

SUTHERLAND SHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES – DELEGATES MEETING

DATE:	Wednesday 15 March 2023
TIME:	7.34pm
VENUE:	Tradies Gynea
ATTENDEES:	As per the attendance book
APOLOGIES:	P Hayman – Life Member L Beehag – Life Member M Burke – Life Member V Morris – Life Member Joeys N/C K Scott – Life Member D Lozell – Caringbah Comets
MINUTE TAKER:	Jenny Macpherson

The President read the Acknowledgement of Country

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOVED: Life Member
SECONDED: Executive

- Gynea N/C raised concerns over SSNA governance and managing our minutes of meetings. At the last meeting Fatima N/C moved that the comment regarding bullying and intimidation be removed from the November Delegates Minutes. Gynea would like the original minutes reinstated. They advised that minutes can be amended or updated however not removed. What occurred needs to be recorded somewhere, even if moved. The President advised that it was decided by the delegates via a vote to remove the wording. Minutes to be left as they currently stand.

Debbie Grimshaw (Life Member) moved that all minutes be digitally recorded moving forward. Seconded Loftus Zircons. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

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| 1. Various | Accounts |
| 2. Netball NSW | Annual General Meeting |
| 3. Netball NSW | Masters Venue |
| 4. Netball NSW | State Titles Review Panel |
| 5. Netball NSW | 2023 Hart Senior State Titles |
| 6. Netball NSW | Metro League Final Grading |
| 7. Netball NSW | Strategic Plan |
| 8. Netball NSW | Premier League update |
| 9. Various | Requests to transfer clubs |
| 10. Various | Appeals |

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Menai N/C questioned how many requests were received to transfer clubs - Four

CORRESPONDENCE IN BE RECEIVED:

MOVED: Flames
SECONDED: Cronulla Sharks

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

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| 1. Various | Accounts |
| 2. Taren Point N/C | Thankyou |

- Taren Point Netball Club donated \$2,504.31 towards the All-Abilities program.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT BE RECEIVED:

MOVED: Fatima Falcons
SECONDED: Life Member

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge how busy all club executives have been to ensure all players have been placed in teams for the 2023 season. Thank you to Jenny and Lynda for their assistance in getting everything for the grading committees to work on. I would also thank the SSNA executive members who have met several times to ensure the transition from pre-season to the season goes smoothly.

Our grading led by Julie Norman (senior) and Debbie Grimshaw (junior) worked over two weekends with the graders representing a number of clubs to organize all the teams into the 2023 playing grades. Tournament led by Tammy Moussa and the committee also worked throughout the weekend to ensure the draw will be available as soon as possible I would like to thank both committees for their time in.

On an association level we have hosted two major events for our representative players, coaches and managers. The first was the 12-15 State Championship Teams and Development Squads Induction Night held at TRADIES Gynea. A big thanks to Emma Paterson for her involvement in organizing the night. Dayna Rossiter and Judy McLachlan (the Uniform Queens) and Robyn Walker (Junior Selector Coordinator) were presented with flowers to acknowledge the work they do behind the scenes to ensure our players and officials always look good in their Coopers Teamwear Apparel.

In addition, to the presentation of uniforms the Association also presented each player with the Sutherland Shire Netball Association Players Oath – the BLUE DRESS written by Michelle Allen. For those in the room witnessing the 86 players reciting the oath so proudly had many shed a tear. The players read it with commitment and in one voice together, and, if how they said the oath is any indication, we are in for a very exciting and successful year.

Lili Gorman-Brown was also in attendance and spoke to the group. The words that resonated loudest were to always do your best, try again at first if you don't succeed and play netball because you love it.

The second major event was the 2023 season Launch for the Sutherland Stingrays Premier League team. This was also held at TRADIES Gynea. From the opening welcome and Acknowledgement of Country by Emma Smith, this set the tone for the night to be a special event. The night had a number of invited guests, Jenny Cooper from Coopers Teamwear, Maria Lynch (former Stingrays Coach), as well as several Life Members, Karen Salter, former President, as well as officials from affiliated clubs, parents and players family members in

attendance. This event saw all players presented by Maddie Hay with their 2023 playing uniforms. Several keynote speakers attended – Maddie Hay former SSNA and Stingrays Player and now a fulltime Giant, Lili Gorman-Brown, #Swift 102, is also an original Stingray still playing and spoke about 'What it means to be a Stingray' and closing remarks were made by Lenore Blades, QBE Swifts Academy Coach.

Regan Tweddle (Opens Coach) and Lauren O'Shea (Under 23's Coach) announced the Leadership Group, which for the first time included a club Captain with Charlotte Smith being named. Captains and Vice captains were also announced. I know our association wishes both teams a successful 2023 season. Acknowledgment was also made to two of our major sponsors – ACE GUTTERS and Coopers Teamwear. We greatly appreciate their ongoing support. Thank you to the clubs that sent representatives to the evening to witness the representative pathway SSNA have for their players. The clubs are the backbone of our association and without the huge number of volunteers that contribute to ensure these clubs exist, our players would not have the pathways they are so fortunate to have. Finally, a big thank you to Jenny Macpherson, Jenny Rees, Maureen Finch and Aynsley Dryden for their help in making this event happen and to Darcy Blades for the visual presentation on the night.

All Premier League games are streamed live each Wednesday night on Clutch TV. Attached in the meeting notes is a draw for the 2023 Premier League season.

In April, Stingrays have 4 players heading to the National Championships – Evie Economou, Skye Thompson and Nicola Barge for NSW and Tasha Hawley as an import player for the Northern Territory. Wishing all girls success at the championships.

The countdown is on with only 10 more sleeps until our Saturday competition commences and I am sure there are a lot of excited players who can't wait to return to playing.

Seymour Shaw is undergoing a major development, and this has seen the association lose a number of courts from this venue. The 8yrs, 9yrs and Nettas will be playing at Seymour Shaw. Bellingara Road Courts are fully operational, and it will be nice to have the all the courts available this season.

The naming of the grades has been changed to divisions for each age group from the 10- to 16-year-olds. New name plaques will be made for each of the trophies. In addition to the Grade on the trophy, clubs are invited to nominate one member who has made an outstanding contribution to their club. These names will be allocated to one of the trophies (across both junior and senior grades). Currently, only one trophy has a name to it – Senior A1 – Margaret Corbett Trophy.

Lastly, I would like to announce that Darcy Blades is now looking after the social media platforms for the association (along with Jenny Macpherson and Jenny Rees). Posts will be based on representative and development teams' news and events, any club stories, Stingrays and more.

I would like to welcome Aynsley Dryden back to the Executive in filling the Registrars vacancy.

Upcoming events – Stingrays Holiday Clinic – details will be sent to all clubs and also on our Facebook page.

Bring on day 1 and hopefully we can all have a breather – we need it.

Yours in Netball,

Nerida Noble

The Secretary advised that dirt mounds at Seymour Shaw are quite high and are up against the fences. Concern re winds. The President to inspect the site tomorrow. Be mindful of lack of parking. The office to ask SSC if they would re-open the parking near the preschool opposite.

Maria Lynch from Fatima N/C has volunteered to open Seymour Shaw on a Saturday. She suggested that duke of ed participants may be interested in volunteering to put up post pads, hand out scoreboards etc. Maria would be happy to sign off on any volunteering hours they do.

Prue Haberecht (Life Member) feels as a duty of care, one Executive member should be on duty at all times. Yes, this will occur. As only 8 courts will be utilised, post pads will be set up ourselves.

MOVED: **Executive**
SECONDED: **Life Member**

VICE PRESIDENT:

Thank you to all returning Sponsors. With all their valued support we as an association can continue financing many costs which occur each season. Thank you.

Menai Indoor Netball and Gibson Partners are back with us for 2023 netball season. Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to welcome Willis and Bowring Solicitors as a new sponsor for SSNA. Welcome and thank you.

To all our sponsors we look forward to promoting your businesses throughout the season.

MOVED: **Cronulla Sharks**
SECONDED: **Fatima Falcons**

TREASURER:

Not that much to report so far this year, the 2nd Finance committee meeting will be held an hour before the delegates meeting. I will be able to report firsthand on what was discussed.

The new doors for the stadium are being installed soon, the cost is quite substantial, but our doors must be compliant with fire code and various council requirements. Once these are installed the painting of the railings will be completed.

We have received a couple of quotes for new carpet around the poles that hold the roof up in the stadium, with the season starting the carpet that is around the poles is coming off and could be dangerous, Jenny from the office is still speaking with carpet contractors. If there is a family within the Association that runs a carpet company please get in touch with us, and you can give us a quote for the job.

We are still calling for someone to be the Supervisor in the Canteen, we have had one reply to our advertisement, but are yet to hear if the lady is accepting the position. Olga who ran the canteen at Seymour Shaw has also been approached and we are waiting for her reply.

Please if you have any ideas, or ways to get kids back to netball, please send an email to the Finance Committee, via the info@ssna.asn.au email (sorry Jen) so we can look at way of implementing your suggestions.

The next finance committee meeting will be an hour before the next delegates meeting.

Finance meeting - 15/03/23

The balance of the General Account as of today is \$577, 317.

\$250,000 Term Deposit matures August. The Treasurer is looking into a better rate. Would also like to engage a finance person to investigate blue chip investments. Nothing will be done without speaking with the delegates first.

Canteen staff at Bellingara have been secured. \$650 per week for 3 x staff and an additional \$200 for a chip person. David from Sylvania to assist in looking into the current canteen setup.

No cash will be taken at BBQ. Tokens will be issued through the canteen. Issues with the coffee van fitting on his existing site and the power has been downgraded after the court upgrade. Council have advised that a permit is required to have coffee vendors on council grounds. Looking into further.

Karen Salter asked permission to address the meeting. Karen advised that SSC guaranteed to have the same power available. This was discussed with the project manager.

Prepaid cards to be issued to rep managers with a budget of \$25 per week. Managers must keep their receipts. \$350 for Stingrays and \$400 per Metro League Team.

Sharks advised they have a financial planner who may be able to assist with the investment of the Term Deposit funds.

MOVED: Life Member
SECONDED: Engadine Eagles

NSW REPORT:

- Netball NSW AGM to be held 18 March 23. The President and Vice President to attend. Vote to be held.
- Karen Salter suggested that the Association may want to recognise Louise Sullivan who is standing down as President. She is rolling off as president however has one more year on the NNSW board.

MOVED: Flames
SECONDED: Cronulla Sharks

EXECUTIVE:

Meeting held re player transfers. Initially said no to all requests. Legal advice was sort along with a discussion with Louise Sullivan. As information re transfers was not advertised on the SSNA website the rule did not stand.

Representative camp will be held this weekend.

A more structured Executive report to be presented in future.

MOVED: Menai Hawks
SECONDED: Miranda Magpies

REGISTRARS:

Aynsley is following up on some yellow cards. A report will be issued to clubs on updating some player photos. Everyone did a great job.
Kerry asked to see a few clubs after the meeting re some outstanding items.

MOVED: Executive
SECONDED: Menai Hawks

UMPIRES CONVENOR:

Over the past 2 weeks we have had 2 successful meetings to support umpires and the convenors in the association. Thank you to all the convenors who attended the umpire's convenor meeting! The team and I really appreciated your feedback and input.

The beginners umpire course was a success with over 70 beginner umpires attending to engage and learn from one of our experienced National A umpires.

As we begin the season the umpires committee will be sending out information for expression of interest for umpires to be part of the umpire development program.

Lastly, a big congratulations to Zoe Antonoui from Connells Point who was selected to be part of the NSW Umpires development program.

MOVED: Cronulla Sharks
SECONDED: Fatima Falcons

TOURNAMENT:

The Tournament Committee met last Sunday. Over 200 requests were received with 161 met and 12 not. Late requests were looked at last. All requests should have been sent to the Tournament email address. If they were not, then the requests may have been overlooked. The Tournament Coordinator was disappointed at the amount emails received, saying that their requests had not been looked at. The club Delegates voted in the current Executive Committee as they wanted transparency.

Thank you to Alicia for assisting with allocating training courts. Her system saved a lot of time. Welcome to Sue and Alicia, new members of the Tournament Committee.

MOVED: **Caringbah Thistles**
SECONDED: **Life Member**

COACHING CO-ORDINATOR:

SSNA has enjoyed a productive month in the coaching corner.

5 new Foundation Accredited Coaches and 7 new Development Accredited Coaches who completed all their requirements in the last month.

March and April will see a significant push to have our social media group have updated and more relevant coaching information.

We will have two upcoming coaching events that focus on club coaches in May and June. Email will be forwarded to clubs once we have more information.

MOVED: **Life Member**
SECONDED: **Life Member**

SELECTION & REPS:

Our teams are now finalised for both State Age and State Champs and all are very busy training and bonding. I must say I am blown away by the level of coaches we have, the camaraderie and support for each other is exceptional.

Some of our teams have already attended carnivals and kicked off the season with exceptional results.

Our Development squads are also finalised and busy training hard and will also be attending carnivals so stay tuned for some more awesome results.

We had our Induction night at the Tradies, and it was truly inspirational. I hope you have all had the opportunity to view the video of the girls saying their oath. It brought goosebumps and to one of our stalwarts tears to her eyes. Not being a born Shire girl, I was moved and the "BLEED BLUE" theme has resonated. Dayna worked tirelessly to get the new uniforms and I must say they look spectacular. Special thanks to Emma Paterson who was our MC, and she did a magnificent job.

Lili Gorman-Brown spoke to the girls about her experiences as a Sutherland Junior and she was raw, honest and totally relatable. What an exceptional young woman we have as a part of our Premier League Team.

We have our Rep and Development Camp at The Tops, Stanwell Tops over the next weekend and after having seen the Camp Running Order, which the coaches have been working hard on, it is going to be so much fun and don't tell the players but hard work too.

Our Metro ladies have been working hard on their fitness and their season will kick off week beginning 27th March. Our metro team 2 will start their season on Monday 27th March, Our metro teams 3 & 4 will follow on the Tuesday night 28th March and our Metro 1 ladies will commence on Thursday 30th March. All these teams play at Netball Central and we would love for anyone to come out and support these girls. This is the pathway for your players who want to push themselves that little bit harder than club.

Our Premier League will commence their season on the 22nd March.

This is amazing netball to watch and we encourage everyone to support our Premier League, Metro ladies and our State players.

If anyone would like information as to what carnivals our state and development teams are playing in please email me representatives@ssna.asn.au and I am happy to forward.

We have sent out nominations for 11's Development players and they close on the 24th March. Encourage your 11-year-old players to trial. It is about development so our selectors may see potential in one of your players though at club level you only have 1 team and they are B grade. We also have requested nominations for 11's Development Coaches please if you have anyone interested in perhaps coaching at rep level get them to nominate. They will be fully supported by SSNA and it is a pathway to Rep coaching.

I hope this season is a brilliant one to celebrate our new courts at Bellingara and hopefully no pandemic. See you around the courts and 'Go Team Blue'

Gynea N/C advised they attended both the Rep Induction Night and the Stingrays Launch. Thank you to Cathy and Nerida, they were both fantastic nights and was a great acknowledgment of our Sutherland and Stingrays players.

The Rep Liaison Officer encouraged clubs to come along and support our players at State Titles.

MOVED: **Cronulla Sharks**
SECONDED: **Executive**

**RETURNING
OFFICER:**

No report required

ADHOC COMMITTEE:

Apologies should have gone out with annual report. Some info may no longer be relevant. Apart from Vicki no longer being . huge work in progress. Two sections of work done. Ask that you get back 30 April with responses. Request special meeting to accept those two sections.

Jane, tammy, Maria happy to attend.

Template from NSW. Nerida to follow up Saturday.

Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Ad Hoc Committee has met on several occasions over the last 12 months. We split into a number of groups to tackle parts of the SSNA Constitution and the Selection Policy. At the present time the Selection Policy is near completion with the need to ascertain that the proposed changes are acceptable to the Committee as a whole. Currently the Constitution is in need of further revision and an attempt to bring into 'plainer' English; the Committee also needs to consider the following information supplied by Netball NSW late on Wednesday September 7th –

Sport Governance Principles (March 2020)

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/912705/Sport-Governance-Framework.pdf

Sport Governance Standards (February 2022)

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/913515/SGS-final.pdf

State of the Game Report (10 December 2020)

<https://netballvoice.com.au/sites/netballvoice/files/2020-12/SOTG-Review-Report-Dec10-Final.pdf>

before any final revisions can be submitted to SSNA Delegates/Council.

Unfortunately, due to work and netball commitments it has been extremely difficult to have the full Committee as appointed in 2021 at many meetings.

I would move that Council approve the following current members of the Committee – Jane Horan(Sylvania), Maria Lynch(Falcons), Tammy Moussa(Zircons), Nicole Shobrook(Gymea), Vicki Kerr(SSNA Life Member), Prue Haberecht(SSNA Life Member) – and a nominee of the 2023 SSNA Executive be requested to attempt to complete this task and present their conclusions at a number of SSNA meetings in 2023.

Prue Haberecht
CONVENOR

JUNIOR GRADING REPORT

We have 270 junior teams playing in the 2023 season at Sutherland made up of

16 x 8 Years

24 x 9 Years

32 x 10 years

37 x 11 Years

41 x 12 years

28 x 13 years

37 x 14 years

55 x 16 years

Of these there are 9 teams playing out of age group

The 16 years Division one is made up of predominantly representative and squad players from the 14 and 15 / 16 years age group.

The 14 years Division one is made up of 14A grade teams and the 13 years teams.

These 2 divisions will be closely monitored by the junior grading committee. We will also trial the Top 4 /bottom 4 to play Semis, Finals and Grand finals as there are teams playing out of age. This will also assist the association in determining if going forward we may have Plate trophies in each age group.

We have 3 six team divisions playing in the 2023 season and these grades will play a round 15 during the course at a day and time to be advised.

From the 270 teams graded we have 8 clubs attend appraisals to look at the positions of there teams. There were three clubs that submitted appeals and One was successful after receiving additional information.

The 16 years competition was paper graded in 2023. Many reasons contributed to that decision and we feel that the Divisions in the 16years is balanced, however will be monitored and if movements are required these will be considered.

I would like to thank the grading committee for their hard work and dedication for the junior competition at SSNA.

Looking forward to the 2023 season commencing in 10 more sleeps

Debbie Grimshaw

Junior Grading Convenor

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Stingrays report to be sent out to clubs tomorrow.

The Tournament Committee advised that Home court requests have been handed over to the clubs that have them as per the delegates vote in 2022. If you have a request to use a home court, please contact the club directly for approval to use. It is up to the home club to allocate the courts.

Caringbah Comets asked what the policy exists to say that courts belong to a particular club.

Katen salter replied that SSC will throw it back to associations to manage. Home courts are allocated to certain clubs for use in their catchment area. Need to be sensible on how we manage that space.

The Tournament Committee advised there are 2 hard courts and 4 grass courts available for use at Heathcote. The courts are lit.

The President has been advised that fields 5 and 6 may be taken from soccer and allocated to netball in the upgrade. Ridge courts need resurfacing.

Maria Lynch from Fatima asked for assistance in a collection of books for cyclone effected areas in Vanuatu. She will advise of collection dates.

Jane Horan – parking.

Connells Point and Prue Haberecht received a lucky door prize.

NEXT DELEGATES MEETING: Wed 19 July 2023

MEETING CLOSED: 8.35pm