

## Northern Suburbs Netball Committee

### Minutes of meeting 20 May 2015 7pm Newlands Intermediate

**Present:** Rama Smith (Chair), Jonno Plant (Treasurer - Paparangi), Marni Gaskell (Secretary - QMC), Jo Johnston (Bellevue), Blair Elliott (Cashmere), Sandra Yeldon (Churton Park), Robyn [?] (Crofton Downs), Emily Williamson (Johnsonville), Andrea Key (Khandallah), Kylie Meek (Newlands Primary), Darlene Van Herpen-Jacobs (Newlands Primary & Draw Committee), Kate McGrath (Ngaio), Lena Meinders & Chris Rickard (NIS), Yvonne Hill (QMC & Draw Committee), Kelly Herbert & Raewyn Henderson (Raroa), Bianca Caske (Redwood), Yvonne Shepherd (Rewa Rewa), [??] (St Bens), Clare Leatham (St. Brigids), Leanne Cubitt (Westpark) and Beth Huntington (Thorndon).

Schools Absent without apology: None

**Apologies:** Amaria Picard (Amesbury), Louise Marlow (NIS) and Ann Hay (Ngaio).

#### Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from 22 April 2015 **accepted** without amendment.

#### Matters Arising:

##### • Uniforms

Following on discussion about uniforms at last meeting further requests to change uniform have been made. Under the NSN constitution registration of new uniforms must be agreed at Committee level.

- Westpark are transitioning. Their school uniform has been changed and they are moving to new netball uniform. The colours registered are similar to what was previously registered. There will be different uniforms for each of their three teams during the transition.
- Churton Park also has a new uniform and will only replace uniforms for two teams this year. The Churton Park delegate brought the new uniform to allow comparison with the Rewarewa uniform which is similar. There were concerns due to the similarity in colour as it is unfair for the players and umpires when two teams in very similar uniforms plays each other. Churton Park agreed to wear bright bibs (red or green) to mitigate the concerns in case come up against similar coloured teams.

##### **Motion to register these new uniforms passed unanimously.**

**Photos of new uniform to be sent to Rama – including a new one from Churton Park showing that uniform is a skirt and top, not a dress.**

Further reminders re: uniforms:

- A reminder of the rule that if two schools are wearing the same uniform then the teams have to toss (as you do for ball /goal) to determine who wears the alternative bibs.
- If track-pants are worn they must be registered or the child must come off.
- It is the team Managers job to ensure players/parents know about the rules.
- First aiders have a notebook to report back any incidents including schools not wearing correct uniform. Coach or delegate should go to first aider to raise concerns.

[7.20pm Churton Park delegate left meeting]

- Umpire training: Thanks to Khandallah, Crofton Downs and Cashmere schools for helping with adult umpiring. The training was successful with 18 adult umpires attending. There will be a Q & A session to catch up with these umpires to see how they are going. Dates and time TBA. There are no plans for another adult umpiring training session this season (at this stage).
- Player of the Day certificates –only enough for competition rounds were received so these will only be available from the first aiders from 23 May. The certificates are from Johnsonville Pool (free entry) and

**Comment [M1]:** Can you please let me know who was attending for St Bens and the last name for Robyn who was attending for Crofton Downs.

Wellington Group Pubs (previously Williams Group pubs) (free meal). A huge thank you to our sponsors for these certificates. **Please pick the certificates up from the first aiders next weekend.**

### **Correspondence**

#### In:

- Entertainment book rep fundraiser (and circulated to delegates)
- Year 7-8 McDonalds Queens Birthday Tournament (and circulated to delegates)
- Info on Netball Wellington Shop (and circulated to delegates)
- Netball NZ coaching courses on offer throughout the Wellington region (and circulated to delegates)
- Information on Fiji netball tournament (and circulated to delegates)
- Information Old Coast, Australia netball tournament (and circulated to delegates)
- Email drawing our attention to typo's on the web site.

#### Out:

- Coaching information - My Team and Me on Wednesday 20th May from 6.30pm to 9.00pm at NIS and Year 3-6 Coaching Workshop on Monday 18th May from 6.30pm to 9.00pm at NIS. Both free.
- Cheques to Netball Wellington and Kilbirnie sports.

### **Draw committee update** -update from Lena, Yvonne and Darlene

The committee have received a number of emails about the draw...

Yvonne explained how the draw works.

- Four teams in a group were chosen randomly within the expected grades as could be managed for the grading only. The teams then played the others in this group for the first three games.
- For the fourth grading game all 1<sup>st</sup> place getters were put into a group of 1s, all the 2s playing the 2s etc etc.

The Draw Committee manually manipulated the draw for testing purposes. As noted last meeting this was done so that there were equal number of teams in a grade and therefore no byes. The Committee didn't put all the weak teams together because otherwise the final result would have ended up with some strong and some weak in the competition round draw.

It is easy to find the really good and really weak teams. The ones in the middle are much harder to sort through. Will also play each other for the rest of the season if put in the same section.

One more grading game (23 May) then a 5 week competition round pre July hols and then a further 5 week competition round after the holidays. The draw committee may or may not decide to revise the groupings after. The software system we use doesn't work brilliantly for just one round of grading.

The Committee discussed grading and the potential impact on player's enjoyment if a team loses heavily for first three grading games. System used is same model used for primary sports Wellington tournaments and other sports. System set up to spin out the games for 3 weeks. Lots of consideration, discussion, hours thinking about by the Draw Committee.

[7.35pm Rewa Rewa delegate left the meeting]

Proposal raised as to whether to consider outsourcing of the draw since such a huge job. The Committee discussed.

The Draw Committee considered the issue is asking schools to register each year level teams in which grade i.e. a, b or c. Schools know the team players better than the draw committee so schools are best placed to determine how capable they are and what section of the year 4 they should play in.

The Draw Committee had schools that registered that didn't say whether their players were new to netball and also that may have misinterpreted the capability of their own team. It's too hard for the draw committee to make the assessment. If the Draw Committee had to make the assessment it would significantly increase the already onerous work load for the draw committee.

Feedback from tonight's meeting will be taken on board. The Committee will look at later this season /next season before registrations are due to consider what extra information should be requested from schools about teams (e.g. Khandallah provided this information manually last year on the top of their forms.)

There were some changes to 23 May game draw as there were some errors. Yvonne has emailed managers, coaches and delegates of affected teams – where she has the correct emails for the teams. Yvonne has spent as much time on emails as she has spent on the draw. Requests are getting ludicrous – e.g. someone has requested times for next 4 weeks so that person can schedule their Saturday (!) From now on questions about the draw must go to delegates to triage first. Please try and address queries first and then only send genuine queries that only the Draw Committee will have the answer to through.

When the competition rounds start after Queens Birthday the Draw Committee will upload the points for years 6, 7 and 8. While this information will not be made available for years 4 and 5, the Draw Committee still review the score cards for years 4 and 5 to determine rotation and whether a team needs to change grade – if it continuously loses significantly.

**Junior netball update (ANZ Future Ferns) from Ann by email**

Year 3

- Running well with Sue Beckford and Shannon Maddern-Daniels as Co-ordinators. Almost all participants have paid the registration fee – will follow up the last couple (some were late registrations).
- Have access to the toilets now.
- Awaiting news regarding funding and equipment purchases.

Year 1 and 2 Programme

Based on discussions at last month's meeting it has been decided to run this in term 4 – maybe a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, but afterschool is an option. The programme will benefit netball, players and parents as coaches.

Question to consider is where we should run this – is a school happy to take on being host? (Will need one netball court, ability to store and access equipment, and close toilet access). **Any school interested in hosting please let Ann know.**

Junior netball committee can help with set up of system but will leave people to run once up and running

We will cap at 60 as per the year 3 programme.

Process:

Term 2 Arrange coordinators. Looking for coordinators –paid role, doesn't have to be committee. Could be ok for teenagers. 10 week course.

Plan for equipment – do funding application

Term 3 Early – get information to schools (see if Andrea Key can do up flyer again)

Registrations during the last few weeks of term

Purchase Equipment

Star helper training in place (parent coaches)

If don't receive interest and support then the programme won't run. **Any thoughts or interest please let Ann know directly ( [amshay@outlook.com](mailto:amshay@outlook.com) ).**

**Upcoming events in Calendar**

24 May Rep quiz night.

Grading games 2, 9, 16 & 23 May.

Queen's Birthday no play 30 May.

2015 Team Photos 6 June.  
First round competition: 6, 13, 20, 27 June & 4 July.  
Rep tournaments 14 June Palmerston North.  
Rep Tournament 21 June Whanganui.  
Rep Tournament 28 June Levin.  
Rep Tournament 19 /19 July Wellington Combined (TBC)  
Second round competition: 25 July, 1,8,15, & 22 Aug.  
Rain day 29 August.  
Prize giving 2 September.

**Kiwi Whistler & umpire update** – update from Emily

All good, started on Saturday. 14 – one girl who was injured last year so completing this year. Less confident group of girls so please encourage if you have them umpiring your games. Any feedback to Emily please and she can forward on.

**Coaching update** –update from Clare

9 enthusiastic people attended on Monday only 2 registrations for the experienced course which was meant to be held tonight (20 May). These people were offered opportunity to attend the Wellington course in town for free of charge since not enough interest locally. Lack of demand could have been because of lack of notice. Next time will ask Maria to pencil in dates earlier and maybe provide the training earlier too. In terms of these types of programmes going forward, the affiliation fees paid to Netball Wellington covers the cost of them – so need to use them /fill up spaces or we will lose this training.

**Financial Update** – update from Jonno

Currently looking healthy because have received the future ferns payment, rep players fees, some schools have paid registration fees and received a grant from Pelorous Trust for the reps. however Netball Wellington fees will go out tonight. **Reminder to schools yet to pay to please do so promptly.** Haven't received money for first two BBQs but will chase up. For the third BBQ there was an incident when the BBQ caught alight and sausages burnt. No rent will be charged for this weekend. **Reminder to schools that they must remove the tray and clean it. This part of the BBQ clearly hadn't been cleaned for some time.**  
May financial report attached.

**Reps 2015** – update from Chris

3 teams have been selected from two trials. There will be one year 8 team, one year 7 team and a year 7 development team.  
Coaches and managers all named.  
Fees and payment for hoodies are due in tonight. Should receive payment for Fundraiser this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May tomorrow. As far Chris aware all quiz tickets sold. Net profit is expected to be about \$2.5k.  
Some of the donations for raffles on the night include a \$40 voucher from Karori rec centre (NIS), Adidas vouchers, wine etc. Raffles will be \$1 a ticket. Will also sell answers on the night. Chris needs the final numbers for 1841 for Friday. If enough numbers reached then 1841 provide food vouchers and drink vouchers for raffling on the night.  
Palmerston North and Whanganui accommodation booked for all teams.

Wellington tournament – was 18/19 July. **Netball Wellington is now in negotiations to make a one day tournament. As soon as we know Secretary (Marni) will email out.**

There is a Thursday meeting scheduled for Managers to discuss organisation. Louise Marlow (last year's Year 7 coach will come to offer expertise and assist from what coaches want to know perspective). Kelly Herbert also offered to help Manager –email her if need /have queries.  
Good luck to all players and management.

**Complaint Committee**

201501 – Received and dealt with.

### General Business

- Photos: Dates for netball photos (6 June). There is info on NSN website which you can book through to register interest.
- Rules /Code of Conduct: There has been another player with a bracelet of cultural significance who had previously played at NSN with the bracelet. Different child, same school. The school agreed that they should abide by the rules, but asked to consider process given the distress that was caused to the child at the time of removal from the court. The parent has had the bracelet removed and the school had amended the registration process so that rules clearly explained to parents before they register. But concerns have been raised as to how this can be dealt with a little more sympathetically in the first instance. The Committee discussed. The Committee are volunteers and do not have bandwidth to monitor compliance. The Committee can only provide the information and ask that it be disseminated. Responsibility must lie with Managers and schools to ensure rules are clear and to ensure players abide by the rules. The rules are there for the safety of all players. If schools and managers do this then circumstances won't arise where player needs to be removed from court.

**All schools to ensure managers, coaches and other parent community please read the rules, adhere to the rules.** This will then stop embarrassment for players being removed from court.

While umpires should also be addressing the player's uniform, not all of our umpires are adults and enforcing compliance should not be up to them. Umpires shouldn't be able to deal with unacceptable behaviour. Responsibility of whole community to ensure appropriate behaviour. We need to enforce for the safety and enjoyment of our players. We are the adults we need to protect our players and younger umpires. All delegates will have notebooks so that each delegate can take responsibility to bring things to the Committee's attention. Please feed good and bad stuff back.

- Rules reminder: No dogs allowed at the courts. It is irrelevant if the dog is small, on a leash etc. The same rules apply cross Wellington region. **Please tell the parent, coach, manager community.** It is happening too often. We don't want to risk the facilities /jeopardise our access to the courts. No smoking also.
- Escalation process: A reminder about what the process for resolving an issue if it arises is. If an issue arises which may have potential to escalate E.g. umpire not performing, parents or spectators not behaving etc.

	Who	Notes
First stage	Umpire, coach or manager	If the issue is not one of these people <u>you</u> may be part of the problem. These people should go and get duty umpire. Umpire can hold game or ask their manager to go and get the Duty Umpire. Coaches and managers should not go straight to Complaints Committee

Next step	Duty Umpire	If schools have concerns with another team discuss with the school delegate or Sports Coordinator and raise. Often issues are easily resolved at this level without involvement of the Complaints Committee. If not resolved delegate raises with Principal (or Sports Coordinator).
Third Escalation	Complaints Committee	If school Principal or Sports Coordinator approves they or school delegate may submit complaint to the Complaints Committee

To facilitate the above Secretary will check to see if delegates object to having their email address details made available to rest of committee. Marni will send contact list around in two weeks if no objections before then.

- Email re typos . As noted in correspondence we received an email from someone who thought it would be a useful idea to draw our attention to typo's on the web site. She noted a couple of mistakes within a minute of reading - found "mintue"/minute and "blox"/blow. She suggested it could be useful for someone to cast their eye over content in all pages for similar mistakes in order to lift the perception of professionalism within the organisation.  
We responded thanking her for her time, inviting her to join the committee or read the whole content and let us know the other typos. Haven't heard back as yet. **If anyone else has the time please let us know.**
- Enquiries about what is on the website – must go via the School Coordinators or delegates first. There is a lot of useful information there (and in the minutes which are also on the website under 'History' tab).
- Registered Team Numbers for this year...  
40 year 7/8 teams  
41 year 5/6 teams  
17 year 4 teams  
58 participants in year 3
- Toilets: Reminder that none are available at NIS for NSN competition rounds. 8.30 to 1.30pm – can use the toilets at the College (or supermarket). Not available, never been available. The Intermediate is not expected to open up to allow individuals to relieve themselves. We don't pay for anyone to assist /accompany people for toilet runs.
- Query re year 5s playing at NIS. First round is intermediate grade, then years 4 and 5 and then after 11am at the College. All year 6 teams play after 11am
- BBQ rules: BBQ must be cleaned and packed away at 12.30 –extra koha for first aider will be charged to the school if they are kept waiting for pack up.
- Default fee of \$40 in our rules: The Committee discussed whether to reinstate? It is not fair on other teams when another team defaults. Everyone knows time in advance to default then can arrange someone else to play, umpires scheduled and mucked around. Discussion was around default on notice but especially frustrating where done on no notice. Some common sense will come into play as to whether

to enforce default fee. Defaulting team will need a valid reason /extenuating circumstances. Reminder to schools that this will be enforced.

Raised that QMC has an extra week's holiday in the July school holidays. Last year the Draw Committee tried to address this by having two QM teams play each other. As long as you let the Draw Committee know early that it might not be an issue. The team will still miss out on competition points.

**Motion to start enforcing default fees passed unanimously.**

**Meeting closed 8.45pm**

**Next meeting 17 June 7pm** (and then 19 Aug, 16 Sep and AGM 18 Nov).