



Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association Inc. ABN: 22 897 530 107

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Turramurra NSW 2074

EXECUTIVE MEETING – Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Present

Rod Jackson, Ruth Havrlant, Ian Eldershaw, Helen Pratt, Gillian Boyd, Mick Flarey and Marc Gozzett.

Welcome and Introductions

- RJ welcomed Marc Gozzett (MG) onto the KNA Executive. He has been heavily involved with St Ives Netball Club, and he has younger children, so he will be more connected with younger kids, new players and parents.
- Emphasis on netball as a community-driven activity, fostering joy and fulfillment through participation.

Grounds Update

- GB is overseeing Executive grounds portfolio, with no major updates yet.
- CS is stepping back from the Facilities Manager role but will assist GI in the soft handover transition, including introductions and support.

Sponsorship Update

- HL is actively driving sponsorship efforts, with all sponsorships aligned. He is promoting on socials media, receiving positive feedback.
- LF is managing invoicing.
- Discussion about maintaining momentum and helping clubs enhance their social media presence.

NetSetGO (NSG) Update

- MG is leading efforts for Saturdays at Lofberg, creating positive initial experiences for kids involved in netball.



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- MR role as NetSetGo Convenor discussed; suggestions to make it a paid role due to changes in scope. It was noted that she can't do Thursday nights. Reset the Committees to help her out.
- MR will coordinate weekly activities with support from RH, ensuring a positive first-year experience.
- For younger age groups (5's to 8's), focus on team formation, skills development, and small game practice.
- Debate on scheduling: older children to play earlier and younger children later, deciding on committed time slots. More flexible debate about timings and certainty regarding their decisions.
- Some 5's will be able to be put into a team, whilst others will only do the skills sessions (drills) followed by a small game. We will make as many teams as numbers allow.

Coaching Update

Kickstart Day:

A "Back to Netball" day is planned to re-engage participants.

February Activities:

Includes "Coaching the Coaches" sessions and a Foundation Coaching Day. Development Coaching Day opportunities will follow.

Resource Management:

MF will ensure the KNA Library is updated with coaching materials, including NNSW coaching plans tailored for various age groups. MF to reach out to Tanya B re this.

Website Updates:

DF will organize links to NNSW coaching materials for the KNA website.

Social media:

HL will manage posts to promote coaching and competitions.



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Competitions Update

Back to Netball:

This initiative is ongoing, with HP assigned to send an email and set up diary reminders.

Fast 5 Competition:

Tanya S is leading efforts, but registrations are currently low.

HL to promote the competition every second day via social media messaging. Get this onto the NNSW website for other Associations to see and register.

Plans to invite other associations for participation, targeting the first Thursday of Term 2 for the competition kick-off.

Discussions about introducing a mixed competition to Fast 5.

Gala Day:

This event is confirmed, and "Back to Netball" Day will be promoted to clubs in emails prepared by HP and approved by MF. HP to send out January and mid-February.

Clinics for 9/10-Year-Olds:

Scheduled at Barker, with RJ and MF coordinating behind the scenes to finalize dates.

Coach Hiring:

Advertising for an "All Stars" coach for state titles will be initiated soon.

Inters and Boys' Competitions:

Feedback for the inters and boys' competitions is still pending, although cadets have submitted surveys, with four out of eleven Clubs providing input. Plans are underway to run the inters competition this year and cadets next year, with hopes of improving the engagement and structure.

The NSU academy has begun providing pathways for emerging players, focusing on development training groups. These initiatives have been met with positive responses from NNSW, showing promise for growth in competitive frameworks.



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There is considerable discussion around forming super teams for boys. A restriction on the number of boys per team may be necessary to maintain balance and ensure the competitions remain inclusive and developmental in nature. The boys' interest stems largely from observing their mothers and sisters play rather than transitioning from basketball backgrounds, which marks a positive cultural shift. The competitions are improving and aim to complement mixed sports opportunities for young adults.

NSU Update

NSU Treasurer Role:

RJ has taken on the role and will collaborate with IE, while Louise W continues her involvement in coaching and resetting strategies.

Challenges at Norths:

Norths are facing issues including court losses due to the harbour tunnel project, significantly reducing their available courts for several years. Ian will assist in addressing these challenges.

School Ambassador Program Update

It is truly disappointing to note that the school ambassador initiative with NNSW did not gain traction last year. Despite outreach efforts by our members, there was no response from NNSW, which left many feeling the ball was dropped. This situation is far from ideal, especially considering the importance of establishing strong connections with schools as a first point of contact for netball. Moving forward, a more effective framework for engagement with schools needs to be developed to ensure that this critical aspect of outreach is appropriately addressed.

Representative Update

Shooting Sessions and Resources:

Lisa D's three sessions with the 11's shooters in late 2024 proved highly successful. The players were provided with dedicated shooting books, which have been described as



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amazing resources. Despite the challenging heat, the sessions were well-received and demonstrated great results.

Metro League Update:

Metro League spaces have been reorganized with FS taking on one paid role and Katrina W assuming a volunteer role. RF and RJ had spent time with Louise W initially, but she opted out of this space. The division of roles ensures clarity and structure, while the league now benefits from four teams.

Rep Transfer Committee:

Beth Stewart from Kissing Point has joined the Rep Transfer Committee. Her involvement has streamlined the process, leading to minimal issues and efficient handling of transfers this year. Previously, transfers were limited to new players joining from outside the association, but her addition has brought smoother transitions. The next Rep Committee meeting is scheduled for February 4th.

Umpires Update

No updates or significant reports were shared regarding umpire matters.

General Business

Equipment at Lofberg:

- The padding around the posts at Lofberg is identified as unsuitable and requires replacement.
- Replacement padding will be installed and ready for use at the beginning of the season.
- RJ has been tasked with overseeing this action.

Meeting Conclusion

- The meeting officially ended at 9:05pm.