

Netball NSW Council Meeting



NEW SOUTH WALES NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

HELD SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2016
AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS CLUB

Present:

Directors: W. Archer AM, C. Murphy, R. Watson OAM, J. Drakos, L. Sullivan, C. Campbell (CEO)

Delegates:

J. Kavanagh (Armidale)	W. Chesterton (Bankstown)
V. Riseham (Bankstown)	L. Cunico (Baulkham Hills)
J. Poole (Baulkham Hills)	S. Marks. Blacktown)
J. Webster (Blacktown)	J. Walker (Blue Mountains)
A. Yates (Blue Mountains)	M. Burke (Brunswick Byron)
K. Williams (Camden)	L. Schuhmeier (Camden)
S. Connolly (Campbelltown)	A. Stewart (Campbelltown)
D. Pascoe (Charlestown)	H. Randall (Charlestown)
J. Occhiuto (City of Sydney)	J. Watt (Eastwood Ryde)
D. Bills (Eastwood Ryde)	K. Thomas (Grafton)
J. Small (Gunnedah)	T. Sutcliffe (Gunnedah)
K. Austin (Hastings Valley)	H. Miles (Hastings Valley)
T. Chalk (Hawkesbury)	V. Bertenshaw (Hawkesbury)
J. Thompson (Hills)	L. Burgess OAM (Hills)
K. Halcrow (Inner West)	L. Blackmore (Inner West)
T. Beedles (Kiama)	A. Margalit (Ku-Ring-Gai)
C. Marsh (Lismore)	D. Dew OAM (Lismore)
K. Whiteley (Liverpool)	J. Webster (Liverpool)
K. Lambley (Macleay)	M. Huckerby (Maitland)
H. Dean (Manly Warringah)	M. Murden (Manly Warringah)
V. De Luca OAM (Mens)	L. Wilcox (Nelson Bay)
A. Saunders (Newcastle)	E. Monaghan (Newcastle)
G. Paranihi (Northern Suburbs)	M. Cherote (Northern Suburbs)
L. Welfare (Parramatta Auburn)	K. Higgins (Parramatta Auburn)
J. Gillett OAM (Penrith)	T. Mann (Penrith)
M. Archer (Port Stephens)	M. Kelly (Randwick)
C. Hicks (Randwick)	K. Rembisz (Shoalhaven)
W. Klein (Shoalhaven)	G. Mayers (Singleton)
E. O'Brien (St George)	H. Andrews (St George)
J. McLachlan (Sutherland)	V. Morris (Sutherland)
D. Lockwood (Tamworth)	C. Fielding (Tamworth)
R. Smith (Taree)	J. Kennewell (Taree)
M. Allen (Westlakes)	P. Burt (Westlakes)
C. Miles (Wyong)	J. Addison (Wyong)

Life Members: L. Quinn OAM

A. Doring OAM

Observers: B. Murray (Armidale)
K. Salter (Sutherland)
C. Magri (Sutherland)

R. Ellis (St George)
M. Latham (Eastwood Ryde)
J. Ebel (Penrith)

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E. Lawler (Liverpool)

D. Mulveena (Mens)

Returning Officer: M. Anderson

President declared the meeting open at 9.51am.

(a) Apologies

MOVED Randwick and seconded by Sutherland that apologies for the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council held earlier today also be accepted for Council meeting.

CARRIED

C. Campbell (CEO) introduced the Netball NSW staff to Council

(b) Confirmation of Minutes of Council meeting held on Saturday 2 April 2016.

MOVED Liverpool and seconded by Grafton that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Saturday 2 April 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

(c) Business Arising from the Minutes of Council meeting held on Saturday 2 April 2016

- Campbelltown: page 6 discussion notes that a change from a 8.30am starting time for State Age was under consideration.
 - o W. Archer AM: That discussion was specific to Championships for this year, Claire Dale will take into consideration for future events.
- Grafton: Grafton raised this matter at April Council because of difficulty in getting to venues – it was a general question, not specific to that venue.
 - o W. Archer AM: NNSW would like to offer membership and players best opportunities, will take into consideration for future events

(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

Nil

(g) Notices of Motion

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

1. **MOVED** Shoalhaven and seconded Blue Mountains that Rule 1.2 of the General Procedures be deleted:

~~1.2 — Regions, ACT and the AIS can be admitted to enter any competition subject to the approval of Council at the November Council meeting in the year preceding the event. The Board of Directors may also admit other teams to various competitions on an invitation basis as required.~~

Discussion:

- Newcastle – requested rationale for the proposed deletion.

- W. Archer AM: recollection was that this was discussed at November 2015 Council meeting and is a tidy up clause following that discussion.
- Newcastle: If this clause is removed, who will make the decision to admit a team? This is another removal of Council's chance to review decision-making – Council has previously had this ability to admit.
 - W. Archer AM: NNSW office will make the decision after consideration of whatever that team submits in application. Board will then be notified of the decision and will discuss. Reality is that there are logistical constraints: as Council is held about same time as closing times for the competitions there is insufficient time to bring to Council for review. NNSW can only work within its policy and if a team wishes to join they could be invited in.
- City of Sydney: sought clarification whether Board is notified immediately when decision is made?
 - C. Campbell (CEO): No, Board is notified within meeting papers, such papers would always be issued prior to the event. If that was not possible, the matter would be discussed by circular resolution of the Board.

CARRIED

2. **MOVED** Charlestown and seconded Blacktown that Rule 1.3 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

- 1.32 All players and team officials entered into a Netball NSW competition must show as a financial registered member of Netball NSW or relevant State or Territory in the ~~Netball NSW Member~~My Netball database prior to the commencement of that competition, or their participation in that competition.

CARRIED

3. **MOVED** Liverpool and seconded Inner West that Rule 1.4 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

- 1.34 The closing date for all competitions will be notified ~~at the November Council meeting in the year previous to the event. The closing date for the particular competition is also notified~~ on the relevant entry form and on the Netball NSW website.

Discussion:

- Manly: Noted that it is very difficult for Associations to set their own local closing dates if they don't know closing dates of competitions. Would like to know closing dates of competitions at November Council
 - C. Campbell (CEO): Dates are no longer posted out. Closing dates are uploaded to network, full calendar of dates is available
- Manly: NNSW calendar on website is a disaster, difficult to navigate.
 - W. Archer AM: Will give you hard copy of calendar today and will be available on website.
- Kiama – If dates are disclosed on NNSW website and available at Council meeting why do we need to remove the clause?
 - W. Archer AM: If the competition schedule moves then the closing dates may have to move in parallel.
- Randwick: Same timeframe between entries. This year there was a problem as the information came out very late.
 - C. Campbell (CEO): Timeframes /closing dates were given in November 2015.

CARRIED (F:50 A:17) Voting power 75

4. **MOVED** Wyong and seconded Baulkham Hills that Rule 1.7 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

- 1.67 All entries for competitions must be lodged 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 ~~1.71-8~~ below.

CARRIED

5. **MOVED** Taree and seconded Hastings that Rule 1.11 of the General Procedures be amended as follows:

- 1.101- Where an Association, Region or ~~ACT or AIS~~ 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.

Discussion:

- Newcastle: Assume this deletion is to bring into line with withdrawals of other competitions?
 - o W. Archer: Deletion is AIS removal.

CARRIED

6. **MOVED** Blacktown and seconded Port Stephens that Rule 2.1 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

- 2.1 The closing date for the Night Inter District (NID) competition shall be ~~advised at the November Council meeting and as~~ notified on the Netball NSW website.

Discussion:

- Northern Suburbs: Agree with Manly that calendar on NNSW website is ridiculous. Asked why following year's information can't be uploaded to website one or two weeks after end of competition?
Seeking details of the competitions to enable Associations to program 12 months ahead.
 - o C. Campbell (CEO): Part of NNSW process is a post-competition review, which takes time
 - o K. Tetley (General Manager Marketing Events and Communications): Noted two sources of information – website pages and the calendar and advised that NNSW update the webpages as early as possible.

CARRIED

7. **MOVED** Mens and seconded Penrith that Rule 2.6 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

- 2.6 All grading shall be based on names submitted on the official entry forms and taking into account 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. previous player status as detailed in the Netball NSW Player Database and State Age entry forms. The player status point system used for Region 1 State League, or~~ current ladder positions are not used for grading purposes in NID.

Discussion:

- City of Sydney: Is there a committee for grading? Who looks at it?
 - o W. Archer AM: NNSW office staff do grading and Competitions Manager is responsible for this.

CARRIED (F:66 A:5)

8. **MOVED** Port Stephens and seconded Blacktown that Rule 2.7 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be deleted:

~~2.7 Grading is based on 7 players with the highest player status from (i) the immediate preceding State League Region 1 competition or higher or (ii) the immediate preceding State then State Age competition or (iii) the preceding NID.~~

~~No player status is awarded to any player who did not play at least three (3) games in the previous NID competition or five (5) games in the preceding State League Region 1 competition or participate in the preceding TTNL, ANL, State or State Age competition.~~

~~The descending order for player status will be: Region 1 State League or higher (Waratah Cup through to Division 8) and then State, State Age and then Night Inter District.~~

CARRIED

9. **MOVED** Liverpool and seconded Baulkham Hills that Rule 2.8 (c) of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

- 2.8 c) ~~Associations will be given 48 hours to replace the player concerned.~~ Associations will be allowed to move a single player up from lower divisions to fill this space. Associations will be allowed to nominate one (1) player (per player removed by Netball NSW personnel) who was not on the original entry forms.

CARRIED

10. **MOVED** Charlestown and seconded Hills that Rule 2.9 of the Grading Procedure for Region 1 – Night Inter District be deleted:

~~2.9 Where two or more teams have equal grading based status of highest 7 players, grading priority will be determined by the next players in the teams with the highest player status.~~

CARRIED

11. **MOVED** Blacktown and seconded Hawkesbury that Rule 3.1 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

- 3.1 The commencing date for the Night Inter District (NID) competition ~~will be for the ensuing year shall be advised at the November Council Meeting and as~~ notified on the Netball NSW website.

CARRIED

12. **MOVED** Wyong and seconded Blacktown that Rule 3.4 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

- 3.4 ~~Wet weather G~~games abandoned or cancelled by Netball NSW are considered as games played by all players registered prior to that date.

CARRIED

13. **MOVED** Mens and seconded Gunnedah that Rule 3.8 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.8 At no time is a team permitted to have more than 12 players registered. A maximum of four (4) players may be late registered in each team ~~after the 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.

CARRIED

14. **MOVED** Blue Mountains and seconded Charlestown that Rule 3.12 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.12 Any change to ~~the~~ name of a player already registered is to be advised in writing by an Association official to Netball NSW within seven (7) days. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$100.00.

Discussion:

- Kiama: Requested definition of “within 7 days” – 7 days of the event of name change? 7 days of notification of name change? Some players wish to continue to play under their maiden name.
 - o W. Archer AM: Within 7 days of receiving notification of the change. It needs to be done within 7 days so that Associations are not playing an unregistered player. Nothing new in this amendment, Associations are already doing this.

CARRIED

15. **MOVED** Mens and seconded Sutherland that Rule 3.14 of the Playing Rules for Region 1 – Night Inter District be amended as follows:

3.14 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.

~~A player with no player status can be late registered in any division~~

CARRIED

16. **MOVED** Taree and seconded Hills that Rule 4.1 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

4.1 The closing date for the State Age Championships (State Age) will be ~~advised at the November Council meeting and as~~ notified on the Netball NSW website.

Discussion:

- Manly: Same objection as before regarding calendar on website.
 - o W. Archer AM: Noted.

CARRIED

17. **MOVED** Blacktown and seconded Baulkham Hills 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 must 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 have the prior approval of Netball NSW.

CARRIED

18. **MOVED** Eastwood Ryde and seconded Gunnedah that Rule 4.4 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

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

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

19. **MOVED** Singleton and seconded Liverpool that Rule 4.5 of the Grading Procedures 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.-

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

20. **MOVED** Armidale and seconded Parramatta Auburn that Rule 4.6 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

- 4.6 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

21. **MOVED** Tamworth and seconded Taree that Rule 4.8 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

- 4.8 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 ~~(notwithstanding clause 4.9c)~~. 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~~may~~ be graded into the Championship Division for that age group. In the ~~first~~ 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

22. **MOVED** Campbelltown and seconded Sutherland that Rule 4.9 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

- 4.9 a) For the 12 years age division, 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 ~~as detailed in Rule 9 b)~~ 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.
- c) Where nominations are received that recommends placement of less than 20 teams in Championship Division, Netball NSW reserves the right to grade no less than 2018 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.

Discussion:

- Newcastle: In relation to amendment part c), relating to 12 year division, Newcastle suffered a problem this year and was relegated. It appealed but was deemed to be no grounds for appeal, so our 12 years who were performing particularly well, went through undefeated.
 - o W. Archer AM: Such an occurrence is not an anomaly, this membership inside Council make the rules. This rule has been in place for quite a number of years and Newcastle is not the only place where this has happened. You, as Council make the rules, staff need some direction how to grade. Everyone has rights of appeal and the appeals process is not disregarded by those who sit on them, everyone receives a fair hearing.
- Campbelltown: Unclear terminology of Association to Associations. Could this be resolved?
 - o W. Archer AM: Fair point, will take on notice. Understand the point and will need to make sure we don't confuse the entities in the rules.
- Penrith: Role of Appeals Committee is to make sure rules are interpreted correctly, ensuring rule is correctly followed.
- City of Sydney: Thinking along lines of lower divisions 3 or 4. If there are insufficient teams in 12s, would teams be moving down championships?
 - o W. Archer AM: No, teams are filled from the top to ensure that division 4 has sufficient teams in it to ensure competition. Think the number of "championship teams" needs to be 20. Becomes at the discretion of Competitions Manager. Don't want division 4, for example, having 10 associations in it as that is not viable. Discretion is required and, given the strength of numbers at present, unlikely to occur.
- St George: Suggested that teams be divided equally – to ensure enough teams in each competition.

- Hastings: Division 2 this year in our 12 and 13s, numbers were much smaller than divisions 3 and 4, would like to see more teams in Division 2.
 - o WA: Teams are filled from the top, we know your division is important and the importance of your players being able to experience State Age.
- City of Sydney: You are locking yourself in by saying minimum of 20 teams and the middle divisions may be short.
 - o W. Archer AM: Already passed 20 teams in championship divisions, numbers to dictate number of teams in divisions.
- Kiama: Championships have 20 teams, other divisions don't necessarily have 20 teams.
- St George: in Clause c) should it not be the placement of the additional or extra teams?
 - o W. Archer AM: That will be a consideration of grading - changes put forward are to enable Competitions Manager to put together the fairest opportunity. Making rules very black/white with no flexibility would mean we could run into problems.
- Sutherland: If there is a lack of teams in divisions 2, 3 and 4, could development teams enter?
 - o W. Archer: generally a set of circumstances after entries close. If development teams were to enter, we would need to have a discussion at Council.

CARRIED

23. **MOVED** Singleton and seconded Sutherland that Rule 4.10 of the Grading Procedures for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

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. A Statutory Declaration setting out the grounds of the request is to be submitted at the time of submitting the team entry. An Association cannot appeal a provisional grading on the basis of having less than five (5) players returning from the previous year's competition if a Statutory Declaration and correct team information is not submitted at the time of submitting the team entry, nor can an Association appeal placement in a higher Division when that Association's team has been provisionally graded in a Division based on the placing achieved in the previous year's competition.~~

CARRIED

24. **MOVED** Baulkham Hills and seconded Taree that Rule 5.7 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships be amended as follows:

5.7 Umpires

- d) At the time of lodging team nominations the Association is to provide the appropriate number of qualified umpires for the duration of the competition. This is to be ~~on the~~ lodged on the official form with umpires names and current qualifications
- 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 ~~an~~ equivalent badged umpire a further fine of \$200.00 is enforced.

h) Female umpires shall be dressed in white dress or skirt and top, male umpires shall be dressed in white shorts and shirt.

Discussion:

- L Quinn OAM (Life Member): Query about clause h) – acknowledge that it has always been there but umpires are not always dressed in white shorts or skirts, believe that in winter conditions long pants may be a good idea
 - o W. Archer AM: Fair comment, NNSW is following the international rule.
- Taree: Disagree with that, as a badged umpire and former representative player, umpire's white colour is distinct from all other Association uniforms.
- Newcastle: Agree with motion as it stands. Exception is umpires of Muslim faith who must be covered head to toe, does the motion need additional words to ensure cultural sensitivity is maintained?
 - o W. Archer AM: Believe this may be at the discretionary of Association, or are umpires of Muslim faith covered by wearing skirt, leggings, appropriate headgear. Board will consider.
- Port Stephens: Hope that we are all sensitive enough in 2016 that we are all going to work with our players to ensure inclusion of all cultural needs.
- Kiama: Board needs to take it away and consider cultural differences.
- Newcastle: This was considered at Newcastle's Association meeting and amendments made for cultural sensitivity, so if a member Association has done it, everyone should do so.
 - o W. Archer AM: Don't want to make a fuss about different cultures having different requirements. Do we need specific words in competition rules? - No.
- Hills: just ask players what is culturally acceptable for them, we work with them and have no problems. Council is talking around something which is just common sense.
- Parramatta: Agree with Port Stephens and Hills – Council is getting off the track. Could we not distinguish between men/women and simply say that umpires wear white?
- Mens: NSW Government's Cross Cultural Action Plan covers this: if a document of any association is silent then rules revert to government's already designated document which clearly states they are aware of cultural differences.
- Blacktown: Female/male umpire wear white. Why do men only wear shorts?
- St George: Netball supports all its diverse cultures – encouraging athletes in skills, regardless of cultures.
 - o W. Archer AM: Would Council consider an amendment to all umpires must wear white?

MOVED Parramatta and seconded Wyong that motion 24, about Rule 5.7 of the Playing Rules for State Age Championships, clause h) be amended to:

- h) Umpires shall be dressed in white.

Motion to amend put

CARRIED

Motion 24 put (with amendment)

CARRIED

Discussion:

- Newcastle: Suggest that when NNSW sends out representatives to Regions that this item is highlighted.
 - o W. Archer AM: Agreed.

25. **MOVED** Eastwood Ryde and seconded Charlestown that Rule 6.1 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

- 6.1 The closing date for the State Championships (State) competition will ~~shall~~ be ~~advised at the November Council meeting and as~~ notified on the Netball NSW website.

CARRIED

26. **MOVED** Singleton and seconded Shoalhaven that Rule 6.2 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

- 6.2 Associations are to register teams on the approved player entry form together with full 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.

Discussion:

- Campbelltown: In last line does "Association" refer to entrant Association?
 - o W. Archer AM: Yes.

CARRIED

27. **MOVED** Port Stephens and seconded Lismore 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 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.

CARRIED

28. **MOVED** Taree and seconded Armidale that Rule 6.9 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

6.109 For the Open Division entries will be divided as far as is possible equally between Championship Division and ~~Division 2~~ and ~~Division 3 as required.~~

CARRIED

29. **MOVED** Blacktown and seconded Port Stephens that Rule 6.11 of the Grading Procedures for State Championships be amended as follows:

- 6.11~~9~~ 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. A Statutory Declaration setting out the grounds of the request is to be submitted at the time of submitting the team entry. An Association cannot appeal a provisional grading on the basis of having less than five (5) players returning from the previous year's competition if a Statutory Declaration and correct team information is not submitted at the time of submitting the team entry, nor can an Association appeal placement in a higher Division when that Association's team has been provisionally graded in a Division based on the placing achieved in the previous year's competition.~~

Discussion:

- Newcastle: No mention made of 21/U division, we have to assume State intends to have open 21/U and 17/U. In the last two or three years there has been maximum of nine teams which is unsatisfactory. At Presidents Forum, this matter was under review. Was State to follow suit?
 - o W. Archer AM: Correct, Netball Australia has removed 21/U from National Championships, now deemed to be in National Netball League. We have moved between having 21/U and 19/U divisions depending on how our Associations felt about those age divisions at the time. Never really settled on one, except 17s, flipping and flopping over 19s and 21s. No decision made at this point in time. Board's next discussion will probably be around canvassing Associations views. Next years is fixed, going forward a decision will have to be made.
- City of Sydney: In 2017: U17, U21 in Opens - Confirmed

CARRIED

30. **MOVED** Sutherland and seconded Liverpool 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 7.3.-

CARRIED

31. **MOVED** Camden and seconded Taree that Rule 7.5 of the Playing Rules for State Championships be amended as follows:

7.5 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 a ~~an~~ equivalent badged umpire a further fine of \$200.00 is enforced.
- h) Female umpires shall be dressed in white dress or skirt and top, male umpires shall be dressed in white shorts and shirt.

- MOVED** Blacktown and seconded Gunnedah that Motion 31 about Rule 7.5 of the Playing Rules for State Championships clause h) be amended to:

- h) Umpires shall be dressed in white.

Motion to amend put

CARRIED

Motion 31 with amendment put

CARRIED

32. **MOVED** Blacktown and seconded Charlestown that Rule 8.1 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

- 8.1 Each Association will be allocated one (1) official carnival which will be advertised on the Netball NSW website calendar each year after applications have been received and approval given by Netball NSW of the date the Carnival has been allocated. Applications for carnivals shall close on 30 September each year for the ensuing year. Late applications received after this date will only be considered for vacant dates after re-allocations have been completed.

Discussion:

- Gunnedah: In our region we set our carnivals in our regional meeting, which will make it difficult to have our carnivals listed.
 - o W. Archer AM: those dates will come forward.
- Penrith: Can carnival be held on Masters weekend?
 - o W. Archer AM: Can look at that.
- Manly: When will list of carnivals for 2017 be released?
 - o W. Archer AM: will be released per policy.
- Newcastle: Region 2 has already met and local Associations put forward their dates. No longer do Associations apply direct to NNSW.
 - o W. Archer AM: Reality is that we understand the importance of carnivals and acknowledge that there are more carnivals wanted than dates available and NNSW stepped back from that, put guidelines in place to enable Associations to achieve optimal outcomes.

CARRIED

33. **MOVED** Liverpool and seconded Eastwood Ryde that Rule 8.2 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

- 8.2 Entries 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.-

Discussion:

- Campbelltown: Pointed out that Campbelltown has no entry forms, all entries are online.
 - o W. Archer AM: It's only a guideline, how Associations administer their carnivals is entirely up to that Association.

CARRIED

34. **MOVED** Taree and seconded Lismore that Rule 8.11 of the Guidelines for Conduct of Association Carnivals be amended as follows:

- 8.11 Forfeits
- a) Associations entering teams that forfeit or withdraw after fixtures have been arranged, may be liable for a fine of up to ~~\$10050~~ per team, such fine shall be paid to the Association conducting the carnival within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending association within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival. However, the host Association will be entitled to charge a \$100 fine on any team which does not appear on the day of the carnival. Such fine shall be paid to the Association conducting the carnival

within seven (7) days of receipt of the account, provided the account is forwarded to the offending association within twenty one (21) days of the date of the carnival.

CARRIED

35. **MOVED** Inner West and seconded St George 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

W. Archer noted an addition to report (which will be distributed to Associations on Monday 7 November): 2018 Venues for Social Master, State and Stage Age Divisions 1-4

State Age:	Division 1	Liverpool
	Division 2	Camden
	Division 3	Eastwood Ryde
	Division 4	Inner West
State:	Gosford with backup of Wyong	
Social Masters	Maitland	

MOVED Inner West and seconded Lismore for the adoption of the Board of Directors Report

CARRIED

Reports: Finance

M. Anderson (General Manager – Corporate Services) reviewed financial report (distributed by email previously) and the 2017 budget in the papers. Presented revenue comparisons 2013 – 2017.

Discussion:

- St George: Commercial marketing revenue of \$2.6m compares with expenditure of \$3.2m so is this out of pocket? How much will it cost to have Giants Netball also?
 - o M. Anderson: In NNL area, we split playing costs into commercial revenue including staff, players, big spend in player area - yes, difference will continue next year.
- Parramatta: Who are new sponsor Genea?
 - o C. Campbell (CEO): Name change notification was sent out. Genea is an IVF company. NNSW Board conducted due diligence, good representation at dinner tonight, terrific company, all about family, good partner for NNSW. 3 year placement with them.
- Westlakes: Why is Swifts and Giants income and expenditure different?
 - o M Anderson: Two reasons: expenditure identified to enable evaluation between the two teams. Same salary cap, same coaching structure, same staffing structure. From revenue point of view a number of commercial arrangements have carried over from TTNL which impact Swifts, not Giants.
- City of Sydney: Budget line item different this year on Strategy and Governance expenditure, was expenditure previously in other category?
 - o M. Anderson: Yes, restructuring of categories.
- Mens: acknowledge and congratulate CEO/Board on securing sponsor and compliment staff on bringing in nearly \$0.25m.
 - o W. Archer AM: Acknowledge the hard work by NNSW team which enables the next strong and exciting chapter in our Association – providing more opportunities for athletes out of NSW and opportunities for members. Board is pleased to reduce reliance on capitation fees.
- Eastwood Ryde: Is Samsung sponsorship one or three years?
 - o C. Campbell: Samsung sponsorship has another year to run. Complicated - one of the reasons to have team structure in membership structure is that it gives opportunities for sponsors, enabling sponsorship benefits to flow down through competitions.

MOVED Taree and seconded Gunnedah for the adoption of the Finance Report.

CARRIED

Reports: CEO's Operational Report

Discussion:

- Manly: NetSetGo! (NSG!) increase is too high-(i.e. a 5 year old paying \$58 for a 6 week season) Manly will not participate.
 - o N Horton (General Manager Sport Development): NSG! packs will be distributed direct to players, a decision made by Netball Australia (NA). NA made decision to distribute individually as some NSG! centres were not distributing packs and many children were not receiving the entire pack. Direct distribution ensures complete pack distribution.
- Shoalhaven: Looked at fees and we have \$0.25m profit from NNSW. Shoalhaven is low socio-economic area, player numbers have dropped in 2016 compared with 2015. Fees from Junior to NSG! are exorbitant. One family with 5 players faces a huge financial increase. Shoalhaven protests increase in fees across the board
 - o W. Archer AM: A number of years ago this Council took the decision to have incremental increases year by year, rather than a single large 5 yearly increase. Cost of running business does not decrease, NNSW is a very large organisation. Board does not make fee recommendations lightly, all are members of our own Associations. Do not believe we are an expensive sport to play compared with many others. State and State Age do not run at breakeven, they cost Association money to run them and those costs increase year on year.
- L Quinn OAM (Life Member): Comment yes, while NSW is now a business, at Association level we are a voluntary organisation providing service, we are not a business.
 - o W. Archer AM: All your Associations run on business principles.
- Newcastle: NA is trying to save funds but it is a logistical nightmare if NSG! packs go to people's homes - our Association delivers packs to all kids and some are in foster care, group homes and other transient accommodation. If NA say that players don't get their packs then there should be action taken on the specific process which failed, not impose direct distribution on all Associations.
 - o N. Horton: Delivery address is as per registration entry. NA has not increased NSG! fees since 2007. Individual delivery can be tracked. Need to ensure correct registration address is entered and problems should be minimised.
- Liverpool: Suggested that NNSW check with NRL regarding NRL's experience of direct distribution of NRL registration cards (such process was considered flawed).
 - o W. Archer AM: Not a NNSW decision. We have given feedback to NA and participated in workshops, but decision out of our hands as NSG! Is a national program.
- Sutherland: Has NNSW made objection re direct distribution?
 - o W. Archer AM: NNSW made representations to NA on this matter.
- Bankstown: Not understanding Newcastle's comment about direct distribution - kids move often.
- City of Sydney: Has initiated a program targeting schools in Fairfield area which have some of the most vulnerable people in NSW. As an organisation we made decision that Association would pay fees, not parents. We cannot input in an address which will ensure players will receive pack.
 - o N. Horton: Where were packs sent previously? Club address? N. Horton to confer with NA to explain special circumstances and request to allow an alternate delivery address. NNSW will have a NSG! pack enquiries person to assist Associations
- Shoalhaven: Proposed workaround will suffice, our Associations will need to be kept in the loop re distribution.
- Manly: 10% increase is too much, more than CPI. State Cup last year of \$70 per player was too much, and now \$77 – something will have to be done or cease running.
 - o W. Archer AM: Cost of State, State Age, Masters is higher than inflation. Increase in compliance costs, such as risk management plan, traffic management plan, many additional things now required – there is no choice in compliance costs.

- A. Doring OAM (Life Member): Agree, lots of compliance costs in running those competitions are incurred by Associations
 - o W. Archer AM: Associations receive a small contribution to cover those costs.

MOVED Lismore and seconded St George for the adoption of the CEO's Report

**CARRIED (F:44 A:14 Abstentions: 4)
Voting power 74**

Review by CEO of New League 2017:

Decision taken to have a 2nd team in NSW. After due diligence and costings developed, NNSW put in expression of interest and preferred licence awarded to NNSW, now known as Giants Netball. NNSW owns the team, it is not GWS Giants, it's Giants Netball with Coach Julie Fitzgerald. Ten players on contract + training partners. Increased broadcast profile and streaming on Telstra TV with very strong commercial interest firming up around both teams. Name of competition will be released on Monday. Increased offering to netball friends in NSW. Player salary contributions are nearly all funded by NA through the broadcast deals.

Metro rules will be circulated on Monday morning.

Discussion:

- Parramatta: Before Swifts/Giants memberships go on sale in future, can we know schedule of games?
 - o K Tetley (General Manager Marketing Events and Communication): NNSW has expressed that view to NA – absolutely critical that potential members know what they are signing up for.
 - o C. Campbell (CEO): Process is still evolving.
- Campbelltown: why did NNSW approach Campbelltown Council?
 - o K. Whitaker (Association Development Manager): Many Local Government area approach us re facilities information such as participation rates. Sometimes that information cannot be sourced from just one Association so if NNSW has the information available it is provided directly to the requestor

(i) Any Other Reports

Appeals Tribunal Report

MOVED Kiama and seconded Sutherland for the adoption of the Appeals Tribunal Report

CARRIED

(j) General Business

- A. Doring OAM (Life Member): Why is State Masters on weekend with competing events – dates clash.
 - o W. Archer AM: Scarcity of dates to do things.
- A. Doring OAM (Life Member): Referencing Affiliation of Membership policy – Clause 5.4. Previous policy enabled them to apply for refund. New membership policy update is not user friendly to accommodate various circumstances such as when registration is taken, but teams not always filled.
 - o W. Archer AM: People may still apply for refund of NNSW component, under extenuating circumstances. We need to make it fair and is at the discretion of the CEO - shouldn't be an issue.
- A. Doring OAM (Life Member): Does extenuating circumstances include changing school and changing sport?
 - o W. Archer AM: Off the top of my head, that would be extenuating circumstance as school sport offerings are different. Decision around this will need to be reasonable and fair.

- Sutherland: Association made decision that cut-off date was 1 March, up to that date we could refund at Association level and it was better that the Association make that decision. Such decision now has to go through NNSW.
 - W. Archer AM: Players now registering earlier on My Netball. Board felt it was reasonable action but I am hearing that Council does not think so. Reminded that online registration in 2018 should make it easier for everyone.
- Northern Suburbs: Not fair to have such a big change from 31 March cut-off to 1 January.
- Baulkham Hills: Registration up to 31 March they can be deregistered. Proposal is that deregistration can be done up to 1 January but after that date the decision is by NNSW, that is a lot of paperwork for Associations to submit to NNSW.
 - W. Archer AM: Will take it to 13 December Board meeting and Council notified next day. Board had discussed 28 February as potential date.
- Inner West: Now that registration is all online, apart from members and previous members, can anyone register online without prior contact to Association? If there is no room in the team, that person has to be deregistered.
 - K. Whitaker (Association Development Manager): Contact Karen Szczerbanik in NNSW office who can sort that out for you.
- Eastwood Ryde: NNSW will need an additional staff member to cope with deregistration paperwork.
- City of Sydney: Requested that Board response go to all delegates, not just Associations.
 - W. Archer AM: Goes to associations and if we have delegates' email addresses it can go to delegates also.
- Shoalhaven: Thank Nicole Bowles for everything she has done in our region.
- Hastings: Thank Carolyn Campbell & Sonia Gouveia for coming to talk to local government about courts, local facilities.
- Newcastle: Any progress on membership ID cards? At Regional meeting it was noted that no-one had been notified.
 - M. Simpson (General Manager Strategy & Governance): met with company contracted to provide card, big push for uptake, opportunities for commercial partners and membership benefits. Contacts will depend on accuracy in database, if email addresses bounce we will need to work through that.
- Tamworth: What is Fast 5 \$2.50 fee?
 - N. Horton (General Manager Sport Development): per player per game. That component is the registration fee that will go back into the sport.
- Tamworth: what is benefit for people already in the sport?
 - N. Horton: Research has shown that Fast 5 players prefer to pay fee per game as it is fast and social. It is around pre and post season, played outside traditional netball times. Fast 5 exciting trial prior to Social Masters was well received.
- City of Sydney: If we run Fast 5 in January, then \$2.50 covers them.
 - N. Horton: \$2.50 covers the game they play, i.e. if they use an app to play one game, pay \$10 online, and the \$2.50 is divided off (includes insurance).
- Blue Mountains: Congratulations on the running of the Schools State Cup congrats –great link into Associations and clubs.
 - W. Archer AM: Absolutely awesome competition, thanks to Nikki Horton and team.

Netball NSW Council Meeting



- President Wendy Archer made presentation to two staff members leaving Netball NSW. Both have been team members for considerable period of time, to the benefit of members, volunteers and regional netball families. Nicole Bowles, Regional Development Manager is joining Netball ACT and Di Brown, Volunteer Workforce Manager is retiring.

President declared meeting closed at 1.04pm.