



## HILLS DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENTS MEETING

20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7pm

**Attendance:** - as per attendance sheet

Cate welcomed and introduced Linda Wilton as our new Treasurer.

#### Constitution Review

- All Club Presidents were emailed the following :
  - Proposed Constitution with mark-up
  - Proposed Constitution new, clean version (thank you Sue for updating)
  - Summary of changes
- The feedback received has been very positive.
- There was discussion about whether 75% of votes was too high to be able to pass a motion to change the Constitution and By-laws.
- The meeting agreed that the proposed updated Constitution would be presented as a Notice of Motion at the Special General Meeting scheduled for August 23. If members of the Council wished to propose other amendments, they can be included as a Notice of Motion at the AGM in November.
- We would also like to thank the Constitution Committee – Justin Tamsett, Lyn Burgess, Jennie Thompson, Lisa Robertson and Cate Newman.

Subsequent to the Presidents meeting, further research on the Department of Fair Trading website regarding resolutions made by members at an Association meeting, notes the following:

*The Department of Fair Trading advise:*

- *Ordinary resolutions can be passed if 50% of the formal votes cast support it.*
- *However, a special resolution is passed if at least three-quarters of the votes cast support it. A Special Resolution is required when changing the association's constitution.*

<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/associations-and-co-operatives/associations/running-an-association/resolutions>

#### Grand Final Day

- At the last Executive meeting it was suggested we return to having a presentation for our Junior teams after each timeslot. This was halted for the past few years due to COVID restrictions. The Presidents wholeheartedly agreed.
- NSG medal presentation to all players will be after the game on Round 14 on the Indoor Court.

## **Premier League Update**

- The Hills Alliance bid team has been invited to present to the Premier League Commission on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at Netball Central.
- NSW currently plan that the successful bid announcement will be made at the Premier League Grand Final in August.

## **Umpires Appreciation Day and Workforce 2024**

- This was a fabulous initiative and received a lot of very positive feedback from all members.
- There was great support from the Clubs and we will look at making it a permanent event.
- A session for returning umpires will be held at the beginning of the 2024 season in conjunction with the beginner umpires day.
- To encourage the retention of new umpires, it has been suggested that umpires swap at half time. This is in place of new umpires umpiring every second week. There was a discussion regarding some clubs capping the number of beginner umpires. We need to encourage as many new umpires as we can.

## **Update of Junior Grading Review**

- NSG 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 year's season.
- Thank you to the Clubs who provided some recommendations on improving the grading process. The Junior Registrar is currently collating and documenting the pros and cons of each recommendation and will revert to Executive.

## **Angela Jones-Blaney Coaching Award and Coaching for 2024**

- Clubs were reminded to submit nominations for this award.
- It was suggested that next year we add some criteria for this award.
- Unfortunately, we haven't been able to organise anything on the coaching front for clubs. Lisette advised that we will send a questionnaire to clubs asking what they would like in regards to support for Club coaches for 2024.

## **General Business**

- Crazy Hair & Sock fundraising this coming weekend.
- Nominations for Junior Reps for 2024 are currently open. As at the date of the meeting, we had received 99 nominations
- Great results from recent Junior State Titles
  - 14s Championship Division – 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 13s Championship Division – 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 12 Division 2 – equal 2<sup>nd</sup> on points, placed 4<sup>th</sup> on goal average
- Spring Night Competition – team nominations open 31<sup>st</sup> July
  - This is a very successful competition, we had 60 Senior Women's and Mixed teams in 2022.
  - We will open entries to Junior Girls teams and Junior Boys teams for players turning 12-15 in the year of play.
- A reminder from the Junior and Senior registrars to clearly write the name and grade of borrowed players on the scoresheet.
- When notifying of a forfeit, please include the team number, age and division.
- Fixtures for finals series will be advised shortly.