage or extreme weather conditions), the Match will be deemed to be a draw and each Team will receive one (1) competition point each. No points will be awarded for teams having a scheduled Bye. Where a team has already submitted a forfeit prior to the cancellation of matches, the forfeit will remain.

25. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rules 3.28 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be deleted:

~~3.28 — Each team is to provide an approved match ball.~~

26. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rules 3.29 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be deleted:

~~3.29 — Each team is to have available two (2) sets of position patches of different colours.~~

27. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 3.30 (e) of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.30~~30~~ Umpires:

- e) ~~Female Umpires must~~ shall be dressed in ~~white white dress or skirt and top, male umpires shall be dressed in white shorts and shirt.~~

MOTIONS 8 THROUGH TO 27

CARRIED

28. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 4.3 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

- 4.3 Where an age qualification applies, players are to play in their correct age group, unless special permission is granted. Any request for players to play in a higher age group than that for which they are eligible must be submitted on the designated form published on the Netball NSW website for ~~have the prior~~ approval prior to the Competition of Netball NSW.

A maximum of 4 players per team are eligible to play in a higher age group.

Discussion:

- Nelson Bay: we would be adversely affected by minimum 4 players rule. For example, going into next year's competition we would have 4 to 5 players left in one age group (as other players have moved on) and would propose to move them up an age grade to 15/U team but this rule would mean that we lose two teams.
 - o President: Could add in words at end of paragraph, "unless approved by NNSW".
- A. Doring OAM (Life Member): Suggested to retain former wording because, if it is necessary to put in more/less than 4 with NNSW approval, can't see need to change.
 - o CEO: Intention of amendment is to streamline the process.
 - o President: Proposed amendment makes process less complicated: Associations can play up to 4, and apply to NNSW to have more.
- Kiama: Suggestion addition of words "without approval of NNSW"
- Bankstown: Suggested removal of entire sentence about maximum of 4 players. Leave it the way it is.
 - o President: My reading is that it allows up to 4 players without NNSW approval, more than that requires NNSW approval. Suggested amendment is to remove the clause "A maximum of 4 players per team eligible to play in higher age group." Intention being that if you want any players to play up (i.e. 1 or even 6 players) you ask NNSW for permission.

Motion 28 put with amendment of removal of words "A maximum of 4 players per team eligible to play in higher age group."

CARRIED

29. MOVED: Board of Directors **Seconded:** Board of Directors that Rule 4.4 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

- 4.4 Associations are to register teams as directed by Netball NSW, ~~on the approved player entry form together with full the entry will include~~ details of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of twelve (12) players' names and must include their relevant experience by the closing date for State Age.

CARRIED

30. Moved and seconded Campbelltown that Clause 4.5 of Grading Procedure for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

- 4.5 A final team list will consist of those players from the original registration form who are available to compete and up to a maximum of four (4) late registrations. This list shall be lodged with control by 8.00am of the first playing day of State Age and checked against original entry.

Add: Following submission of the final team list, any team with less than ten (10) players able to play due to injury or illness, may, after production of a medical certificate verifying same, register replacement players.

We also refer to Grading Procedures for State Age Championships, in particular Clause 4.8, which reads:

Entries will be graded into divisions, being Championship Division, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4 according to the number of entries received. There will be 20 teams in Championship Division and the remaining entries will be divided as far as is possible equally between Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.

Where more than 80 entries are received in an age group, 22 teams will be graded into the Championship Division for that age group. In the year of this increase in Championship Division, grading will be done with the two bottom teams being moved down to Division 2 and the 4 top teams moved up from Division 2 to Championship Division.

There were 82 teams entered in the 13 years at State Age, which meant that 22 should have been graded into the Championship Division and the remaining 60 teams divided equally between Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.

However, the grading procedure was not followed. The bottom team in Championship Division was relegated to Division 2 but the team which finished 19th was not. With this team remaining in Championship Division and the number restricted to 21 teams rather than the 22 stipulated, the two teams which finished third and fourth in Division 2 were denied a game in Championship Division. As well as missing out on Championship Division, these teams were required to play three invitational teams, which meant they had 15 games against NSW members rather than the 21 they should have played in Championship. One would also query if the three top teams in Division 3 would have preferred to take the place of the invitational sides in Division 2.

Discussion:

- Campbelltown: Concerned because this year we had bad injury and virus issues, therefore concerned about duty of care: by day 3 we had 8 players.
 - o President: Amendment would be suitable for metropolitan teams who can get players at short notice, it would disadvantage country Associations.
 - o N. Horton (Head of Netball): A 3-day event has different circumstances to an 18 week competition.
- Bankstown: There is also a duty of care in that a player may not be ready to play at short notice.

LOST

31. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 4.5 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be deleted:

~~4.5—A final team list will consist of those players from the original registration form who are available to compete and up to a maximum of four (4) late registrations. This list shall be lodged with control by 8.00am of the first playing day of State Age and checked against original entry.~~

~~Following the close of entries, players listed on an original team registration form are not permitted to de-register and re-register with another team or another Association.~~

CARRIED

- 32. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.7 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be deleted:

~~4.7 A team will be defined by having a minimum of five (5) players returning from the previous year.~~

CARRIED

- 33. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.8 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

~~4.58 Entries will be graded into divisions, being Championship Division, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4 according to the number of entries received. There will be 20 teams in Championship Division and teams will be graded into Championship, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4, based on the previous year's final ladder results and by taking clause 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13 into account.the remaining entries will be divided as far as is possible equally between Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4.~~

Where more than 80 entries are received in an age group, 22 teams will be graded into the Championship Division for that age group. In the year of this increase in Championship Division, grading will be done with the two bottom teams being moved down to Division 2 and the 4 top teams moved up from Division 2 to Championship Division.

CARRIED

- 34. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.7 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be added as follows:

4.7 Netball NSW will endeavour to divide teams as far as equally possible to ensure equal number of teams across all divisions, therefore clause 4.6 may be overridden. Netball NSW needs to take into consideration the number of entries received, new team entries and non-returning teams when grading each year.

- Newcastle: Proposed grammatical amendment to “Netball NSW will endeavour to divide teams equally as far as possible”

Motion put with grammatical amendment

CARRIED

- 35. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.8 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be added as follows:

4.8 For all age Divisions grading will be undertaken having regard to the team's final placing from the previous year's State Age Championship results.

CARRIED

- 36. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.9 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be added as follows:

4.9 An Association may submit a request to have their grading for the upcoming championships varied where it can show that the team under contest has less than 5 players from the previous year's competition. The Association recommendation is to be by written submission detailing player experience and must be provided at the time of the team entry submission.

The final grading decision will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW.

CARRIED

37. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors that Rule 4.10 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be added as follows:

4.10 Where a team did not enter in the previous year's State Age, the Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation but the final grading decision will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW.

CARRIED

38. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors that Rule 4.11 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be added as follows:

4.11 Invitational teams admitted to the Competition as per clause 1.3, may make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation, final grading will be at the discretion of Netball NSW. Invitational teams will not be graded into Championship Division.

Points from games contested against Invitational teams will be allocated as per clause 3.23. Invitational teams will be removed from the final ladder placings and the ladder will be re-ordered as required.

CARRIED

39. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors that Rule 4.9 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

~~4.129 a) — For the 12 years age division, the following will be applied: the Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation. Where it is not possible to place an Association in the Division — requested the following procedures 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 the Association's final result in the 12 years age Division in the preceding State Age Championship.~~

~~a)c) Where nominations are received that recommends placement of less than 20 teams are graded into the in-Championship Division, as per clause 4.58 Netball NSW reserves the right to grade no less than 20 teams in order to uphold the integrity and competitive nature of the 12 year age Division. The placement of teams will be based on the Association's final result in the 12 years age Division in the preceding State Age Championship.~~

b) Where nominations are received that recommends placement of more than 20 teams in Championship Division the placement of teams will be based on the Association's final result in the 12 years age Division in the preceding State Age Championship.

CARRIED

40. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors that Rule 4.10 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be deleted:

~~4.10 For all other age Divisions grading will be undertaken having regard to the team's final placing from the previous year's State Age Championship results. An Association may submit a request to have their provisional grading varied from being based on the team's final placing from the previous year's State Age Championship result where it can show, on the balance of probabilities that the team under contest has~~

~~less than 5 players from the previous year's competition. The final grading decision will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW.~~

CARRIED

- 41. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.12 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be deleted:

~~4.12 Where a team did not enter in the previous year's State Age, the Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation but the final grading decision will be made by Netball NSW. The Association recommendation is to be by written submission detailing the reasons for recommending placement in a particular division.~~

CARRIED

- 42. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.13 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be added as follows:

4.13 At no time is a team permitted to have more than 12 players registered. Any team playing a non-registered player will be disqualified.

CARRIED

- 43. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.14 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be added as follows:

4.14 A maximum of four (4) players may be late registered in a team. Late registrations and de-registrations will be accepted from one week prior to the commencement of the competition up until 8.00am on the first day of play where it can be lodged with Event control.

Following the close of entries, players listed on an original team registration form are not permitted to de-register and re-register with another team or another Association.

CARRIED

- 44. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 4.15 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be added as follows:

4.15 Late registration requests are to be completed on the designated form as published on the Netball NSW website by an Association official and submitted to Netball NSW. The player must be a registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.

CARRIED

- 45. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors** that Rule 5.1 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

5.1 State Age Championships (State Age) are held commencing on the first weekend of the second term school holidays, on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

CARRIED

46. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors that Rule 5.6 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

5.~~565~~ All players in all age groups must play the equivalent of 30% of the total number of available games over State Age. For the purposes of calculation of the 30% rule, two half games equals one full game.

Where a player is unavailable for games for a medical reason, a medical certificate from a registered Medical practitioner or Physiotherapist or the on-site medic should be submitted with the 30% sheet, 30% of games will be determined from the games the player was available for.

Each team will receive with their score sheets, a spreadsheet to be completed for each game over the three days of State Age. The sheet will show each player's name and the games they have played. The completed sheet must be handed in at the end of each day and on the third day handed in with the final score sheet of the Championships prior to the presentation. The sheet must be signed by an Association Official, Coach or Manager prior to being submitted at the end of State Age.

The penalty for a breach of the 30% rule is disqualification from any placing and the Association responsible will be fined \$2,000.00. Where a team is disqualified the team will have a 'DQ' designation next to the team name on the competition ladder and will retain their competition points and corresponding ladder position for the purpose of grading in the following State Age Championship only.

When entries for State Age Championships are forwarded, a declaration of commitment of the 30% game rule for all players is to be signed by an Association Official. If the form is not received, teams will not be accepted into State Age.

Discussion:

- Shoalhaven: If the onsite medic will not give a certificate about medical time off, how are we to manage rules around 30% amount of play for State Age? Does player have to go to own physiotherapist later to acquire certificate?
 - o President: If onsite medic will not produce certificate, go to Head of Venue about need for certification. Could partner with another Association to have a physiotherapist appointed for both Associations.
- Illawarra: Had a situation where a player went to hospital, doctor cleared her to play, but girl had all the signs of concussion. Parents also cleared her to play. What happens then?
 - o President: Raise the issue with Head of Venue, we are not qualified here to decide on medical issues.

CARRIED 70:3

47. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors that Rule 5.7 (f) of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

5.~~787~~ Umpires

- f) Associations, withdrawing umpires after the confirmation date will be fined \$200.00 per umpire withdrawn unless a medical certificate is produced that certifies the umpire's unavailability due to illness or injury or other extenuating circumstances. If an umpire is not replaced with an equivalent badged umpire a further fine of \$200.00 is enforced.

Discussion:

- Kiama: Does not support proposed amendment as it has only one B badged umpire. If that umpire has to withdraw, there is no alternative B badged, only C. Proposed that a suitably badged umpire be substituted without penalty.
- City of Sydney: Also expressed dislike of equivalent badge requirement. State Age requires C badge.
- Shoalhaven: Agree that a withdrawing umpire needs medical certificate, but disagrees with penalty for withdrawal due to extenuating circumstances (i.e. military deployment). Not able to get doctor's certificate at short notice. Would a letter of support from Association suffice?
 - o President: Don't think that extenuating circumstances is medical; to pull out one umpire would have great impact on many games.
- Tamworth: Suggested removal of word equivalent. Tamworth would struggle to replace a B badge umpire with another B.

MOVED: Newcastle: **Seconded:** Baulkham Hills: to change wording of Motion 47, clause 5.7 (f) to "...further fine of \$200 **may** be enforced. "(To allow each case to be considered on its merits).

LOST

MOVED: Mens **Seconded:** Mens that Motion 47 be put to the meeting

CARRIED

MOTION 47 put

LOST

48. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded Board of Directors that Rule 5.13 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

5.1~~343~~ Playing times of matches is at the discretion of Netball NSW but shall not exceed twelve (12) minutes per half. Where possible, there will be a half-time break of at least two (2) minutes and ~~four~~ **five (45)** minutes between games.

CARRIED

49. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 5.24 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

5.2~~232~~ Score sheets are to be returned to Event Control by the winning team immediately after each match.

CARRIED

50. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 5.29 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

5.289 Points from games contested against Invitational teams will be allocated as per clause 5.263-23. Invitational teams will be removed from the final ladder placings and the ladder will be re-ordered asordered as required.

CARRIED

51. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 5.29 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

5.~~30129~~ Up to four (4) venues ~~may~~ **are to** be used for State Age Championships.

CARRIED

52. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.2 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

- 6.2 Associations are to register teams as directed by Netball NSW on the approved player entry form together with full the entry will include details of a minimum of seven (7) and maximum of twelve (12) players' names and their relevant playing status, by the closing date for the competition.
- a) Where a player's name appears on more than one team entry form the player will be contacted by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading and the player must then immediately nominate the Association that they will be playing with. The Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association not nominated by the player will be given 48 hours from the time of advice to replace the player without penalty.
 - b) Where a player's name is removed from a team entry form by Netball NSW personnel prior to grading the Associations concerned will be advised accordingly. The Association will be given 48 hours from the time of advice to replace the player without penalty.

Team lists will be displayed on the Netball NSW website, one week prior to the commencement of the Competition and it is the Association's duty to check all players are listed.

CARRIED

53. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.3 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

- 6.3 The minimum age of players eligible to participate in State Championships is 16 years in the year of play. In extenuating circumstances, Association teams may apply to Netball NSW for consideration of players aged 15 years to be deemed eligible to participate in State Championships. The decision of Netball NSW is final and no appeal will be entered into.

A maximum of two (2) 15 year olds may be approved to play in any one team, and approval will only be given in the 17U Division.

CARRIED

54. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.5 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be added as follows:

6.5 Where divisions apply, at least the two bottom teams will be relegated to the lower division and at least the two top teams promoted to the next higher division. Placing for relegation and promotion shall be based on final point scores and where teams finish on equal point scores then goal averages will be used to determine both promotion and relegation.

CARRIED

55. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.5 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be deleted as follows:

~~6.5 A final team list will consist of those players from the original registration form who are available to compete and up to a maximum of four (4) late registrations. This list shall be lodged with Control by 8.00am of the first morning of State.~~

~~Following the close of entries, players listed on an original team registration form are not permitted to de-register and re-register with another Association.~~

CARRIED

56. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.6 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be added as follows:

6.6 For the 17 years & Under Division grading will be determined from the previous year's State Championships results and then if required the previous year's 15 years State Age results.

CARRIED

57. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.7 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be deleted as follows:

~~6.7 A team will be defined by having a minimum of five (5) players returning from the previous year.~~

CARRIED

58. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.7 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be added as follows:

6.7 For the Opens Division grading will be undertaken having regard to the team's final placing from the previous year's State Championship results.

CARRIED

59. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.8 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be deleted as follows:

~~6.8 — Grading shall proceed on the team's final placing from the previous year's State results. Where a team did not enter in the previous year's State, or where an Association loses its points/placing, the Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation but the final grading decision will be made by Netball NSW. The Association recommendation is to be by written submission detailing the reasons for recommendation placement in a particular division.~~

CARRIED

60. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.8 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

6.8 Netball NSW will endeavour to divide teams as far as equally possible to ensure equal number of teams across all divisions, therefore clause 6.5 may be overridden. Netball NSW needs to take into consideration the number of entries received, new team entries and non-returning teams when grading each year.

Discussion:

- Newcastle: Proposed grammatical amendment to "Netball NSW will endeavour to divide teams equally as far as possible"

Motion put with amendment

CARRIED

61. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.9 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be added as follows:

6.9 An Association may submit a request to have their grading varied for the upcoming Championship. Association recommendation is to be by written submission and must be provided at the time of the team entry submission. Detailed information should include reasons for the request to vary the grading including player experience.

The final grading decision will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW

CARRIED

62. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.10 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be deleted as follows:

~~6.10 For the Open Division entries will be divided as far as is possible equally between Championship Division and Division 2.~~

CARRIED

63. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.10 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

6.10 Where a team did not enter in the previous year's State Championships, the Association can make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation but the final grading decision will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW

CARRIED

64. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.11 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be deleted as follows:

~~6.11 For all age groups and where divisions apply grading will be undertaken having regard to the team's final placing from the previous year's State Championship results. An Association may submit a request to have their provisional grading varied from being based on the team's final placing from the previous year's State Championship result where it can show, on the balance of probabilities that the team under contest has less than 5 players from the previous year's competition. The final grading decision will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW.~~

CARRIED

65. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.11 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be added as follows:

6.11 Invitational teams admitted to the Competition as per clause 1.3, may make a recommendation as to the preferred division for participation, final grading will be at the discretion of Netball NSW.

A limit of 2 invitational teams only will be accepted into each Age/Division. Invitational teams will not be graded into Championship Division. The final grading decision will be made at the discretion of Netball NSW.

Points from games contested against Invitational teams will be allocated as per clause 7.25. Invitational teams will be removed from the final ladder placings and the ladder will be re-ordered as required.

CARRIED

66. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.12 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be deleted as follows:

~~6.12 Where divisions apply, in each year and for each division, at least the two bottom teams shall be relegated to the lower divisions and at least the two top teams promoted to the higher division. Placing for relegation and promotion shall be based on point scores and where applicable goal averages.~~

CARRIED

67. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.12 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be added as follows:

6.12 A maximum of four (4) players may be late registered in a team. Late registrations and de-registrations will be accepted from one week prior to the commencement of the competition up until 8.00am on the first day of play where it can be lodged with Event control.

Following the close of entries, players listed on an original team registration form are not permitted to de-register and re-register with another Association.

CARRIED

68. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 6.13 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be added as follows:

6.13 Late registrations are to be submitted on the designated form as published on the Netball NSW website by an Association official and submitted to Netball NSW. The player must be a registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory.

CARRIED

69. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 7.1 of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

7.1 State Championships (State) are held over the Queen's Birthday weekend except for Over 35 years and Over 40 years divisions, details of which are in Clause 7.43.

CARRIED

70. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 7.2 of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

7.2 State Championships are conducted in ~~five (5)~~ four (4) sections:

(i) Open – no minimum age qualification.

~~(ii) 21 and Under – for players who have not attained the age of twenty two (22) years as at December 31 in the year of play.~~

(iii) 17 and Under – for players who have not attained the age of eighteen (18) years as at December 31 in the year of play.

(iiiv) Over 35 years – for players who have attained the age of thirty-five (35) years as at December 31 in the year of play.

(iv) Over 40 years – for players who have attained the age of forty (40) years as at December 31 in the year of play.

- Tamworth: Does Open(Clause 7.2 (i), no minimum age qualification, contradict motion 53, item 6.3?
 - o President: Yes, Tamworth is correct, suggest amendment to add words “subject to clause 6.3”

MOVED: Tamworth **Seconded:** Tamworth to amend Motion 71, Clause 7.1 (i) Open – no minimum age qualification subject to clause 6.3.

CARRIED

Motion put with amendment

CARRIED

71. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 7.3 of the Playing Rules for State Championships be added as follows:

7.3 The State Championships is a sporting activity for female players only.

CARRIED

72. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 7.5 (f) of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

7.65 Umpires

- f) Associations, withdrawing umpires after the confirmation date will be fined \$200.00 per umpire withdrawn unless a medical certificate is produced that certifies the umpire’s unavailability due to illness or injury or other extenuating circumstances. If an umpire is not replaced with an equivalent badged umpire a further fine of \$200.00 is enforced.

Discussion:

- Kiama: Does not support for same reason as Motion 47 - cannot replace a B badge umpire if you don’t have any others

LOST

73. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 7.13 of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

7.143 A player can only participate in a competition where they meet the respective age requirement for that particular competition, as outlined in 7.2 or 6.3.

CARRIED

74. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 7.20 of the Playing Rules for State Championships be added as follows:

7.210 Score sheets are to be returned to event control by the winning team immediately after each match.

CARRIED

75. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 8.2 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnival be amended as follows:

8.2 Entries for Association Carnivals should be made on a standard entry form as recommended by Netball NSW and submitted by an Association official to reach the appropriate Association twenty-one (21)

days prior to the date of the carnival or the closing date as notified by the Association, whichever is the earlier.

CARRIED

76. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that Rule 8.3 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnival be amended as follows:

8.3 Netball NSW advises Associations to apply the entry fee including GST ofis \$33.00.

CARRIED

77. MOVED: Board of Directors Seconded: Board of Directors that all numbering within the Grading Policy and Procedures & Rules for State Championships, State Age Championships, Night Interdistrict and Association Carnivals be amended as required.

CARRIED

(h) Reports: Board of Directors

MOVED: Mens Seconded: St George for the adoption of the Board of Directors Report

CARRIED

Finance Report and Budget

M. Anderson (Chief Operating Officer "COO") reviewed September finance report distributed yesterday by email. Full year profit forecast \$270k compared with budget of \$268k profit.

Capitation continuing to decline as a proportion of revenue, from 60% in 2013 to 48% in 2018.

Discussion:

- Bankstown: Where are salaries distributed in the accounts?
 - o COO: Salaries are across relevant departments. Salaries are shown in 2018 budget: wages of \$6.8m in 2018, compared with \$6.1m in 2017, approximately a 3% increase.

MOVED: Hastings Valley Seconded: Taree for the adoption of the Finance Report.

CARRIED

PROPOSED FEES FOR 2018

- Kiama: Proposed competitions fees increase of 10% is higher than wages/inflation increase. Why is 10% increase necessary?
 - o C. Feldmanis (Director): Cost of competition increase includes tents, insurances and particularly local government fees which are unrelated to CPI or wages.
- Bankstown: Also 10% increase last year, costs increase every year for Associations, including increases in parking at Genea Netball Centre.
 - o COO: Traditionally competitions run at a loss, NNSW is moving towards a user-pays model with multiple venues for State and Stage Age.
 - o President: Much more compliance work is necessary for competitions in local council areas, we are trying to keep competitions affordable, use less venues to try to reduce costs for you as Associations, but also for the overheads that NNSW carries. Cannot continue to lose the amount of money on these events that we have lost previously.
- Bankstown: Don't sponsors contribute to expenses? Gave example of a netball player to pay \$110 for Social Masters, her only competition played? If sponsors are not funding events you are going about it the wrong way.

- C. Feldmanis: Sponsors are interested in netball and in seeing their name on TV. For example NNSW has a long-term association with QBE, which recently presented considerably detailed statistics to NNSW about the metrics of QBE's sponsorship value.
- Penrith: Requested comparison of 2017 Affiliation fees with those on page 33 of Papers for 2018?
 - L. Woods (General Manager Stakeholder Relations): Gave comparison of 2018:2017 Affiliation Fees and categories, noting the proposal to re-categorise Affiliation Fees.

MOVED: Blacktown **Seconded:** Baulkham Hills that Affiliation Fees for 2018 as presented in the Council papers be accepted. **CARRIED 40:25**

MOVED: the Board of Directors **Seconded:** the Board of Directors that Membership Fees for 2018 as presented in the Council papers be accepted. **CARRIED**

MOVED: the Board of Directors **Seconded:** the Board of Directors that Summer Membership Fees for 2018 as presented in the Council papers be accepted. **CARRIED**

- Manly: Metro League is \$106.70 for 18 weeks, whereas Social Masters is \$108.90 for 2 days, which is not equitable.
 - CEO: Social Masters Includes function and whole event experience.

Reports: CEO's Operational Report

MOVED: Charlestown **Seconded:** Armidale for the adoption of the CEO's Operational Report **CARRIED**

Reports: Appeals Tribunal

MOVED: Blacktown **Seconded:** Randwick for the adoption of the Appeals Tribunal Report. **CARRIED**

(i) General Business

- President noted in respect of Competitions framework - will be announcing 2019 venues at the March Council meeting.
- Randwick: Is Calendar available?
 - President: It's in the delegates showbags available at conclusion of this meeting.
- Sutherland: At recent meeting between Associations and MyNetball, we noted several perceived problems with all ability being to self-register in 2018 – is there any response by MyNetball? Our Association has about 40 registered players with elderly parents/carers who have difficulty registering.
 - T. Pengilly (Association and Membership Coordinator): MyNetball is testing, NNSW would be happy to assist individual cases.
- Campbelltown: Instead of being advised that Board has made amendment to a policy, could Council receive detail of the amendments made?
- Mens: Several State MPs have paid tribute in Parliament to netball luminaries
Dot Lockwood, Hastings Valley Association and Jordan Kiss honoured by Scot Macdonald MLC
Vera Wiltshire posthumously honoured by David Clarke MLC
Clare McCabe honoured by Lou Amato MLC.
- Campbelltown: Noted that Dave Shorrocks had been appointed to Medical Panel of Commonwealth Games.
- Kiama: Requested that Netball Australia (NA) be invited to Council meeting.
 - President: More than happy to ask NA, we ensure that NNSW has representation on all NA workgroups.
- Orange: Future Leaders Forum, congratulations to Lauren Woods and NNSW – a great weekend.

- Penrith: Fees: concerned from Association level that we are now going to keep putting our fees up, don't want to get to Council in 12 months and see 10% increase. How close are we to covering costs of competitions?
 - o M. Anderson: Reducing reliance on capitation fees by increase in sponsorship. We hope those fees increases would lower in future.
 - o President: May not wish to see sponsorship names everywhere in the competition. Understand that at Association level it is just as hard. Board is very aware of costs involved and increases we are asking. Still a reasonably big gap on some of our events breaking even, have carried loss for a very long time but can no longer afford to do so.
- Penrith: We will be losing players to AFL and Soccer because of netball fees increase. Can we bring increase back to CPI level rather than 10%?
 - o President: Formerly we would hold fees for 4 – 5 years without increase then a significant increase; but Council said it didn't like that and would prefer incremental increases.
 - o CEO: It has been in excess of 12 years since affiliation structure was changed. Some of the increase in costs includes governance, compliance and support of Associations. Always seeking ways to encourage netball consumers to join. We are not a sport that has top-down funding like AFL or Cricket, but we are lot better off than many other sports.
 - o C. Feldmanis (Director): Board is very conscious of numbers and infiltration of AFL and NRL, particularly in Western Sydney. Endorsed CEO's comments that NNSW is striving to increase participation.
 - o M. Baron-Hay (Director): Moving from a background in AFL, early impressions of netball include that it is a wonderful product with competitive advantages such as participation levels, world champions, best competition in the world. The future is what we make of it: don't see the problem, see the opportunity to capitalise on all those netball strengths. Currently grass roots subsidises the elite (the opposite of AFL). We have best elite competition in the world and in time the elites will subsidise grass roots. This will mean changes, commercialising/monetising the opportunity and broadcast rights.
- Gosford: Noted increased operation cost and competition fees: SSN forecast increase loss of \$200k to \$900k loss - is our increase in fees subsidising that?
 - o COO: for 2018 year we have looked at how we allocate wages, staff management cost allocation into that SSN area. Wages/staff costs not previously shown in that SSN area so that is the major reason for the differential. Revenues have increased, but insufficient to cover losses.
 - o President: It is not intention that members subsidise NNSW - we need this for our bench officials, coaches, umpires etc.
- President: Board has instigated a Nominations Panel, 3 elected members from Council and two Board members. On Monday/Tuesday this week an expression of interest in nominating for the Nominations Panel will be sent to Associations. Association Secretaries should send it out to anyone interested in being on that Panel. Board will provide matrix of what is required for Board's makeup.

President declared meeting closed at 3.23 pm.