



HILLS DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

13 April 2023

Present: Lisa Robertson, Cate Newman, Lisette Smith, Clare Ashpole, Nicci Skene, Kirsten Gossip, Madi Morris,

Apologies: Jen Baker, Margaret Coe, Sophie Koutchavlis

In attendance: Sue Watts, Jennie Thompson

Meeting opened: 6.30 pm

- Nicci Skene, from Hornsby Lions, expressed interest in the role of Junior Registrar and after discussion decided to nominate for the position.

Moved Lisa, Seconded Clare that Nicci Skene be elected as Junior Registrar. Approved by the Executive

- The Executive welcomed Madi, Junior Umpires Convenor & Nicci, Junior Registrar to the Executive as well as Lisa to the position of Vice President
- Lisa presented Madi with a thank you gift for all her work with Sophie & Jess during the recent Night Comp.

MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 9 March was moved by Clare Ashpole and seconded by Kirsten Gossip. The minutes were **approved** by the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Committee noted that the following correspondence has been received since the last meeting.

Item Number	Date	From
0323-5	10/03/2023	Tracey Scott & Tim Fava, Netball NSW – NNSW 2023 Strategic Plan
0323-6	22/03/2023	Gillian Cotter, Netball NSW – Media Release – Sallianne Faulkner
0323-7	27/03/2023	Gillian Cotter, Netball NSW – Netball NSW AGM & Council Meeting Presentation
0323-8	30/03/2023	Claire Dale, Netball NSW – 2023 HART Junior State Titles
0323-9	30/03/2023	Stacy Harding, Netball NSW – Boys Netball – State Titles
0423-1	6/04/2023	Tracey Scott, Netball NSW – 2023 Panel Expressions of Interest
0423-2	12/04/2023	Carlingford, MSB & WPHNC – Grading Appeals & Correspondence from HDNA Secretary

REPORTS:

Treasurer

Profit & Loss

March loss of \$26k, against profit of \$8k LY, (\$34k) or (225%)

- Whilst registration revenue was \$10k up on LY, we had significant expenditure for the month that related to cost increase or timing:
 - Insurance \$33k – this relates to the insurance for the indoor court and our equipment in control. The insurance expense is \$22k above last year due to:
 - Increase in valuation of indoor court – from \$2m to \$4m (as previously advised)
 - Increase in insurance expenses generally.
 - Our claim history as we claimed in 2022 for the lightning strike.
 - ML fees - \$6k, timing
 - Physio - \$5k partial payment, timing

March YTD profit \$100k, against LY profit of \$148k (32%)

- LFL revenue in line with last year, the negative variation due to \$20k job-saver received last year
- Expenses \$32 worse than LY with the key variation being:
 - Insurance (as per above)
 - Indoor Court roof R&M (as previously advised)

Other Items for Finance:

Insurance expense:

- Given the significant incremental and unexpected insurance expense, additional painting work that was approved for the Indoor Court has been paused. We are re-evaluating and will likely reduce the scope of work.
- We have provided the independent risk assessment of the indoor court to our insurer to see if there is the opportunity to reduce the expense, however, we are not optimistic.

March registrations

- \$30k, +\$10k or +50% on last year. Keeping registrations open longer appears to have been a good strategy.
- YTD \$175k against \$168k or +4% on LY NB/ This includes all registrations ie night comp

Meeting with Hornsby Shire Council re: court upgrade

- JT and CN met with HSC on March 16
- HSC provided a detailed plan and costings for a complete renovation of courts 1-9, including removal of the dips between courts, extended backline space, landscaping, pathways, improved court fall for run-off, drainage solution at court 1, required fencing etc.
- HSC had also reviewed options for court lay-out and recommended retaining the current layout as the most effective and efficient.
- The total project cost is significant and will require additional funds e.g. grants, or to be completed in stages.
- HDNA requested HSC revert with revised costing for mandatory items and potential staging, so that we could at least complete 1-5 or 1-6 in the immediate future.
- JT has committed to continue working with CN and HSC on this project.

Umpire Convenors

- There are still 12 teams without an allocated umpire.
- It is the responsibility of clubs to provide a suitably qualified umpire to cover their games and we look to Club Umpire Convenors to resolve the gaps that currently exist and ones that come up as the season progresses. Kirsten and Madi will go back to clubs to with suggestions to fill these allocations. They will email club presidents as well as club umpire convenors.
- Our by-laws have the provision to fine clubs \$100 if an umpire has not been supplied by the commencement of the game.
- Only 20 umpires have nominated for NSG; 34 umpires are required. Therefore, some games will only have one umpire. Kirsten and Madi to work out suitable games and umpires. That umpire will receive double payment.
- This year they have introduced a Senior Umpires Program, rather than a National C or B program. This is in the hope of developing all umpires.
- As an association we need to look at why umpires are not returning each year, particularly as they progress to senior games and address the issues that are within our control.
- On a positive note, our umpires are going strong at Metro League, especially Lauren Leckie who has been allocated to Premier League.

Junior Representative Convenor

Nil report

Senior Representative Convenor

Nil report

Junior Registrar (Report given by Cate)

- In 2023 we are pleased to have 167 teams in total for the winter season: 34 NSG and 133 junior teams. This is an increase of 14 teams against last year (or 4 teams if we exclude our new club Tangara).
- The executive has undertaken to monitor NSG and U10's divisions and regrade during the season if it is appropriate.
- The junior grading committee suggested that in junior grades with 8 teams, if there is a clear division in point score between the top 4 and bottom 4 teams, that we consider creating sub-pools for the final series.
- The junior grading committee discussed re-introducing playing position rotations for NSG. We will require clubs to be diligent in this area. Information on how to do this and updated rule of the week will be published in the NSG guidelines and email to clubs.
- Late registrations have been received and approved.

Senior Registrar

- 49 senior teams and 32 cadet teams.
- Late registrations have been received and approved.

Night Comp Convenor

- The Term 1 Summer Night Competition has been completed successfully, celebrating Easter on our final night.
- Sophie is reviewing the level of interest in introducing a short night competition over winter. This was supported by the Executive.

Administration Report

- Filming for a Real Insurance advertisement was done recently. Cherrybrook and WHP members were involved.

General Business

- A club duty roster will be reintroduced this year. Clubs are required to provide two members to help in control on both Friday night and Saturdays. Saturday will be divided into morning and afternoon duty.
- On the score sheet, managers will be required to tick the players who will be taking the court during that game. Players being borrowed are to have their name written on the score sheet and grade they are registered too.
- The Constitution Committee and Junior Rep Committee will meet in the next few weeks and will report back the Council at the meeting on 26th April.
- We propose that the first Presidents meeting of the year will be held Thursday 25th May.
- Thank you function for Jennie will be held on Friday 19th May – invitation to Clubs and HDNA life members, office bearers, committee members and representative coaches and managers will be emailed shortly.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1st Council Meeting – Wednesday 26 April 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 11 May 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 8 June 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 13 July 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 17 August 2023

2nd Council Meeting – Wednesday 23 August 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 14 September 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 12 October 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 9 November 2023

3rd Council Meeting and AGM – Saturday 18 November 2023

Executive Meeting – Friday 8 December 2023 (if required)