



**HILLS DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**13 July 2023**

**Present:** Cate Newman, Lisa Robertson, Linda Wilton, Lisette Smith, Clare Ashpole, Nicci Skene, Jen Baker, Kirsten Gossip, Madi Morris

**Apologies:** Sophie Koutchavlis, Margaret Coe

**In attendance:** Sue Watts

**Meeting opened: 6.35 pm**

- The Executive voted in Linda Wilton as Treasurer, Cate Newman as President.
- Olivia Charlton was also voted in as Equipment & Uniform Coordinator.

**MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 8 June was moved by Clare Ashpole and seconded by Lisa Robertson. The minutes were **approved** by the Committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>
0623-9	16/06/2023	Stacy Harding, Netball NSW - President Connect - June
0623-10	21/06/2023	Robyn Tamsett, Beecroft Netball Club – 10's regrading
0623-11	23/06/2023	Claire Dale, Netball NSW - 2023 HART Junior State Titles - Final Information
0623-12	23/06/2023	Andrew Jefferies, Carlingford Netball Club - NSG Team Movements and HDNA reply
0623-13	26/06/2023	Kaila Lawrence, Netball NSW - 2023 DOOLEYS Metro League - Netball NSW Pride Round
0623-14	28/06/2023	Petrea Pritchard, Hornsby Shire Council - Advisory Letter re Annual Fire Safety Statements
0623-15	29/06/2023	Gareth Hambridge, Hornsby Shire Council - Response to HDNA request to look at tree near court 3
0723-1	4/07/2023	NSW Fair Trading - Public Officer Appointment
0723-2	4/07/2023	David Sheils, Hornsby Shire Council - Court Upgrades - Pennant Hills Park
0723-3	5/07/2023	Mardi Aplin, Netball NSW - State Titles Athletes - identified
0723-4	5/07/2023	Claire Dale, Netball NSW - 2023 Netball NSW Men's Metro League EOI
0723-5	11/07/2023	Kaila Lawrence, Netball NSW - Important Update - DOOLEYS Metro League and HDNA reply

## REPORTS:

### Treasurer

#### Profit & Loss

#### **June loss of \$16.9k, against a loss of \$42.8k last year, better than LY by \$25.9k or 61%**

- Revenue (\$11.8k). Last year received a Local Sports Grant of \$10k that was used to partially off-set the indoor court maintenance of 2022 (replace globes and resurface floor).
- Expenses \$37.4k better than last year. Last year included:
  - payment to HSC of \$33.3k (already paid in 2023).
  - Payment to NSW of \$5.1k for non-players & vouchers. This year has been occurring month by month.

#### **June YTD profit \$39k, against a profit of \$111k LY, (\$72k) or (65%)**

- YTD revenue (\$36k). As previously advised, our revenue is not LFL as Government COVID payments last year of \$35k. This is partially off-set by the planned increase in rep levies for coaching staff and one-off COVID relief not repeated
- YTD Expenses are also not LFL, (\$35k).
  - Insurance \$22k cost increase
  - Physio \$4k cost increase
  - Rep travel \$2k (increase due to travel to Maitland)
  - Uniforms \$4k reflects limited purchasing in 2022
  - Indoor court maintenance \$13k - planned expenditure

As previously advised, we are currently forecast to make a loss for the year (after depreciation), given both our planned expenditure (indoor court maintenance) and the unexpected cost increase of insurance and other expense increases.

#### Other Items for Finance:

- Court upgrade HSC – HSC have confirmed in writing the proposed approach to the court upgrade and project management and have begun the tender documentation process.
- Linda, Cate and Sue will meet this Friday to handover the Treasurer's duties.

### Senior Representative Convenor

#### Senior State Titles

- 10th-12th June, 2023, held in Maitland.
- It was a great long weekend of netball, hosted by Maitland Netball Association. The venue was fantastic and the weather was perfect. Managed by Margaret, our U15s stayed together in a hotel in Raymond Terrace. Our Opens and U17s players and families arranged their own accommodation and travel, whilst the Senior Rep Coaches and Convenor stayed at an Airbnb in North Rothbury.
- Next year we'll look to secure players to field a Mens Team, with recruitment to commence during Spring Comp.
- Thank you to the Hills spectators who travelled up to cheer on our teams; to Kirsten and our Umpires; and also to Cate for attending and supporting the Hills contingent.

- Final Results:
  - Opens Championship - 9th  
Coaches: Clare Ashpole and Chris Cigana
  - U17s Championship - 16th  
Coaches: Jenny Moroney and Kelley Keyes
  - U15s Championship - 12th  
Coach: Caitlin Knight, Manager: Sally Knight

### Metro League

- Specialist training sessions have been offered to our teams and coordinated as requested. Circle Defence: Erin O'Brien and Charli Fidler. Shooting: Laura Cooke.
- As part of the initiative to connect Hills Senior and Junior Reps, Junior teams have been invited to attend a game played by their 'sister team'. Sponsorship monies will cover the cost of tickets for players, coaches and managers. NSW offers a 'special ticket price' @ \$5.50 each.
- Information for Summer Series player, coach & manager nominations is now available on our website.

### **Junior Representative Convenor**

- Junior State Titles were held at Camden from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Results as follows:
  - U14s Championship Division - 14<sup>th</sup>
  - U13s Championship Division - 17<sup>th</sup>
  - U12s Division 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> – Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> on points
- Thank you to the great support that was received from the HDNA community over the weekend. It was greatly appreciated by everyone competing.
- Nominations for players, coaches, managers for Junior Representatives for 2024 are now open through the website. Trials are to begin in August.
- We received a thank you from a St George Netball parent through our social media, which was forwarded to the U13s coaches and team. It expressed thanks to the Hills players, coaches and supporters for the care and support to a player who suffered a serious injury during their game. We will publish a message on our socials to share throughout our community.

### **Senior Registrar**

- Two late registrations received – both approved.

### **Junior Registrar**

- NSG grading review will be undertaken by the grading committee post round 10 and any adjustments needed will be made for round 11 with teams playing the final 4 rounds in grades indicative for next years' season.
- The suggestions provided by our Club's for improvements to our 2024 grading process are under review.
- Late registrations have slowed but those that have been received have been reviewed and approved.

## **Umpire Convenors**

- We are currently collating umpire payments for Carnivals and State Titles.
- Hills had great reviews and feedback from umpires at Junior State Titles. There were lots of positive reports about our players, coaches and spectators. This is great to hear!
- This Friday and Saturday will be Umpires' Appreciation round. Information has been circulated to all clubs and social media. There will be a table set up with information about umpiring in 2024 and a lolly guessing competition.
- Big congratulations to Lauren Leckie who has been awarded her National A badge at Premier League.
- Congratulations to Kirsten Gossip who has recently umpired her 50<sup>th</sup> Premier League game.

## **Night Comp Convenor**

- Sophie, Jess and Dom to meet this Saturday to plan and open registrations for Term 4 Spring Night Competition.
- The focus will be on promoting junior girls teams and junior boys teams.
- All teams must nominate an umpire on the registration form.

## **Administration Report**

- Rees Electrical completed the light repairs to the outside lights around the main building on Wednesday 12 July.
- Nomination forms for the Angela Jones-Blayney trophy for Most Improved Coach have been emailed to Club Secretaries. The closing date for submissions will be extended to 29 July 2023.
- Clubs have been advised which perpetual trophies they need to return.
- SW has started on the 2024 HDNA Calendar. Easter is earlier next year which means grading day moves.  
*Action: All Executive members to review the calendar for 2024 and bring any comments to the August Executive meeting.*

## **General Business:**

- Premier League EOI – as previously advised, we provided the EOI documentation on June 26 and received confirmation of receipt. We are being interviewed by the PL Commission on July 24 and whilst we are unaware of the requirements for the interview we have begun working on the JV and presentation deck.
- Constitution Committee are finalising the Constitution for review at the Presidents meeting. If the Presidents are supportive, we will move to voting this in at the SGM. We can then begin to look at moving the by-laws to policy based.
- CN proposed moving to consistent, generic emails so that we can retain the communication history e.g. presidenthdna.net.au, secretaryhdna.net.au. The management of passwords can be centralised to Sue.
  - This was supported by the Executive, and we will investigate the best way to proceed.
- Crazy Hair & Sock Day to be held Round 10 – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

- Senior Umpires Award to be renamed Peter Holman Senior Umpires Award.
  - **Moved Kirsten, Seconded Lisa, approved by Executive.**
- HDNA Volunteer Service and Tenure celebration and awards to be incorporated into the Umpires Afternoon Tea on Semi-final day.

*Action: CN to create a google form to collect and collate current HDNA volunteer tenure. Going forward, volunteer tenure will be captured on the spreadsheet by SW. LR to review the service award process for inclusion at the afternoon tea.*

**Meeting closed at 8.15 pm**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Presidents Meeting – Thursday 20 July 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 17 August 2023

Special General Meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting – Wednesday 23 August 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 14 September 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 12 October 2023

Executive Meeting – Thursday 9 November 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting and AGM – Saturday 18 November 2023

Executive Meeting – Friday 8 December 2023 (if required)