

Northern Suburbs Netball Committee  
Minutes of meeting 20 August 2014  
Meeting started 7pm Newlands Intermediate

**Present:** Rama (Chair), Yvonne (Treasurer - Paparangi), Marni (Secretary - QMC), Jo Head (Bellevue), Nikki Franklin (Cashmere) Lindsey moon (Churton Park), Ruth Brown (Crofton Downs), Emily Williamson (Johnsonville), Andrea Key (Khandallah), Huanoa Potiki & Louise Marlow (Newlands Primary), Katie McGrath (Ngaio), Tina, Chris & Lena (NIS), Raewyn (Raroa), Angela Houston (St Bens), Clare (St Brigids), Beth (Thorndon), Andrew (Westpark) and Pam (Redwood).

**Apologies:** Debs Dunbar (Amesbury), Yvonne Shepherd (Rewa Rewa) and Kelly (Raroa),

**Schools Absent:** None

**Minutes from last meeting:**

Minutes from 18 June 2014 accepted.

**Matters Arising:**

- Signs – big sign now up. Double sign purchased – looks fabulous.
- Support for Newlands College – No more correspondence received from the College. Will remove from matters arising until receive further correspondence.
- BBQ – discussed whether changing the position increased sales. Last schools to run the BBQ were positive and sold between 200 to 250 sausages. More money is made from selling home baking as well. Agreed the recommended position for the BBQ is near coffee cart. The updated BBQ guidelines were sent out after last meeting.
- Rama received a junior netball report from Ann Hay. Junior netball is likely to be rolled out through schools, run in the last 5 weeks of term 4 and made available to year 3s on a Saturday morning. At this stage not sure if schools to put teams in or individual registration. Sue Beckford has put hand up to take role on. Rama has queried what NSN needs to do but hasn't heard back as yet.
- The handbook with the rules of netball was sent out to all coaches to pass onto managers, parents and teams.
- Primary Sport competition Kiwi Whistler – Primary sport is happy for us to advertise to our Kiwi Whistlers the opportunity to umpire at this competition. Diary for next year.

**Correspondence:**

**In** -two emails received from Rep Mangers thanking us for their koha gifts.

- A certificate was received from Netball Wanganui for the year 8 representative team coming second in the Wanganui tournament.

**Out** – Information on Netball New Zealand “Coaching with Confidence”, national roadshow held in July.

- Information on session for coaches on Developing Decision Making Workshop presented by Noeline Taurua. (last Sunday 17th August)
- Query re extending the netball season (dealt with later).

### **Committee positions:**

Considering positions for next year. Received interest in...

- Draw Committee – Yvonne as she needs to step down as Treasurer at the next AGM and Lena.  
A suggestion was made that we need to consider a koha for people undertaking these roles in the future. To be considered at AGM.
- Coaches coordinator, BBQ roster, secretary and prize-giving co-ordinator all happy to continue, - will need to be confirmed at AGM.
- Will need Treasurer, Grants officer.
- Won't need umpire co-ordinator. Also won't need fun ferns and future ferns but will have junior programme in action.

### **Draw committee update:**

Thanked the committee for agreeing to extend season. If another rain day is needed the season won't extend again. **If any teams that want to default on the 6<sup>th</sup> please let the draw committee know.**

### **Upcoming events in Calendar:**

- Season extended until 6 September
- Prize-giving 7pm 10 September NIS hall – please have everyone in and seated by 7pm so can start on time.  
The seats are for adults, children to be on the floor. Teams to be in uniform please.  
Committee to sit on stage.

### **Financial Update:**

Update from Yvonne (See PDF file sent out with these minutes).

Due to a one-off extra round played at intermediate Yvonne proposed paying Nicole (the duty umpire at the intermediate) a pro rata amount for the extra round to stay longer on that day. **Motion agreed unanimously.**

### **Reps 2014:** update from Sharon:

- Prize-giving last Wednesday very successful, lots of happy people, coaches and management were happy. At least one rep coach will be back for next year. Chris and Rama will work on others to be involved for next year.
- Development teams will depend on depth of children skills that season.
- Thanks to all coaches, managers, umpires and players for representing NSN with pride.

**Complaints Committee:** (Lena, Andrea, Kelly and Rama).

Two complaints received since last meeting

Ref NSN201402- has been settled. No correspondence to our response.

Ref NSN201401 – remains unresolved.

NSN has received a complaint which was considered by its complaint committee. The complaint relates to whether a player may wear a kara (a bracelet of cultural significance) taped, while she plays netball. The child has not played since 7 June 2014 when an umpire enforced the NSN rules. The child had played previously, the circumstances of which are being investigated. The Complaints Committee are meant to respond within 10 days from receipt of the complaint but given one of the members being away there was a delay in our response so that it took 1 month. The complainants were told about the delay in response.

The complainants made a further complaint to the Human Rights Commission. Rama, as Chair, along with Wellington Netball Manager spent 5.5 hours in mediation on 19 August with no resolution.

Following the mediation the complainants are seeking dispensation for their child to play the next 3 games while wearing the kara taped with sweat band over the top.

**Following discussion the Committee agreed:**

1. To further consider the issues of due process regarding the NSN complaints process and in particular, take steps to ensure that when a complaint is made that the complaint is dealt with in a timely manner.
2. That under our Constitution we are bound by the rules of Netball Wellington Centre, Central Zone and Netball New Zealand which have been put in place to protect the safety of all players. The Committee agreed to seek dispensation from Netball Wellington to allow the child to play while wearing her kara.
3. To seek further instructions from our Member Schools. Given the seriousness of the issues raised and the view that the NSN constitution does not allow the Committee to grant a dispensation to the rules of netball, the delegates at the meeting did not feel they had the requisite mandate from their Member Schools to vote.

Each delegate agreed to inform the school they represent of the issue (in a general way) and to seek further instructions.

**General Business:**

- Thanks for return of trophies, reminder if you still have trophies to return them please.
- P O Box – the Chemist closed our post box, without telling us. This has now been rectified and we are now receiving mail again.
- Future Funds – Approximately \$24k held in the PIE fund was initiated about 16 years ago. Neil (the Chair at the time) advised that the committee initiated a

fund. At the time the funds were intended to be used for resurfacing and maintenance of the courts because College courts were given to NSN at no charge. The then committee put money aside to upgrade surfaces and replace equipment. Neil is happy to come and confirm this at meeting if thought necessary. We now rent the college courts (NIS courts still free).

- E-Images took team photos – all completed. Some issues with ordering – schools didn't follow instructions. Not following the instructions incurs cost which is borne by E-Images.
- School Holidays netball clinic was run successfully. Next year the clinic will only be run over one week.
- **Fun fern certificates available online if needed.**
- The top 3 NSN teams in the Intermediate grade are entered into the Inter Satellite competition. This year the teams were from NIS, Raroa and QMC. The semi-final are coming up this weekend. NSN have 3 teams in the top 4.
- Rama has a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept with other chairs – will raise issue about competitiveness.
- More player of the day certificates were provided for all schools. Please note they expire in October.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

**Next meeting: 17 September (after prize-giving) (then AGM 13 Nov).**