

SUTHERLAND SHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES – DELEGATES MEETING

21 September 2022

MEETING OPENED: 7.36pm

PRESENT: As per attendance

APOLOGIES:
P Hayman – Life Member
R Aitkin – Life Member
Bosco N/C
J Norman – Magpies
K Scott – Life Member
R Yule – Engadine Eagles
P Breese – Engadine Eagles

The Secretary advised that The President was unable to be present at the meeting as she was unwell, however would be joining via Zoom. Vicki Kerr nominated Jenny Rees to chair the meeting. Seconded Menai Hawks.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOVED: Life Member
SECONDED: Menai Hawks

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

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| 1. Various | Accounts |
| 2. Netball NSW | Court Craft Summer Series |
| 3. Cronulla Sharks N/C | All Abilities request |
| 4. Netball NSW | Hart Junior State Titles 2022 |
| 5. Netball NSW | Masters State Titles |
| 6. Netball NSW | Spring Registration |
| 7. Relay for Life | Request |
| 8. Netball NSW | State Titles Venues 2023 |
| 9. E Petinos MP | Parliament Transcript – Grant |
| 10. St Catherines N/C | Thankyou |
| 11. CPNC | Representative Fee Request |

12. Netball NSW	Council Meeting and State Dinner
13. Netball NSW	Men's Metro League – Pilot Competition
14. Netball NSW	2022 Masters State Titles
15. Netball NSW	Court Craft Summer Series EOI
16. Netball NSW	2022 Masters State Titles
17. Netball NSW	Award Nominations Open
18. Scott Morrison MP	Volunteer Grants
19. Netball NSW	Staffing news
20. Netball NSW	Panel EOI
21. Netball NSW	Governance sessions
22. Caringbah Comets	Motions
23. M Lynch	Returning Officers report
24. Fatima Falcons N/C	Motions

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Item 3 – Cronulla Sharks suggestion to reallocate the All-Abilities Teams into a grade making use of what would usually be a BYE.

Motion

The All-Abilities teams be included into the 11.45am timeslot in a grade with a BYE

Moved: Connells Point
 Seconded: Executive

To be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting

- Item 9 – E Petinos letter read
- Item 10 – St Catherines thankyou letter read
- Maria Lynch from Fatima N/C requested her Returning Officers report be sent to clubs as previously requested. To be sent out Friday.
- Item 11 – CPNC requested SSNA waive the \$20 Junior Rep Nomination fee once again. The Treasurer explained that this request was discussed at Executive level and decided that the waiving of this fee was voted on as being for 2021 only. These fees go towards buying rep equipment. Connells Point received a reply from the Rep Liaison Officer however it is not listed in correspondence. Sylvania N/C requested that players nominate themselves for reps directly to SSNA. The Rep Liaison Officer suggested that players who are not selected into teams receive a refund of \$20.
- Item 18 – Scott Morrison MP volunteers grant.

CORRESPONDENCE IN BE RECEIVED:

MOVED: Gymea
SECONDED: Loftus

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

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| 1. Various | Accounts |
| 2. All Clubs | Summer Night Comp Information |
| 3. All Clubs | Special Meeting |
| 4. Netball NSW | Court Craft Summer Series Teams |
| 5. Connells Point N/C | Reply |

CORRESPONDENCE OUT BE RECEIVED:

MOVED: Life Member
SECONDED: Executive

REPORTS:

TREASURER:

- Profit and Loss and loss was sent out last week with the opportunity to ask any questions. The Treasurer acknowledged the request received via email today at 2.18pm from Connells Point. As the Treasurer works full time, she has not yet had the opportunity to prepare answers. CPNC read their list of questions, and requested they be answered now. The President believes the Treasurers request to get back to Connells Point is completely reasonable due to the late request and the fact that Treasurer works full time.

The secretary advised the full list of questions and answers will be emailed to all clubs as soon as possible.

Note: List of Connells Point questions and SSNA replies are attached to these minutes.

MOVED: Gymea
SECONDED: Eagles

NSW REPORT:

- Netball NSW Council Meeting and State Dinner to be held Saturday 05 November.

NETBALL NSW PRESIDENTS MEETING – 15.9.22

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION POINTS

1. **PREMIER LEAGUE**
Review currently underway and should be finalised by 30 September. 2023 License Fee and Participation Agreement should be received at this time.
2. **MARKETING CAMPAIGN**
NNSW have been running a Marketing Campaign based at gaining traction for Associations in their Spring/Summer competitions. Marketing materials are now available – but not really in time for our competition registration. We do have a banner for use.
SSNA and Manly spoke to meeting on timing of campaign not just spring but also our discussions last November with regard to timing of campaign for registering for Winter Competitions. Winter Competition marketing by NNSW needs to start in December not end January/February when Association registration periods close.
3. **GOVERNANCE MEETINGS**
These are being held this week around changes to the NNSW Constitution and some discussion on how to assist Associations with new 'constitution template'. Full pack of information on NNSW Constitutional changes (seven proposed changes) will be available at end of this week. We will hopefully have an Association template by year end.
4. **NNSW REVIEW**
Review of strategy, themes and support for Associations with 'Grow, Play, Inspire, Lead' the pillars of review.
5. **NETBALL AUSTRALIA UPDATE**
Netball Australia in improved financial position. The current Netball Australia review is more about how to grow the SSN and not as much around how to grow our sport. State bodies doing the heavy lifting in this space.
6. **NNSW STAFFING**
We were introduced to the new Exec GM Finance, Tim Brown. Welcome Tim B. NNSW advised that Mel Achten who is the current GM Community

and Pathways has resigned and is moving into a role with another sporting body. SSNA thanked Mel for her assistance over the last 4 years in her roles in the community and pathways space.

Louise Sullivan President of Netball NSW addressed the meeting. Congratulations to all on getting through this season. Netball NSW has been focusing on growth and retention of players. Media deal secured with fox has secured funds for the game. Swifts and Giants are a huge cost to Netball NSW; however they are needed as pathways for our players. Need to be more inclusive in our sport. Netball NSW is happy to assist associations with their governance.

Fatima Falcons asked Louise what associations could do if they are unhappy with decisions Netball NSW make. Louise explained that Netball NSW is a company, and the elected board makes the majority of the decisions. The board does not make operational decisions. Role of the board is to make changes and engage in strategic discussions. Grassroots elect the board. Fees are approved by the council. Fatima believes there should have been a fee reduction in 2022. Louise advised that Netball NSW have a huge cost base and these costs did not disappear through COVID. Netball NSW are not for profit.

MOVED: **Menai Hawks**
SECONDED: **Life Member**

EXECUTIVE:

We have continued with our zoom meetings and site visits with the Council Project team, with the latest site visit being yesterday – Tuesday 20.9.22.

The latest news is:

- Line marking is complete and court numbering will follow this week.
- Council will provide new corflute signage for revised court numbering system.
- New Flood lights are ready to go and have been tested. These will transfer to the Council App for flood lights.
- PA Speakers are installed and will be connected to the system for our Summer Competition with Light and PA training end Sept/early Oct.
- Seating being installed this week.
- Changes to onsite parking – Tier 1 courtside will be parallel parking only. We are losing approx. 12 -14 spaces. Council Traffic Management team will also be remarking the disability parking spaces in this area. Exact figures to be sent to clubs.

- Sadly, the courts have already been marked by people breaking into the construction site. As such, Council will not remove the construction fencing until after the upcoming school holidays.
- Have written to council regarding bringing forward Tiers 2 and 3 renewal.
- Spoken to council again to check on the leaking roof.

MOVED: Executive
SECONDED: Loftus Zircons

REGISTRARS:

- SSNA Only had two registrars this season. Thankyou to both Kim and Nerida for all their help given to the registrars this year.

MOVED: Fatima
SECONDED: Sylvania

UMPIRES CONVENOR:

No report

TOURNAMENT:

- SN Comp commencing 12 October. Big response. May need to shorten quarters.
- Survey on the SSNA competition was sent out this week. 350 responses so far. Survey will remain open to next Monday. Encourage your members to participate.
- A Gala Day to be held early next year for the opening of the new courts.
- Parents very happy for 8/9yrs to play on hard courts, however we cannot afford to lose Seymour Shaw. The president advised SSC has sent out the proposal for Seymour Shaw Phase 1. How many courts affected by phase 1? No answer as yet from council.
- The Secretary thanked Steph from Sylvania for helping with BBQ set up.
- The President thanked Engadine Eagles and Gynea Netball Clubs for help with getting the 8/9yrs playing.
- Comets questioned the five games rule. What will happen next year. It was voted upon that this was for 2022 only. Another motion would need to be put forward.

Motion

Teams are permitted to borrow a player up to four (4) games without penalty. If a 5th game is played, that player then becomes part of the team.

Moved: Caringbah Comets
Seconded: Executive

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MOVED: Jannali
SECONDED: Engadine Eagles

COACHING CO-ORDINATOR:

- SSNA has 5 new Intermediate Coaches

Aynsley Dryden
Lisa Britton
Claire Darby
Kristy Ferguson
Susan Diver-Tuck

MOVED: Gymea
SECONDED: Flames

SELECTION & REPS:

- Summer series teams selected
- Coaches and managers appointed for Summer Series. One more manager position to be filled.
- Junior and Senior State Titles coaches appointed.
- First phase of selections for 12yrs and 13yrs has been held.
- Senior rep nominations close 30/09/22

MOVED: Gymea
SECONDED: Life member

VICE PRESIDENT:

No report

**RETURNING
OFFICER:**

Nomination and qualifications attached

The Returning Officer requested her report be sent to the clubs. The office to send out ASAP.

Note: The Returning officers Report has been attached to these minutes.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Karen Salter and SSNA received volunteer of the year awards.

Motions

Caringbah Comets N/C

1. The SSNA allocate training courts to teams in the one-hour timeslots on the "Application for use of Training Court" or "Application for use of Home Training Court" form as completed by their club; submitted by the date required by the SSNA.
2. The SSNA allocate additional training hours to teams only once all club team training requests have been fulfilled.
3. The SSNA may allocate courts to traditional home court users subject to 1. and 2. above.

Moved by: Caringbah Comets
Seconded by: Caringbah Comets

Loftus Zircons asked Comets to be transparent on why this motion was put forward.

To be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting

Fatima Falcons N/C

HOW

Wherever the constitution specifies executive – they list Registrar/recorder (5) – we delete the (5)

Where the Constitution specifies the duties of Registrars/recorders – we delete the plural

WHY

The Constitution specifies 5 people as Registrars on the executive. Being on the executive they cannot be on the executive of a club. They are required to attend Executive meetings. As a member of the executive, they are tasked with voting in exec meetings on numerous issues relating to the running of the association as a whole. And their positions count towards having a quorum at delegates meetings.

This year we have a crisis of finding a quorum for the AGM. Not a problem if we pass this motion.

This year we have (at the time of writing) merely one applicant anyway.

And importantly as non-exec positions, they can be filled by people who have a role in the exec of their own clubs. Or who have limited time but want to help.

MAYBE WE SHOULD

Have the Ad Hoc Committee include in its work the creation of an alternate to the Registrar so that the position isn't vacant for any reason, but the alternate steps in. I think there is value to a system whereby all Registrars receive notice of Exec meetings, and they can choose to attend, but they will not be entitled to vote in exec meetings.

2. to 5. That the executive positions of Vice President be designated non-executive position.

That the position of Coaching Co-ordinator be designated a non-executive position

That the position of Rep Liaison be designated a non-executive position

That the position of Umpires Convenor be designated a non-executive position

HOW

Delete their positions from those listed as Office Bearers in clause 1 (b)(vii) and add them to the non-executive positions in clause (viii)

Amend clause 4(b) deleting the same 4 positions or such as those the meeting determines should no longer be known as executive.

WHY

My reasons are as for the Registrars. We have insufficient nominations for all of these positions. Possible nominees are still involved with their clubs and either cannot meet the barrier to nominate or devote as much time as needed to do all the jobs required under the Constitution for an executive member. As a non-exec they should be participants in exec meetings but not able to vote on any proposal within exec. We can look at each of these positions individually and you choose which should or should not be on the executive to vote or to guide.

6-7 The finance committee needs to meet but does not. And whilst the President has a role in the constitution it may be more effective to allow the President to nominate a replacement. The finance committee as with all sub committees should meet within 14 days of appointment. It never has, but then perhaps it needs enough people to show an interest in the committee. But unless we start the process, we won't get value out of the financial committee as anticipated when the Constitution was written

HOW

Clause 4(e) (ii)(d) of the Constitution be amended to include the words "or delegate" after the word " President "

Clause 5(iv) be amended to add (n) And convene meetings of the financial subcommittee 4 times per annum.

Moved by: Fatima Falcons N/C

Seconded by: Fatima Falcons N/C

Kerry Phillips questioned Fatima's motions and questioned where all the volunteers would be coming from. The load on SSNA exec on a Saturday is already stretched.

Louise Sullivan advised that NNSW is willing to support SSNA moving forward with governance. We don't want vacancies on our committee. Need to look at the whole picture. Louise would not recommend merging the roles of Coaching Coordinator and Rep Liaison Officer as they are both very different roles.

The Rep Liaison Officer is against Fatimas motions. Would not give up time to volunteer without having a vote.

ADHOC – was discussed at Executive level last week.

Motion

Constitutional changes be placed on hold until NNSW release the template at which time SSNA obtain the services of an independent legal advisor to assist with the rewriting of the constitution.

Moved: Executive
Seconded: Connells Point

Anne Jenkinson spoke on Summer Night Competition. May need to go to three timeslots which would be: -

6.45pm, 7.40pm, 8.35pm

Motion

Semi's, Finals and Grand finals teams placed 1-4 as usual.

For teams placed 5-8, play on Semi's and Finals Days

5 v 8

6 v 7 Winners of these games to play on Finals Day. Possible name of Award e.g., 13AR Plate Winners

Moved: Executive
Seconded: Executive

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Wed 16 November 2022

MEETING CLOSED: 9.58pm