



Gosford Netball Association

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE 25th November 2023 AT GOSFORD RSL CLUB, WEST GOSFORD

CHAIRPERSON	Belinda Beresford		
MEETING OPENED:	10.08 am		
PRESENT:	Executives, Club Delegates, Active Life Members, Officer Bearers as per attendance book		
APOLOGIES:	Lucy Alexander-CCG, Natalie Howells- WP.		
MINUTE TAKER:	Meg Lyons		
DOCUMENTS TABLED:	Agenda, Notice of Motions, 2024 Proposed Calendar, 2024 Proposed Fees.		
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL			
The Council resolved that the minutes of meeting of 23 rd August 2023 be signed as a true record.			
MOVED:	#5 Sandra Kohlmayer	SECONDED	#37 Abby Holloway

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	Action to be completed by	Action Required	Date
Karen Myers, KIN, is yet to create a NOM to change the borrowing policy in regard to the 15E grade.	Karen Myers-KIN	Create the NOM to change the borrowing policy for the February 2024 Council meeting.	21.2.24
The draft 2024 calendar was sent to clubs.			
Leanne sent the Globalrez air conditioning quote to Central Coast Council, it was approved, the company was notified, and the air conditioning was installed in the clubhouse 24 th October 2023.			



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Robyn clarified the rules for Twilight prior to the Twilight competition commencing.			
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EXECUTIVE REPORTS TO COUNCIL		Action to be completed by	Action Required	Date
President Belinda Beresford	<p>Nil Report</p> <p>#1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, welcomed the new executive for 2024.</p>			
Vice President Joy Dasan	<p>Nil Report</p> <p>#2 Joy Dasan, GNA, attended a meeting last week with NNSW re the State Government grant titled “Levelling the Playing Field”. The grant application is 36 pages long and requires more detailed information than Joy can provide. Joy feels that a professional grant application company will be required to complete the application.</p> <p>Joy had a quote from one professional company earlier in the year but couldn’t recall the fees offhand. She also approached “The Grant Whisperer” (3 times) for a comparison but they have not responded.</p> <p>This grant is required to complete the 1.6-million-dollar upgrade of our courts. The Central Coast Council have not carried out any maintenance on the courts.</p> <p>#14 Di Brown, LM, felt that GNA should pay for the engagement of a grant application company. This would mean that the successful company would take a percentage of the grant amount, as well as an application fee.</p>	Joy	Obtain more quotes for companies that do grant applications.	ASAP



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	<p>#30 Kylie Henderson, KAR, noted that this percentage would have to be paid by GNA, and not from the grant funds. If the grant was unsuccessful the upfront fee would be lost.</p> <p>It was felt that more grant application quotes should be supplied before members vote on this expenditure.</p>			
Secretary Leanne Phillips	<p>Nil Report.</p> <p>#3 Leanne Phillips, GNA, asked clubs to supply contact lists for their club executives for 2024 as soon as possible. She also reminded clubs to book the courts through her and not Central Coast Council.</p> <p>#1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, also asked clubs to notify Leanne the names of their delegates attending Council meetings at least one day prior to the meetings.</p>			
Finance Coordinator Michelle Cremer	<p>Nil Report.</p> <p>#4 Michelle Cremer, GNA, advised that GNA currently has 4 term deposits. 3 are for 12-month terms to achieve a higher rate, and 1 is for a 3-month term in the event we need to pay Central Coast Council the \$100,000.00 we still owe them. The lease agreement is still pending.</p> <p>#29 Kath Styant, KAR, suggested we pay \$10,000 each year, not the whole amount at once. GNA will definitely be requesting this arrangement.</p>			
Umpires Coordinator Sandra Kohlmayer	<p>Nil Report.</p>			
Coaching Coordinator	<p>Nil Report.</p>			



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Marg Allen	<p>#6 Marg Allen, GNA, reported the All Abilities “come and try netball” was originally going to be 1 session but has been expanded to three sessions due to strong interest. Marg hopes to have a stand-alone All Abilities competition in 2024.</p> <p>#1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, advised some players are sensory impaired and suggested skills sessions be carried out before the regular competition on a Saturday morning.</p> <p>#40 Di Brown, REB, said there was a program some years ago where the umpires used special flags or rattles instead of whistles. Boys will also be welcome in these sessions.</p>			
Competition Coordinator Robyn Turton	<p>Nil Report.</p> <p>#3 Leanne Phillips, GNA, emailed clubs yesterday information regarding Kirsten from Netball NSW attending the clubhouse on Wednesday 13th December 2023 to assist clubs with the setup of their 2024 season on PlayHq.</p> <p>#8 Robyn Turton, GNA, requested 1 person with a laptop from each club to attend. Apollo club asked about the inclusion of photos on the registration forms. PlayHq does not have this facility yet.</p> <p>#31 Karen Myers, KIN, said vouchers were very slow in coming from NNSW in 2023. Robyn will address this in the meeting with Kirsten. #4 Michelle Cremer, GNA, advised that there will be a better voucher system for volunteers in 2024, and that GNA will control this. #31 Karen Myers, KIN, further added that members will want to pay off their registrations next season.</p>			



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	<p>#29 Kath Styant, KAR, asked if PlayHq will have grading history available in 2024. Robyn is addressing this with Kirsten so that history will appear on our grading sheets.</p> <p>#30 Kylie Henderson, KAR, advised active kids vouchers will be extended to 31.1.24 from the previous year. Questions from clubs can be put to Kirsten on the night.</p>			
Representative Coordinator Joanne Gregory	Nil Report			
Netball Development Coordinator Vacant	Nil Report			
Event Coordinator Vacant	Nil Report.			

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO COUNCIL		Action to be completed by.	Action Required	Date
Registrar	Nil Report.			
Junior Grading Convenor Jill Murray	Nil Report			
Senior Grading Convenor Vicki Stedman	Nil Report			
Member Protection Information Officer – Pam Proctor	Nil Report.			
NNSW Report	Nil Report			



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COMMITTEE REPORTS TO COUNCIL		Action to be completed by.	Action Required	Date
Sports Council	Nil Report			
Central Coast Heart Di Selby	Nil Report.			
MOTION TO ACCEPT EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS				
MOVED: #41 Sue Anne Morgan		SECONDED: #5 Sandra Kohlmayer.		

Motion	Document	Clause	Page	Change Requested	Move	Second
1	Roles and Responsibilities V9 26.11.22	1.2 & 1.9	3 & 8	<p>Insert clause: Be a member of the Representative Program Staff Appointment Panel Renumber as necessary. Rationale: Increasing from 3 to 5 members provides more diversity and flexibility allowing for panel members to step out if conflict of interest arises.</p>	Kerry Allard Voted 34 for, 2 abstained, Motion Carried.	Joy Dasan
2	General Policy V8 17.5.23	3.5.2 Point 8	7	<p>Reads: The following criteria should be used as a guide to select a recipient: - Has umpired at State Age Championships, State Championships or State League and represented GNA with pride. Now Reads: - Has umpired at Junior or Senior State Titles, State Masters, Metro League, Premier League and represented GNA with pride. REWORDED. Now Reads-Has umpired at any Netball NSW competition and represented GNA with pride. Rationale: NSW competitions names have been updated.</p>	Sandra Kohlmayer Voted 36 for- Unanimous Motion Carried.	Abby Holloway
3	Registration Policy	1.1.4	3	<p>Insert:</p>	Karen Myers	Jorja Reardon



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	V10 26.11.22			<p>1.1.4 Any player/s who are turning 15, 16, or 17 in the year of play, may register as a Dual Team Member. A dual team member is permitted to play in a 15 & UNDER DIVISION OR a 17 & UNDER DIVISION, PLUS a SENIOR DIVISION team. Dual Team members will be seen as a full team member of BOTH teams.</p> <p>1.1.4.1 Dual Team members can be added after affiliation day and up to the regrading submission cutoff by way of a member change request.</p> <p>1.1.4.2 After regrading, Dual Team members will only be approved if they are replacing a senior player who is deregistering or who will not be playing for the remainder of the season, OR if they are newly registering to an affiliated club as a late registration.</p> <p>Renumber as necessary Existing 1.14 – 1.1.10 to be renumbered 1.1.5 to 1.1.11 accordingly.</p> <p>RATIONALE: To update policies for the adoption of Dual Team members</p>	The dual player proposal was voted 36 for, unanimous. Motion 3 voted 36 for, unanimous. Motion Carried.	
4	Registration Policy V10 26.11.22	1.2.5	4	<p>Insert: Open Divisions team may be comprised of no more than four (4) Dual Team members.</p> <p>Now Reads: 1.2.5 OPEN DIVISIONS – players who are 18 years of age or over by 31 December in the year of play. Open Divisions team may be comprised of no more than four (4) Dual Team members. Players who are between 14 years and 17 years of age by 31 December in the year of play may be eligible to play subject to recommendation by their Affiliate Club and approval of the Grading Committee. Players 14 years of age can only be nominated in a Division no lower than Division 4.</p> <p>Rationale: To update policies for the adoption of Dual Team members.</p>	Karen Myers Voted 36 for, Unanimous Motion Carried.	Jorja Reardon
5	Registration Policy V10 26.11.22	2.5	5	<p>Reads: All Affiliated Club umpires must wear their Affiliated club uniform with white shirt, or white attire and appropriate footwear, and must have their own whistle.</p> <p>Now Reads:</p>	Sandra Kohlmayer	Abby Holloway



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				All Affiliated club umpires must wear their Affiliated club uniform with a white shirt, or full white attire and appropriate footwear and must have their own whistle. If a jacket / jumper is worn it must be white, not coloured or patterned. Rationale: Multiple coloured and Grey GNA Representative jackets should not be worn	Voted 36 for, Unanimous Motion Carried.	
6	Registration Policy V10 26.11.22	2.11	5	Delete: Should a team withdraw from the competition umpiring allocations will continue for that team. Rationale: There will be no requirement for this umpire as allocations will be reduced by the withdrawn team	Sandra Kohlmayer Voted 36 for, Unanimous Motion Carried.	Abby Holloway
7	Competition Policy V9 19.7.23	1.1.7	3	Insert: ...unless they are a GNA approved Dual Team member in which case they can play in the finals series for both teams they are an approved member of. Now Reads: 1.1.7 No player may play in more than one (1) team in the finals series unless they are a GNA approved Dual Team member in which case they can play in the finals series for both teams they are an approved member of.	Karen Myers Voted 36 for, Unanimous Motion Carried.	Jorja Reardon
8	Representative Policy V6 17.8.22	1.2.3.4	4	Reads: All junior representative players must be registered with an Affiliated Club and compete in the Associations current competition games. Insert additional clause: 1.2.3.5 If a junior representative player withdraws from the team in the lead up to State Titles, 1.2.3.4 will not apply to the replacement player. Rationale: When players withdraw at short notice implementing 1.2.3.4 is not practical Motion to be reworded and carried over to the February Council meeting. It was felt that the wording "in the lead up to State Titles" needed to be more specific.	Kerry Allard	Joy Dasan



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9	Representative Policy V6 17.8.22	1.7.1	6	<p>Delete: The purpose of the GNA Representative Umpire Program is to develop the skills of umpires and provide strong, well-trained umpires for Gosford Netball Association supported by the Representative program.</p> <p>Now Reads: The purpose of this program is to provide more GNA umpires with the opportunity to experience umpiring in the Representative Arena, obtain extensive coaching and represent GNA at an elite level. This program has been designed to ensure all umpires are provided every opportunity to progress through their umpiring journey, enhancing their skills, and reach their umpiring dreams and goals.</p> <p>Rationale: Wording changes to coincide with commitment form signed by each umpire in program.</p>	Sandra Kohlmayer Voted 36 for, Unanimous Motion Carried.	Abby Holloway

NEW BUSINESS						Action to be completed by	Action to be completed.	Date
1. Members voted to reappoint Bishop Collins as our Auditor in 2024. 35 for, 1 abstention-carried.								
2. Members voted on the role of Assistant Umpire Co-Ordinator.								
Nomination	Club	Nominated by.	Club	Seconded	Club			
Abby Holloway	Ourimbah	Melissa Brown	Ourimbah	Sandra Kohlmayer	Kariong			
Kathleen Styant	Kariong	Kathleen Styant	Kariong	Kylie Henderson	Kariong			
31 votes for Abby Holloway, 5 for Kath Styant. Abby Holloway will be the Assistant Umpire Co-ordinator in 2024.								
Secretary, Leanne Phillips, and Finance Co-Ordinator, Michelle Cremer advised they will not require assistants in 2024.								



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3. Central Coast Grammar and Terrigal Wamberal new uniforms were ratified.			
4. Patrons Red Jackets- These will be issued to Barbara McCarthy and Gail Pearce.	Belinda	Issue the jackets after they are embroidered.	ASAP
<p>5. Central Coast Heart- #14 Di Brown, CCH, explained that Central Coast Heart have been in existence for 7 years, and are proud to be able to offer players, coaches, managers and umpires a pathway to elite netball.</p> <p>In 2023 53% of players were from Gosford, and 55% will be from Gosford in 2024. The 2nd Metro League side is predominantly Central Coast players as opposed to Newcastle players. Heart prefers to select local players first. 83 % of the staff are from the Central Coast in 2024. Amber Cross is now the CC Heart head coach. 26 of 47 players are from the Central Coast across the 4 teams.</p> <p>Charlie Proctor from GNA has been selected in the under 23s for 2024, and Cassidy Strangleman, from GNA TW Division 1, has been selected in the Metro League side for 2024. Head of umpiring will be Duncan Lang and Collette Brennan.</p> <p>#41 Sue Anne Morgan, TW, asked if any coaches can attend CC Heart training sessions. Anyone can attend a Heart training session if the manager is notified prior. Heart coaches are happy to talk to coaches at the end of the session.</p> <p>#5 Sandra Kohlmayer, GNA, asked if there is a process for umpires to apply to umpire for CC Heart. There is no process currently.</p> <p>Di requested that GNA share CC Heart information via our social media. Members can also follow the Heart Facebook page.</p> <p>#1 Belinda Beresford requested a CC Heart finance report, and a list of GNA members currently participating at CC Heart.</p>			
6. The USP vest program will be back in 2024, it was phased out during Covid. The GNA Executive will discuss how to manage the vests. The program details will be finalized before the 2024 season starts.			



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<p>7. GNA Calendar- Leanne has had a lot of changes to the proposed calendar. The updated calendar will be available shortly. #31 Karen Myers, KIN, asked for a list of rep dates, Leanne advised they will all be on the updated calendar. Delegates voted unanimously for Opening Day to be Saturday, 6.4.24.</p>			
<p>8. Proposed Fees for 2024- #31 Karen Myers, KIN, asked if we are \$15000 in front financially why are fees going up. This is due to NNSW fees increasing by \$8, our GNA fee increased by \$2.</p> <p>#1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, said small increments are preferable, rather than large increases later. The NNSW fee incorporates the Netball Australia fee.</p> <p>#29 Kath Styant, KAR, asked if there will be a 6-month registration option. Our proposed fee schedule is only for a 12-month period. NNSW does not offer a shorter registration option yet.</p> <p>#30 Kylie Henderson, KAR, asked if the Executive could discuss this possibility before the next council meeting in February as the cost of living is so high that a shorter registration could help families.</p> <p>#31 Karen Myers, KIN, reminded delegates that clubs can offer payment plans.</p> <p>#34 Vicki Stedman, NV, was concerned that higher fees could affect participation numbers.</p> <p>#1 Belinda Beresford, GNA, had suggested an “after pay” option at a NNSW meeting, but with no response.</p> <p>#42 Jill Murray, TW, felt that as an Association we should ask at NNSW meetings what we are getting for the increase. She said she would be happy to write a letter asking for a</p>			



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<p>breakdown of their costs. She felt we needed a stronger voice from the people representing us at the NNSW meetings.</p> <p>#17 Tara Bodycote, AP, said they will have to pass on the costs to their members.</p> <p>#1Belinda Beresford reminded delegates of the \$4k+ rebate from GNA back to clubs to try to help with their costs. She also asked if clubs would commit to not increasing their fees in 2024.</p> <p>#42 Jill Murray, TW, said Terrigal have not increased their fees in 5 years.</p> <p>#28 Lauren Holland, DT, said their club fees will have a small increase to help pay for their umpires. She felt that the \$15000 surplus was not that much, and the \$2 GNA increase in fees was reasonable, particularly as GNA expenses have also risen. She also felt that very young players don't get anything from NNSW.</p> <p>#31 Karen Myers, KIN, said we cannot control NNSW fees, but if there is a surplus next year, she suggested we keep the GNA portion the same.</p> <p>Delegates voted to adopt the proposed fees. 33 for, 3 against. The proposed fee schedule was accepted.</p>			

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD	
CHAIR	Belinda Beresford
DATE	25 th November 2023



There being no
meeting closed at
The next council
DATE: 21st February 2024

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further business the
11.37am.
meeting is scheduled for: