



HILLS DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

16 November 2024

Immediately after the November Council Meeting

1) Welcome

Lisa Robertson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She reflected on what had been a truly great netball season. She extended a massive thank you to the incredible Executive team for their hard work, dedication and behind the scenes efforts that kept everything running smoothly.

She also expressed her sincere appreciation to all the clubs for their unwavering support throughout the year. She applauded their commitment – on and off the court – and their teamwork and passion which attributed to the success of HDNA.

Lisa ended by looking forward to another great year ahead and thanked everyone again for all that they do to make our association such a special place.

- Lisa asked the meeting to appoint Sue Watts as the official scrutineer.

Moved Hannah Ashpole (Committee), seconded Pennant Hills Netball Club – Approved by HDNA Council Members

2) Apologies

- as per attendance sheet

3) Confirmation of the 2024 AGM minutes

- **Moved Beecroft Netball Club, Seconded Carlingford Netball Club – approved by HDNA Council Members.**

4) Business arising from the minutes

- Nil

5) President's Report

- As per newsletter

6) Notices of Motion

Lisa explained the important change to the Association's framework – transitioning from By-Laws to Policies. The change was designed to make the operations more efficient and the information more accessible to everyone involved in the Association.

She reassured everyone that the core information contained in our By-laws had not changed. The details covering key areas of our operations remain exactly the same. The information has been organised and presented in a clearer, more accessible way through policies.

In addition to making information easier to find, the only minor changes made in the policies were clarifications or updates to things that were no longer relevant, but overall, the substance of our policies was unchanged.

The real benefit of the shift was that policies can be reviewed and updated more easily. Rather than waiting for the annual AGM, changes can now be made during our Council meetings, which are held three times a year. Adjustments can be made more quickly if something needs to be clarified or updated.

The move to policies will make the information easier to access and understand, with the added benefit of being able to make timely updates. These changes will help all of us stay on the same page — whether you're a player, coach, or volunteer—and ensure that our Netball Association continues to run smoothly and effectively.

1. Constitution 12. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS

Lisa explained the change to the constitution was to move from By-Laws to Policies. It also included that the Competition Policy cannot be altered after the Council meeting prior to the commencement of each season.

Moved Carlingford Netball Club, seconded Lara Grant (Committee) – Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

Following the approval of the change to the Constitution, each policy was presented and voted on.

2. Adverse Weather Policy

Moved Doug MacColl (Executive), seconded Peter Holman (Executive)
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

3. Registration Policy

Moved Pennant Hills Netball Club, seconded Beecroft Netball Club
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

4. Representative Teams Policy

Moved Ruth Binns (Life Member), seconded Margaret Coe (Executive)
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

5. Night Competition Policy

Moved Clare Ashpole (Executive), seconded Fran Macri (Life Member)
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

6. Indoor Court Policy

Moved Hannah Ashpole (Committee), seconded Fran Macri (Life Member)
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

7. Grading Policy

Moved Beecroft Netball Club, seconded Ryde Sapphires Netball Club
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

8. Dispute Policy

Moved Clare Ashpole (Executive), seconded Normanhurst Netball Club
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

9. Umpiring Policy

Moved Madi Morris (Executive), seconded Carlingford Netball Club
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

10. Competition Policy

Moved Kirsten Gossip (Executive), seconded Thornleigh Netball Club
Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

7) Consideration and adoption of the 2024 Annual Report and audited Balance Sheet

The Treasurer referred the meeting to the financial statements. He highlighted that HDNA had made a surplus after all competitions and expenses. He advised that the Representative programme had been set based on being self-funded and he was happy to report that this had been achieved. He highlighted the low insurance costs, and this remained in discussion with NNSW who had taken on a new insurer. The insurer had confirmed the coverage and the costs. He highlighted the positive contribution made by the Night Comps in providing income outside of the main competition season and also attracting and retaining players.

The Treasurer reported that HDNA still maintained good cash balances. However, as had been seen with the recent renovations to Courts 1 and 2, maintaining our facilities was expensive. HDNA needed to continue to generate small surpluses in order to have the funds in place to support future renovations.

- Beecroft Netball Club asked the cost of the insurance for 2025?

The Treasurer advised that he expected the Insurance costs for FY25 to be much higher. Other sports had seen increases of 20% plus. He also expected that the low costs from FY24 would not be maintained and that the Insurer would return to similar charges as FY23.

Moved Ruth Binns (Life Member), seconded Fran Macri (Life Member) - Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

8) Appointment of Auditors for 2025 - Proposed to maintain Manser Tierney & Johnston for a third year in 2025:

Moved Doug McColl (Executive), seconded North Rocks Netball Club - Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

9) Proposed Fees for 2024

- The proposed fees for FY25 have been provided in the papers. The HDNA fee is on the first column and includes GST and the PlayHQ transaction fee – this is the fee the participant will see. The NNSW fee was approved on 2/11/24 and was in line with the fees included in the paper.
- The HDNA fee increase has been held at a low level and reflects the desire of the HDNA Executive Committee to keep netball affordable. Overall, the fee increase represents an increase on 2024 of less than a cup of coffee.
- The night comp fees included an option to pay the team fee as it was in 2024 if you registered before the close of the early bird discount. There would then be an increase of \$15. This was to try and maintain the positive momentum and attract players to try the game and maybe sign up with clubs for the Winter season.

Moved Pennant Hills Netball Club, seconded Di Benham (Committee) - Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

Registration Fee	2025 HDNA Fee	2025 NNSW + NA (estimate)	2025 Total HDNA + NNSW + NA	2024 Total HDNA + NNSW + NA
Winter Junior Competition (individual) – 12 months	98.00	89.00	181.00	181.00
Winter NetSetGO Competition (individual) – 12 months	98.00	91.00	189.00	181.00
Winter Senior Competition (individual) - incl Cadets – 12 months	98.00	113.00	211.00	204.00
Non-playing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Abilities	7.00	44.00	51.00	50.00
Night Competition (team entry)**	315.00	0.00	315.00	300.00
Winter Competition Junior half season (week 7) – 6 months	52.00	64.00	116.00	112.00
Winter Competition Senior half season (week 7) – 6 months	52.00	83.00	135.00	130.00
Senior Player (individual) – 3 months	26.00	51.00	77.00	74.00
Junior Player (individual) – 3 months	26.00	38.00	64.00	62.00
One Day Player (individual)	2.00	19.00	21.00	20.00

All fees include GST.

** Individual players required to be registered participants of NNSW & NA

** Early Bird discount available on Night Competition team entry - \$300.00

10) Election of Executive and Non-Executive Office Bearers for 2025:

- Jennie Thompson (Life Member and former President) took the chair. She thanked Lisa for all that she has done this year. She congratulated Lisa and the Executive on all the work that has been done in moving to policies.
 - There being only one nomination for President, she declared Lisa elected as President.
- Lisa retook the chair and declared all positions vacant. She then declared all positions filled as per the nomination sheet.

Moved Dural Netball Club, seconded Aggies Netball Club - Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members
- Lisa called for nominations from the floor for positions that are not filled. Sue McMahon, Asquith nominated for Assistant Snr Rep Convenor.

Moved Clare Ashpole, seconded Madi Morris - Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members
- Lisa noted that we still have the following positions vacant: -
 - Coaching Coordinator
 - Fundraising Coordinator
 - Senior Grading Committee Member

11) General Business

1. Acceptance by the Council of the draft 2025 Calendar

Moved Hannah Ashpole (Committee), seconded Carlingford Netball Club, - Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members

2. Recognition of outgoing Committee Members

- Peter Holman (as Vice President) – moving back to Umpires Committee
- Clare Ashpole (as Senior Registrar) – moving to Senior Representative Convenor
- Jen Baker (Senior Rep Convenor)
- Kate Roberts (as Assistant Junior Rep Convenor) – staying as Assistant Senior Registrar
- Ros Miller (as Umpires Committee Member) – moving to Senior Registrar
- Toni Bauer & Mikala Smith (Umpires Committee Members)
- Dom Newman (as Media Coordinator & Carnival Convenor) staying on Night Comp Committee
- Ian Newbert (as Indoor Court Committee Member) – staying in the Umpires Committee
- Kerrin Burrows (Junior Grading Committee Member)
- Stephanie Brown, Sue MacMahon, Susie Barker (Senior Grading Committee Members)

3. Service Awards

- We awarded four HDNA Service Awards this year. They were presented to Mel Fogarty, Kirsten Gossip, Mikala Smith and Lisette Smith.
- Unfortunately, we couldn't have our volunteer recognition day this year as the volunteer badges were out of stock. Lisa did the presentations at the AGM. These pins represent years of consistent service to HDNA.
 - Lauren Leckie – 5 years
 - Mel Fogarty – 5 years
 - Margaret Coe – 5 years
 - Dom Newman – 5 years
 - Jess Kajons – 5 years
 - Madi Morris – 5 years
 - Clare Ashpole – 15 years
- There were some special awards to be presented. Following the votes from clubs being received and counted, all Life Member nominations were passed by $\frac{2}{3}$ of our clubs, Executive, Committee and Life Members. These voting decisions needed to be ratified to move forward with the presentation.
 - Lisa asked the Council to ratify the appointment of the Life Members – **Unanimously approved by HDNA Council Members.**
 - Clare Ashpole, Margaret Coe and Peter Holman were awarded Life Membership and presented with their pins.

Meeting Closed:- 9.45am