



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

Held on Thursday, 6 March 2024

At the Perth Netball Association, Matthews Netball Centre,  
200 Selby Street, Jolimont WA 6014

### 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); Maria May (Director); Dana Sawka (Director); Natasha Aristei (Director), Warren Fish (Director); Nadia Mitsopoulos (Director); Beth Harvey (General Manager, Community Netball); Jo Smith (Stakeholder Manager); Anne-Maree Wood-Gush (Executive Assistant & Minute Taker); and Members –

Tanya Steele (Belmont NA); Sondra Anderson (Fremantle NA); Carisa Mincherton (Geraldton); Coralee Italiano (Harvey); Anna Hopkins (Joondalup NA); Nicole McKennay (Kalamunda & Districts NA); Leah Mansfield (Mandurah NA); Janice Clamp (Noranda NA); Fran Farrington (Perth); Dennis Ham (Rockingham & Districts NA); Jenny Maras (Southern Districts NA); Charlene Smith (Success NA); Reannan Haswell (Swan Districts NA); Jenny Hodson (Wanneroo Districts NA); Yvonne Rate (Life Member); Margaret Baldwin (Life Member).

Apologies were received and recorded for the following: Skye Miller (Director); Glenda Kickett (Director); Sally Ironmonger, Fran Haintz, Shaunne Higgs, Elisma Merillo, Shirley Doornbusch (Life Members); and Members: Bunbury NA, Busselton NA, Leschenault NA, Exmouth NA, Kununurra NA, Merredin NA, Albany NA, Karratha NA, Esperance NA, Port Hedland NA, Katanning NA, Geraldton NA and Wickham NA.

#### 1.3 Confirmation of Quorum

The President confirmed the meeting quorum had been reached, noting that Voting Members from 12 of the 20 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 75% majority vote of the Voting Members present and eligible to vote was required to pass the Special Resolution presented today.



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:** The Netball WA Board is seeking, via a Special Resolution, the approval of the Members to repeal the current Netball WA (Inc.) Rules of Association and adopt the new Rules of Association that were attached to the Notice of Meeting.

**Following the counting and verification of votes, the motion was unanimously carried with 12 votes.**

The President thanked the Members for their assistance and participation in the voting process.

### 3. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6:41pm.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig Heatley – President  
Netball WA (Inc)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_