

SUTHERLAND SHIRE NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES – DELEGATES MEETING

DATE:	30 July 2025
TIME:	7:31pm
VENUE:	Gymea Tradies
ATTENDEES:	As per attendance book
APOLOGIES:	St Patricks Nicole – Gymea Anne Jenkinson – Life Member Prue Haberecht – Life member Flames Dianne Ward – Executive Dianne McLauchlan – Life Member Maria Lynch – Falcons Lisa Chisholme – Sharks Dianna Lozall - Comets
MINUTE TAKER:	Jenny Rees

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOVED: Menai

SECONDED: Eagles

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Returning officers report at the last meeting Amanda advised the Constitution was ready for distribution and we note that we have not yet received it and Exec have chased it up.

Amanda advised that it is ready, however, Maria is ill tonight and that the Constitution will be available to the delegates 3 weeks before the September business meeting.

Kaitlin asked if the Constitution will be sent to the Executive prior to distribution to the Delegates. Amanda advised that she will discuss same with Nerida.

Christine requested that the Constitution be distributed to Clubs the week of 18 August.

Debbie asked if we are voting on it as a whole document. Amanda advised that not it will be voted section by section.

Debbie suggested the business meeting start at 7:00pm to go through the Constitution.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Various – late registrations
2. Various – requests for insurance forms
3. Various – Gala Day and Stingrays Challenge entry forms
4. Various – regrade requests
5. Red Sheild Appeal – thank you
6. SHNC – complaint after grading review
7. Allison Routh – thank you
8. Eagles – complaint about not being notified of B5/B6 re-grade
9. Various – nominations for Marj Groves, Club Coaches and Umpires awards
10. Various – umpire complaints
11. SSC – various responses re E-Bikes
12. Bosco – request for bike shorts like Eagles
13. Various – borrowing requests
14. NSW – SST identified players
15. Various – complaints re: behaviours
16. Life Member nomination

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Robyn Glennan asked if the Life Member nomination could be voted on. Nerida advised as per the Consitution.

CORRESPONDENCE IN BE RECEIVED:

MOVED: Sharks

SECONDED: Exec

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. 11 Years Development Squad successful and unsuccessful letters.
2. Notice to Clubs of closing dates for nominations for Marj Groves, Club Coaches and Umpires awards.
3. Notice to Clubs re Behaviour
4. Notice to Clubs re rep coaches and manager nominations closing dates
5. Letter to Amanda and Maria re Constitution update request
6. SSC – Issues with E-bikes – Various
7. All Clubs – reminder re filming

Chris Newman asked about number of behaviour issues. Nerida advised it is mostly seniors and that all Clubs need to be very careful with the umpires they are putting on Senior teams and they need to ensure they are capable to umpire senior teams. Clubs need to notify SSNA if you are no longer allocating umpires to a team. Nerida advised of the new system we are putting into place when executive are called to games.

Ashleigh also advised the disappointment of the teams blaming umpires for their errors and bad behaviour.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT BE RECEIVED:

MOVED: Sylvania

SECONDED: Exec

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Now that we are nearing the end of the season, we have been very fortunate to not have had days cancelled due to extreme weather and hopefully this continues.

Since our last meeting, as I am sure most of you are aware, Margaret Corbett OAM, a true legend and icon of not only SSNA but also Netball NSW and Netball Australia passed away. Our condolences go to Margaret's family and friends. In addition, Lois Hole passed away. Lois was a foundation member of Bosco Netball Club and our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Our State Titles representative season, as well as our 12-15 years Dev Program, has finally come to an end and our State Titles results were fantastic. A big thankyou to the coaches, managers and fitness trainers for the time and effort they have made to prepare our teams to perform at their best. I would also like to thank all Di Ward (RLO) and executive members for their support in attending carnivals and state titles as well as Cath Reynolds who filled for Di at SST. The RLO report has more detailed information of these results. The 11 Dev program still has 3 Sundays to go and thankyou to Debbie Grimshaw and the Stingrays players who have been running this program.

The following players have been identified by Netball NSW following both Senior and Junior State Titles which is testament to the strength and success of our representative program.

17 years – Emme Pierce, Jaylah Sullivan, Tiffany Mayberry,

15 years – Ella Van der Meer, Zara Ward, Lexus Ogle, Stella McNamara, Ella Webster, Maggie Marie, Katalina 'Otai

14 years – Tahli Forbes, Teagan Cranney, Anastasia Svorcan, Piper Wellington, Shaylen Fretten

Acknowledged for their performance – Lyla Hickey and Amelia Rule

A final 90 minute session will take place for our Phase 2, 12 and 13 year old athletes. This date will be confirmed in due course.

Unfortunately, the poor behaviour of players, particularly in the senior grades is becoming a growing problem. As a result, any time executive support is needed to go to a court, it will be noted with a brief description and outcome, and each distributed to all clubs each Wednesday. I am asking that all clubs send to all senior teams an email marked 'high importance' always noting that players are to be respectful to the umpires and to their opposition. Spectators also need to be advised that poor language, harassment or comments will not be tolerated.

Day 12 – 19 July saw an unprecedented number of forfeits (20 in total) and the number of borrowed players exceeded over 60 players, which is more than on a regular Saturday.

The draw for Semi Finals, Finals and Grand Finals has been distributed. Please note A1 semi-finals will take place on a Saturday with the remaining senior grades playing on a Sunday. Presentation for all Grand Finalist teams will be held in the stadium for the morning timeslots and Senior Presentations will be done courtside. For the Friday night competition, presentations will be done courtside (not in the stadium).

On another disappointing note, the number of e-bikes is increasing at our courts especially on Friday nights and late Saturday afternoon. Numerous emails have been sent to the council, and, unfortunately, they have stated in several different ways there is nothing the council can do as rangers stop working at 5pm. The riders are now charging their bikes using the external power points (2 on the stadium rear wall and 2 up on the top tier). Despite requests for the council to put locked covers on the power points, they have responded by stating they have sent work requests. The riders have also started to shovel dirt to make jumps, again the council have put in a work request for this to be rectified. I am urging clubs to email council, regarding the e-bike situation, in a hope that action will be taken.

The 2025 season for Premier league is almost over with both of our teams reaching the Semis. The Stingrays franchise was the only club to have both teams represented. The 23's lost a close match against Sparks in the semifinal, going down by 2, which ended their season, and, the Opens team won their semi and then unfortunately lost to Sapphires in extra time. Congratulations to all coaches, players and managers.

Crazy Hair and Sock Day 1 was fantastic with the day raising just over \$4200. This equates to \$1 per association member. We are holding another fundraiser on Day 14 for the Saturday Competition and the last night of play for the 6-9 year olds. Hopefully, this week's netball will be on so teams can collect their giant socks to decorate. Details of prizes and costs to come. Players are also encouraged to make this a fun day and donate a gold coin. Donations can also be made at the canteen and Control.

Finally, thank you to all clubs and your executive members for the work you have done so far this year. Looking forward to seeing teams in the Spring Season (9 weeks) and in 2026 for a Summer Warm Up Series of 6 weeks prior to the competition. To the SSNA Executive, once again, a very big thank you for the work you continue to do each week to make the competition, programs and events run successfully.

Nerida

- Judy advised that the feedback she has received from the Corbett family was they really appreciated the moments of silence done for their mother.
- Nerida advised Lashae Mundine named today in the First Nations Emerging Talent team
- Number of girls playing in the All Schools in Queensland at the moment.
- Nerida reiterated that we should not be playing the last week of the July school holidays.
- Discussion about the e-bike issues and issues we are having with Council about them.
- Need to go to Ward of Council

MOVED: Exec

SECONDED: Sylvania

TREASURER:

We're more than three quarters of the way through the season and firstly, I'd like to thank Damien for all the work he does in balancing the books and keeping accurate records of money in vs money out.

Damien is currently preparing a Profit and Loss Statement that we'll be able to present at the AGM.

So, to begin with, the total funds on hand is \$269,911.04.

We've been fortunate to secure sponsorship from ACE Gutters, JB Metropolitan Distributors, Menai Indoor, Willis and Bowring, and new this year is Sutherland Isuzu, who I know are keen to contribute even more next year. We've also had Birdie Wealth sponsor the U14 Rep Team for a carnival, which was great. We're always looking for ways to engage new sponsors so hopefully we can get more on board for next year.

Additionally, the canteen continues to do well each week, and the Reps have raised a little over \$39,500.00 through various fundraising efforts like cake stalls and BBQ's. We're really proud that 100% of the money raised by the rep teams goes directly to the respective team so that we can keep costs as low as possible, much lower than many other representative sports. This is why we invoice at the end of the season, to maximise their opportunity to raise money and reduce fees. Invoices are currently being distributed.

In terms of expenses, we've renovated the area above control, but Junior and State Titles incur the most significant costs, otherwise it's security, cleaning, kiosk supplies, umpires, carnivals, physio, uniforms, BAS, utilities, etc. Mostly administrative costs.

Finally, we're hoping to secure the services of Club Builder the Grant Professionals, who specialise in identifying appropriate grants and funding opportunities and then write and lodge grant applications and funding proposals on behalf of sporting clubs, which will be wonderful because as you're aware, there are so many grants available but they are time consuming to apply for, so, we feel this is a worthwhile investment that can benefit us greatly.

Using Club Builder service – Clubs are also entitled to use their services and we can book at webinar for either 20 August or 27 August. Clubs to advise Jenny which night suits. Most popular night will be booked.

MOVED: Exec

SECONDED: Life Member

NSW REPORT:

President's meeting was scheduled for tonight, as she is at this meeting

MOVED:

SECONDED:

EXECUTIVE:

- The number of incidents in relation to poor behaviour from players, spectators, coaches etc – can all Clubs again please remind their members of the Codes of Conduct. Coming into finals please remind all coaches they must stand in one spot to coach not pace up and down the sideline. Players are to be respectful to the umpires and opposition and spectators are to be positive and encouraging only.
- Issues with E-bikes. We have been in contact with Council on a number of occasions in regards to the issues with E-bikes. Can all members please flood the council with complaints so we can press the issue of the need for signage and possible gating of the grounds.
- A further Crazy Hair & Sock Day to be held on Day 14. Nerida thanked Debbie for the colouring in competition idea as it was pretty successful.

MOVED: Exec

SECONDED: Magpies

REGISTRARS:

Senior Registrar:-

Firstly I want to thank all senior teams for an amazing response to the new scoresheet. We have had minimal issues which has meant that I haven't had to chase up any teams after game day.

As we are entering the last weeks of the season we want to remind teams and clubs that once a player has been borrowed three times for any particular team then they will be allocated that team and will not be able to play for their original team.

Team forfeits - on Day 10 and Day 11 of play we had a significant amount of forfeits. It was very disappointing to see that there were 10 senior Team forfeits in one play day.

We have a number of senior divisions where the top four teams will be decided in the next 2 games and we want to thank the senior grading committee for such a great job in working towards such an equitable competition.

Junior Registrar:-

Should any 8's and 9's be required to qualify for finals series, please let Kim Scott, Junior Registrar know as soon as possible.

Christine asked for any feedback in regards to the new scoresheets. Eagles just asked if we could please get umpires signature on it. Exec advised Play HQ won't allow us to add it. Just have the umpires sign and print their name of the back.

Suggestion was juniors (especially under 10's) is a bit of an issue.

David from Sylvania why can't we have player cards like soccer do.

Christine advised the reason we need to know who took the court so we can ensure players have taken the Court to ensure eligibility for finals series.

Discussion around borrowed players and eligibility as a substitute.

MOVED: Exec

SECONDED: Sharks

UMPIRES CONVENOR:

We have so much to celebrate with all our umpires this season! The amazing work from our club convenors and mentors so far this season assisted our umpires to hit some amazing achievements.

Congratulations to our newest National C Umpires

Amalie - Jannali

Peta - Connells Pt

Maddison - Thistles

Charlotte - Sharks

Rebecca - Eagles

Olivia - Gynea

Gracie - Menai

Kiara - Jannali

Kasey - Jannali

Congratulations to our newest National B umpire

Shauna - Sharks

Junior and Senior State titles for 2025 have come to an end. Sutherland are beyond proud of the umpires who represented our association proudly.

Nellie - Eagles

Germaine - Gynea

Rachel - Flames

Iseballa - Menai

Ryleigh - Menai

Charlotte - Thistles

Adelina - Connells Pt

Amalie - Jannali

Abbey - Gynea

Shauna - Sharks

Diana

Bailey - Gynea

Issy - Jannali

Sophia - Menai

Jack - Gynea

Danielle - Sharks

Zoey - Connells Pt

Finals:

Nominations for finals are now closed. During the last two rounds of play, the umpiring team will be walking the courts and inviting talented umpires who have not been nominated for finals.

In addition, in finals we will be introducing Green wrists bands for umpires who are under the age of 18. The Green Band initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for our netball community.

Why?

♥ So they can be easily identified

♥ To remind everyone - players, spectators and coaches - to support and protect our young officials

♥ To align with Netball Australia's Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy

Green sweatbands will be handed out at sign-on. If lost, replacements will cost \$5 from Umpire Control.

By clearly identifying young umpires, we can better protect them from negative behaviour and support their growth as officials. https://nsw.netball.com.au/beyond-court-umpires?fbclid=IwY2xjawL1iuJleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFKRVhJSFptbUFubkZjdGc2AR6X0bQYCXGH-ZPjaTcoTYP4IYjl8-cDblyqoi4cjmbOAGRhpsSVfxliYit6g_aem_bQW5jpFH8X-Fq0KaPWSxlg

MOVED: Life Member

SECONDED: Life Member

TOURNAMENT:

- Ladder changes – email has been sent to all Clubs this afternoon. Tammy explained SSNA competition rules for how a ladder is calculated. Ladders will be taken down on Day 14. Tammy has asked if you think there is an issue with the ladder, please email her and she will investigate.
- Finals times – draft sent to all Clubs. There are some changes and these have been emailed to the Clubs.
- Spring/Summer comp – will start 16 October 2025 – will go for 9 weeks. Registration will open tomorrow. Cost for SSNA is \$35.00. An email will be sent to all Clubs tomorrow. Games will be played on Thursday nights.
- Netta's, 8's and 9's season will be extended in this Friday night is cancelled. All players will be presented with medals and/or trophies on the last day of play.
- Discussion around 8's and 9's presentation. It will be done Court side this year.
- Discussion around six week competition to start in February.
- Discussion around 3 month registration. Details will be sent to all Clubs.

MOVED: Menai

SECONDED: Eagles

COACHING COORDINATOR:

Coaching nominations received from Magpies, Sharks, Gynea St catherines and Connells Point. Many thanks. The assessment of their coaching has been taking place over the last 3 weeks and has been enjoyable to watch up and coming coaches do their thing its incredibly rewarding to observe.

The nominated Coaches will be required to attend on grand final days presentation time slot to be advised more than likely the first one as the umpires have theirs in the second slot

I would like to thank the clubs that have assisted the coaching courses by having players attend these sessions for the coaching clinics to go ahead.

We have received a recommendation to consider a pathway programme for coaches , this has been discussed at the committee meeting and it was felt that the clubs should be working with their junior coaches to assist in their development.

As coaching co-ordinator I am more than happy to assist clubs with their coaching development.

The defence clinic held in the school holidays was attended well considering when it was held- Thank you to the coaches that attended

I would like to thank the 11years dev players that assisted and the Thistles players that also came to help.

I wish all coaches success in the final series.

Strategic planning clinic to be held in the stadium 6 August 2025 at 7:00pm

MOVED: Life Member

SECONDED: Sharks

SELECTIONS & REPS:

JST finishing places:-

12's – 3rd

13's - 5th

14's – Runners Up

SST

15's – 5th

17's – (equal second) 3rd

Opens 10th

Mens Opens – 5th

Great results – all teams in top 10

Metro League still in full swing:-

Team 1 Div 2 currently in 2nd

Team 2 Div 3 currently in 3rd

Team 3 Div 4 – currently in 7th

Team 4 – Development series – currently in 15th

11's Development Squad have attended 2 carnivals and have three Sunday sessions to go. They are having so much fun. They are all improving every week.

We have one Mens Metro League team entered into Division 2 and they begin play in the next couple of weeks.

Nominations are currently open for NNSW Court Craft Summer Series.

MOVED: Life Member

SECONDED: Exec

VICE PRESIDENT:

Walking/Low Impact Netball is growing each week with new faces coming along and giving it a go.

We have looked into Club Builder assisting with the writing of Grants and are hoping to have them on board shortly.

Anne thanked the teams that played in the last time slot for assisting with the pack down.

MOVED: Menai

SECONDED: Sharks

RETURNING OFFICER:

Rep Selection Committee Nominations:-

Junior Selection:-

Robyn Walker

Nerida Noble

Cath Reynolds

Laura Towell

Michelle Allen - reserve

Senior Selection:-

Robyn Walker

Nerida Noble

Cath Reynolds

Laura Towell

Michelle Allen

Claire Darby - reserve

Requirement is for four (4) junior selectors (plus team coach) and five (5) senior selectors (plus team coach).

MOVED:

SECONDED:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Bosco wish to have bike pants added to their uniform for 2026.

- Tackle your Feelings – there are still 5 workshops to go for 2025. Would be good for all Clubs to send members to attend. List of dates will be emailed to all Clubs tomorrow.
- New Website is now up and running.
- Connells Point - request for procedure to forfeit. Need to ensure umpire is also notified.
- Magpies asked about the 10's if day 13 or 14 are washed out. Nerida will look at it this week.
- If Day 13 is washed out then next week the following week will be two half games.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:11am