

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of NETBALL WA (INC.)

Held on Thursday, 18 April 2024

At the Gold Netball Centre, 200 Selby Street, Jolimont WA 6014  
and via Zoom Videoconference

### 1. MEETING OPENING:

The President, Craig Heatley, opened the Special General Meeting at 6:33pm and officially welcomed all to the meeting.

#### 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The President acknowledged country.

#### 1.2 Attendance & Apologies

Attendance was recorded for the following: Craig Heatley (President), Simone Hansen (Group Chief Executive Officer); Trish Robinson (Director); Lisa Wynne (Director); Dana Sawka (Director); Natasha Aristei (Director), Skye Miller (Director); Nadia Mitsopoulos (Director); Brooke Camfield (CF&PO); Beth Harvey (General Manager, Community Netball); Jo Smith (Stakeholder Manager); Anne-Maree Wood-Gush (Executive Assistant & Minute Taker); Elizabeth Tillich (Legal Representative, Jackson McDonald) and Members –

Kristy Beckingham (Broome); Graham Jones (Bunbury); Michelle Ward (Busselton); Fiona McDonald (Esperance); Melissa Strutt (Eastern Hills); Sonda Anderson (Fremantle); Carisa Mincherton (Geraldton); Coralee Italiano (Harvey); Anna Hopkins (Joondalup); Nicole McKennay (Kalamunda & Districts); Jacqui Jones (Karratha); Crystal Fletcher (Leschenault); Leah Mansfield (Mandurah); Vicki Chadwick (Narrogin & Districts); Janice Clamp (Noranda); Leanne Hunt (Northam); Fran Farrington (Perth); Brooke Onoforo (Rockingham & Districts); Jenny Maras (Southern Districts); Charlene Smith (Success); Reannan Haswell (Swan Districts); Roger Lewis (Wanneroo Districts); Shaunne Higgs (Bench Official); Helen Robinson (Life Member).

Apologies were received and recorded for the following: Glenda Kickett (Director); Sally Ironmonger, Annette Simper, Sue Taylor, Lyn Pemberton (Life Members); Teagan Lister (Kunnunarra).

#### 1.3 Confirmation of Quorum

The President confirmed the meeting quorum had been reached, noting that Voting Members from 18 of the 21 Associations were in attendance.

## 2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

### 2.1 Changes to the NWA Rules of Association

The President explained the process and rules for voting at the meeting, noting that all votes were to be submitted using the chat function on Zoom, so a record can be maintained.

The President outlined the reasons for the proposed changes to amend the current Rules of Association as follows:

- promote good contemporary governance practices;
- build and maintain an effective governance infrastructure;
- provide the Board with flexibility to ensure corporate and commercial agility;
- reflect revised membership practices; and
- foster a culture of continuous improvement.

The President explained that while many provisions in the current Rules have simply been amended, removed or replaced to improve clarity and consistency, the material changes are:

- removal of the requirement for Associations to sign and submit nominations form for the nomination of Directors;
- removal of the strict time periods for notice of vacancies and nominations for elections of Directors;
- removal of the procedural detail relating to membership criteria, applications and renewals (which, if passed, will be contained in the relevant policy document);
- reduction to the notice periods for General Meetings;
- introduction of the power for the Board to remove a Director for conduct that materially breaches the Rules, policy or the law; and
- increased clarity regarding the types of positions which may conflict with a person's eligibility to be a Director.

The President asked the Voting Members to consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a special resolution to amend the Rules of the Association under rule 49.3 of the Rules:

**MOTION:** That the Rules be repealed in their entirety and replaced with the new Rules in the form set out in Annexure 3 of the agenda, with effect from the date on which the new Rules are approved by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, then asked Members to submit their votes for or against.

**Following the counting and verification of votes, the motion was unanimously carried with 18 votes.**



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The President thanked the Members for their assistance and participation in the voting process, before briefly outlining the next steps of the Board election process.

### 3. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6:47pm.

**Signed:**

Craig Heatley – President  
Netball WA

**Date:**

18 April 2024