



HILLS DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Special General Meeting and 2nd Council Meeting
28 August 2024

Special General Meeting Opened : 7.00pm

1. Attendance and Apologies – as per attendance sheet
2. Appointment of Sue Watts as Scrutineer

Moved Nicci Skene, Seconded Di Benham that Sue Watts be appointed Scrutineer. Carried by Council

3. Election of Junior & Senior Representative Convenors

Two nominations were received for Junior Representative Convenor – Margaret Coe, Pennant Hills Netball Club and Kate Roberts, Galston Netball Club. Kate and Margaret spoke in support of their nomination and answered questions from the Council. A vote was then taken. The result were as follows :

Margaret Coe – 23

Kate Roberts – 20

Lisa declared Margaret Coe as Junior Representative Convenor

There were no nominations received for Senior Representative Convenor prior to this meeting. Lisa spoke to the Council re Clare Ashpole nominating for this position. Currently Clare is the Senior Registrar and will have to step down from that role at the AGM. Clare would like to take on this position after the 2024 AGM. Jen Baker agreed to continue acting in this role, with Clare's assistance.

Moved Olivia Charlton, Seconded Lara Grant that Clare Ashpole be appointed Senior Representative Convenor at the AGM – Carried by Council

Special General Meeting Closed: 7.20pm

2nd Council Meeting Opened : 7.20pm

1. Attendance and Apologies – as per attendance sheet
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council Meeting held 24 April 2024.

Moved Hannah Ashpole, Seconded Sophie Koutchavlis that these minutes be accepted - Carried by Council

3. Business arising from the minutes – Nil
4. Executive Committee Reports for the meetings held in May, June, July and August 2024.

Moved by Beecroft Netball Club, Seconded Pennant Hills Netball Club that the Executive minutes be accepted – Carried by Council.

5. Business arising from Executive Committee Report - Nil

6. Correspondence as listed in the Executive Committee Reports – Nil

7. Business arising from Correspondence – Nil

8. Executive Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

- HDNA operating results up to the end of July delivered a surplus of \$121K from Revenue of \$309K and expenses of \$185K. There have been no significant changes to the year-to-date trend in either revenue or costs. Continuing to play time slots where possible and safe and not cancel full days has helped ensure that income remains steady.
- As we are through the majority of the winter comp and have yet to start night comp, we expect the small monthly losses to continue into August and September. Income, outside of Registrations, was mainly from Café, Indoor Court and smaller sales of uniform and payment for umpires. Costs included the repairs and maintenance of \$6K and cleaning \$2.7K which was marginally up. The costs were broadly in line with expectations.
- Reps generated \$65K YTD against costs of \$49K YTD. Whilst additional costs are expected as the rep season closes out, we can expect the programme to be breakeven.
- The Balance sheet remains strong with Net Assets continuing at \$1.2M. Of this the most significant asset is \$0.7M of cash and a further \$0.5M relates to Property.
- HDNA has a cash balance of \$686K of which \$397K is held as cash at bank and a further \$283K on deposit.

b. Senior & Junior Registrars

- 13/1s ladder reviewed based on information available and is correct.
 - Thornleigh asked for this to be reviewed in detail. Nicci did relook at this table and it was found that there was an error in the calculations. This altered the final placing for this grade. Thornleigh came in 2nd and Cherrybrook came in 3rd. Both clubs were advised accordingly.
- 15/3s ladder with 9 in the grade - byes are uneven but no changes to ladder needed to be made.
- A reminder not to bring dogs, bikes etc especially during finals.

c. Umpire Convenors

- Allocations for finals have been done by Madi and Kirsten. These take hours to do and receive a response for the 3 weeks of finals.
- Please remind your teams that they can use rolling subs in finals. Where there is an injury/illness, we encourage you to use injury time instead. This rule is the same as years prior - the injured player who time was held for must leave the court. Holding time allows the player concerned to leave the court safely, substitutions can be made or the position left vacant for that player to return. Holding time to make substitutions also lowers risk of late entry infringements.
- Please refer to the finals handout which has been sent to clubs or check the rule book.
- For blood in finals, any active bleeding the player concerned MUST leave the court. No blood can be on uniforms, patches or the ball. Non-active blood can be dealt with in back play as long as it does not interfere. Same as having some water or getting a puffer, as long as the player does not leave the court, they can have this occur away from the ball.
- Reminder that the majority of umpires are children as well. Please treat them with kindness and respect. Any issues, get someone from control.
- We love to see signs and banners! Please do not bring streamers or pom poms that leave rubbish behind and become a slip hazard on the court surfaces.

- Looking to next year - a decision around beginner shared games for 2025 will be made following the Beginner Umpires Day. The divisions that have shared umpires are expected to be limited to the same number as 2024.

d. Senior Representative Convenor

- Metro League finishes this week. Teams 2 and 3 will be playing semi-finals next week. Wishing them the best of luck.
- Teams and coaches have been organised for Summer Series, This is due to start the week commencing 14 October.

e. Junior Representative Convenor

- Phase 1 selections for Juniors have been completed.
- We are still looking for a coach for one State Titles team and Squad coaches.

f. Night Competition Convenor

- We are very excited for our upcoming spring comp and currently have nearly 80 teams across women's, mixed, juniors, and intermediate divisions registered. Based on the number of teams registered, it looks like we will be having three time slots and we're looking to keep the canteen open during the competition.
- Currently, umpire coverage for those teams is really strong, though a few teams are still working to finalise their arrangements prior to registering.
- In response to feedback, we extended the registration deadline to align with last season's end date and accommodate teams focused on finals.

9. Other Committee Reports

a. Carnival Convenor

- No report.

b. Netball NSW Delegate

- No report as there hasn't been a NNSW meeting.

c. Indoor Court

- No report.

9. General Business

- There were a few questions from the Council :
 - PHNC noted that one of the spectators with the 13/1s has a service dog – this is exempt from our no dogs policy.
 - Normanhurst NC asked about the rationale behind having nine teams in the 15/3s. Nicci advised that it was the decision of the Junior Grading Committee that this was the best for the players.
 - There was discussion on regrading divisions other than 10s. Regrading brings with it a number of issues which have been discussed over the past few years. HDNA will not be regrading divisions other than 10s.
 - A question was asked whether next season new umpires will be sharing games. The feedback from the clubs has been positive with this new initiative. As always with something new there have been some teething problems. We won't know if this will be in place for 2025 until we have the numbers at the beginning of the season.

- Lisa noted that club members aren't receiving the information that is sent out to clubs. Sue emails a newsletter to clubs each Monday with relevant information – this should be forwarded to club members as well.
- Lisa has created a WhatsApp group for Announcements. This is so we can communicate to clubs quickly. Several club representatives have already joined this group.
- A reminder of the Wet Weather Policy for finals. As we need to have a result for our games in the finals series, we will try our best to complete all games. As it is predicted to be hot, please look after your players.
- The Umpires Afternoon Tea will be held this Saturday after the final game of the day.
- Over the next few weeks of the finals series please Be Kind, Be Fair and Have Fun!

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm