



**HILLS DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**21st August 2025**

**Present:** Lisa Robertson, Robyn Tamsett, Doug MacColl, Lisette Smith, Nicci Skene, Ros Miller, Margaret Coe, Madi Morris, Kirsten Gossip, Clare Ashpole

**Apologies:** Sophie Koutchavlis

**In attendance:** Amanda Watts

**Meeting opened:** 6:30pm

**MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 13 June 2025 was moved by Clare and seconded by Nicci. The minutes were **approved** by the Committee.

Amendment to the June Executive Committee meeting – Margaret would like to include that HDNA write to NNSW regarding grading of the 15's into Div 1 in 2026. Lisette to action.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

Item Number	Date	From
0725-6	15/07/2025	Kaytlin Langdon, Netball NSW - Please Read: Netball NSW Memo - 2025 Summer Series Entries Open
0725-7	16/07/2025	Braith Porteous, NSW Swifts - Association Visit
0725-8	16/07/2025	Karen Szczerbanik, BCNA - Blacktown City Netball Association All Age Carnival 27th July 2025 - ENTRIES CLOSING SOON
0725-9	17/07/2025	Isabella Hall, Netball NSW - 2025 Masters State Titles - Important Information
0725-10	22/07/2025	Beaumont Tiles Thornleigh - Update your club change rooms for free - entries end on 31 July
0725-11	23/07/2025	Penno Pickleballers - Storage Chest Submission for Approval
0725-12	25/07/2025	Alexis Smith, Netball NSW - Convenor Update August
0725-13	29/07/2025	Kaytlin Langdon, Netball NSW - IMPORTANT INFO: Netball NSW Awards Nominations
0725-14	29/07/2025	Wix Studio - Upcoming pricing changes to some of your clients' Wix Premium plans
0725-15	31/07/2025	Galston Netball Club - Change of Dress design for Galston Netball Dress - Approval
0725-16	31/07/2025	NSW Office of the Children's Guardian - Important updates for the sport and recreation sector
0725-17	31/07/2025	Kaytlin Langdon, Netball NSW - PLEASE READ: Spring Season Information
0825-1	1/08/2025	Netball Australia Community Team - We want to Hear from You!

0825-2	1/08/2025	Kaytlin Langdon, Netball NSW - PLEASE READ: Spring Information
0825-3	8/08/2025	Kaytlin Langdon, Netball NSW - PLEASE READ: Netball NSW Memo - 2026 and 2027 State Titles Venues Released
0825-4	14/08/2025	Alice Clayton - Whale Rock Trail Run 2026 - Acknowledgement Required
0825-5	19/08/2025	Secretary Galston Netball - Club Update Round 14 - Finals times review

## REPORTS:

### Treasurer

In July, the income was \$14.6k of which \$10.3k represented income from the rep dinner and \$2k was the latest rental payment from Martha café. We also got \$447 for registration which was unusual given how far into the season we were. This was mainly late registrations. In total our registration year to date is \$201k. This leaves us \$19k to go in order to achieve budget. We are likely to be \$6-\$7k short.

However, HDNA total revenue YTD is \$336k v \$316k. We are up against budget as a result of being successful at applying for grants so overall expect to hit budget revenue. It was noted that a further grant application made by the HDNA president has been successful that will hopefully come in before year end.

HDNA budgeted to make a loss of \$15k in month but made a loss of \$19k.

Reviewing the costs the main increase was in Rep celebrations. This is being followed up and may be a cost allocation between codes. Other costs are generally in line.

HDNA cash remains good at \$723k. This was up in the month despite the loss due to the timing of receipts and an increase in creditors of \$13k (i.e. expensed but not yet paid). We still continue to hold some accruals which will be released if they are not needed.

Looking forward planning is starting for the new budget and fees. We will need to consider the outcome from the strategy sessions and build any costs into this and also consider building up funds for court refurbishment. This will be considered at a future Executive meeting.

### Senior Representative Convenor

- This is the final week of Metro League for 2025. Team 1 and 3 will play semi-finals this coming week. Team 2 finished 6<sup>th</sup> and Team 4 finished 8<sup>th</sup> (out of 18 teams)
- HDNA will submit 5 teams for Summer series – 4 teams in Opens, 1 team in 17's div 2
- Trophies for end of season awards have been ordered
- They are looking at Pennant Hills Bowls Club for presentation afternoon with barefoot bowls.

### Junior Representative Convenor

- One tent and one tent bag are broken and need to be replaced. Margaret to get costing. It was suggested that our tents should have HDNA signage and that we should try to source sponsorship for this.
- After feedback from coach of 15's team that played at Senior State Titles, there should be at least one other Executive member at State Titles to support the relevant Convenor. We should also have another Executive member staying with the teams, especially the Juniors. This can be shared amongst the Executive.
- We need to purchase more HDNA bags/backpacks for new coaching staff. Margaret to work this out when coaching staff have been appointed for 2026.

- At the last Council meeting Margaret mentioned that there have been a few suggestions that the 12 & 13 squad play in the competition on a Saturday. Margaret advised that she does not support this due to impact on clubs regarding borrowing and umpiring availability.
- Dates for 2026 Representative Carnivals are due to NSW soon. Margaret asked if the Executive would support the HDNA carnival being earlier in the year, like last year. Supported by Executive.
- Margaret will ask Emma Rigor if she would like to run fitness for the Junior Rep program in 2026.
- Robyn initiated a discussion regarding the length of tenure for Representative Coaches proposing it to be capped at 3 years. There was a discussion between the executive, and the decision was made to not make this change. If we restricted tenure in a formal policy, it is not in the best interest of the association and its players.
- Lisette and Robyn were asked to leave the meeting prior to the discussion on coaches for the Junior Representative teams for 2026.
- Margaret proposed that the following be appointed for 2026: -
  - 11's – Head Coach – Vacant, Assistant Coaches – Tara Gilkeson, Gemma Tait
  - 12's – Head Coach – Kelly Keyes, Assistant Coach – Holly Belcastro, Manager – Suze McPherson
  - 12's Squad – Coach – Karen Taylor-Gurney
  - 13's Team – Head Coach – Fran Dorey, Manager – Kate Roberts
  - 13's Squad – vacant
  - 14's Team – Head Coach – Jo Cepak, Assistant Coach – Mel Fogarty
  - 14's Squad – Coach – Jo Sharpe, Assistant Coach – Zoe Tamsett
  - 15's Team – Head Coach – Annette Magee, Assistant Coach – Lisette Smith, Manager – Ros Miller
  - 15's Squad – Coach – Sheridan Davies

#### **Senior Registrar**

- Nothing to report

#### **Junior Registrar**

- The final round for NSG is tomorrow night. The presentation will go ahead on the indoor court even if play is cancelled due to rain
- The 10's ladder will remain hidden until after they have played this Saturday and final results are confirmed.

#### **Umpire Convenors**

- Badging is mostly complete for 2025 season
- Badges have been received from NSW
- Allocation will be emailed to club convenors Sunday afternoon
- Umpires Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>. Invitations have been sent to badge recipients and parents, club representative and HDNA Executive, Committees and Life Members.
- Please be aware that we just have enough umpires for the 3.15 timeslot.

#### **Night Comp Convenor**

- It was put to the executive that we will trial 'umpire your own' for Spring Night comp – agree by Executive. Teams will be responsible for sourcing and managing their own umpires.

#### **Administration Report**

- Indoor Court
  - Amanda has contacted roofer regarding the leaks. Waiting to hear back
  - Madi suggested we contact NSW and get their advice re organising an inspection of the foundations and underneath of the indoor court. There is some movement of the floorboards especially at the far end of the sideline closest to the stands.
- The wheelchair is broken. Amanda has made enquiries, and we will need to pay for a quote. Amanda to follow up with other suppliers as well.
- Trophies that are to be presented this Saturday, round 14, are all organised

- Lisa & Nicci to work with Amanda re the calendar for 2026 which needs to be presented at the AGM in November
- Galston submitted a change to their dress – approved by the Executive. This will be presented at the AGM.

## **General Business**

- The Shirley Travers, Lesley Milner and Angela Jones-Blaney trophies will be presented this Saturday
- We have received a proposal from Penno Pickleball for marking permanent pickleball courts on courts 3,4 & 5 at their own expense. Executive supports this request on just 3 courts to trial how these markings would affect netball play and will bring to the Council meeting for approval. They also would like some storage for their equipment. This will be discussed at the Council meeting.
- Strategic Planning Meeting: -
  - Robyn thanked Simon Townsend from PHNC, for helping to facilitate this meeting.
  - Notes have been distributed to all those that attended and another meeting is scheduled for September
  - The main issues that surfaced from this meeting were:
    - Sponsorship/fundraising
      - It was suggested that we extend the Sponsorship/fundraising co-ordinator position to include a committee (a number to be decided by executive). This may reduce the financial cost to our members as we embark on future projects
    - Volunteer fatigue
      - Robyn to speak with a contact who works in this area for some ideas for clubs and the association to encourage more volunteers to share the load
    - Coaching
      - Robyn presented a new job description for the HDNA Coaching Convenor Role. The executive discussed the primary function of the role being to support and develop club coaches to bring them into the pathway program for Rep Coaching at HDNA. The executive also discussed why the current role is vacant and how we can support someone in this role, such as making a committee of a few people.
      - The new job description was not approved, and the executive will review the current role description for its alignment with the executive's intent of the position.
- PHNC and WPHNC have proposed that they run a BBQ during night comp. The BBQ equipment is owned by the Catering Group. This will be discussed with the relevant Clubs for more information on the proposal. The proposal may be discussed by the relevant clubs at the Council Meeting.
- Finals Series: -
  - Fixtures for Semi Finals will be completed on Saturday afternoon and emailed to clubs on Monday. Executive members will be out walking the courts assisting with spectator control and support for players and umpires.

**Meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting – Wednesday 27 August 2025

Executive Meeting – Thursday 11 September 2025

Executive Meeting - Thursday 9 October 2025

Executive Meeting – Thursday 6 November 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting & AGM – Saturday 15 November 2025

Executive Meeting – Friday 5 December 2025 (if required)