



DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG  
SPORTS COUNCIL

# Primary Sports Meeting

Tuesday 26 April 2016

4:00pm-6:00pm

Catholic Education Office

Ground Floor Conference Room 1

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## *Minutes*

### 1. Welcome, Prayer, Apologies

#### Prayer: Prayer before a meeting

**Welcome:** John welcomed the sport coordinators and thanked them for attending, especially being the first day back after the holidays.

**Attendance:** Brian McCann and Simone Miller (Albion Park), Christine Smith (Bulli), Brett Murphy (Corrimal), Michelle Atkins (Dapto), Tracy New (Teleconference - Eagle Vale), Lindsay Burns (Fairy Meadow), Anne Rowles (Helensburgh), Michael Hyland (Teleconference - Ingleburn), Kristie O'Hara (Kiama), Erin Chard (Teleconference - St Mary Star of the Sea, Milton), Chris Boyd (Teleconference - Moss Vale) Kevin Devine (Teleconference – Narellan Vale) Renee Maguire (Nowra), Donna Spiteri (Picton), Anna Pulbrook & Samuel Mattas (Port Kembla), Danielle Russell (Rosemeadow), Darryn Warren (Ruse), Shaun Dutailis (Shellharbour) Michelle Masterson (Shellharbour City), Kirra Calvert (Thirroul), Maurice Bernardi (Unanderra), Sandra Briscoe (Warrawong), Frank Timpano (West Wollongong), John Sparks (CEO) & Lindy Davis (Minutes - CEO).

**Apologies:** Phillip Lane (Teleconference unable to access - Bowral), Louise Limbrey (Campbelltown), Chris Price (Gwynneville), Marion Augustine (Ruse)

2. **Minutes from February Meeting** as true and accurate: Michelle Masterson, seconded Darryn Warren

3. **Motion on Notice – Nil**

### 4. Term 1 Reports 2016

- I. Pre MacKillop AFL Trials (17 February) Report tabled, John thanked Ben Woods - Convener
- II. Swimming - Western Region (1 March) – Great day, John thanked OLHC, Rosemeadow, officials, parents and team managers.
- III. Swimming – South Coast (2 March) Great day, John thanked St Columbkille's, Corrimal, officials, parents and team managers.
- IV. Mackillop Basketball & Tennis Trials (4 March) Wollongong hosted the trials. The Tennis went till very late in the afternoon, it is a very difficult sport to finalise and rank the top 5 players
- V. Swimming - Selection Trials (8 March), Mackillop (31 March), NSW PSSA (6 & 7 April)
- VI. Diocesan Winter Trials – Netball, Rugby League, Football, Hockey (10 March)

John highlighted areas of concern with the process of nominating a student. Overall nominations are good, late nominations are an issue, once the due date has happened a list goes out to schools to check that their nominations are correct and the convener gets the list. Some students were not up to the standard and should not have trialed. Do not send a student for experience, we need the students who are ready for selection in the current year. Coordinators to liaise directly with the convenor if you have any questions or concerns. John advised of a parent complaint that was made at the girls' hockey, her child was not selected, but she was last year, this was due nomination numbers last year (there just enough to make the team) but this year there were a lot more nominations and girls that were more talented /skilful. Trial 'no shows' are a problem and students that turn up who are not nominated.

John thanked the convenors for the hard work and expertise – it is a very time consuming exercise and to have these 'x' factors thrown in at the last minute makes it very stressful.

Trial Guidelines (adopted by the primary sports council October 2007 revised April) Information in pack. Changes have been highlighted in red, everyone was happy with the changes and they will be adopted.

All winter trial nominations are now due in November this year for 2017. John thanked all those convenors who are involved in the winter trials.

VII. Mackillop Trials AFL (18 March) report tabled

VIII. Trial Comments/Evaluation. Selection consideration for students unable to attend the trials  
Firstly thanks for your cooperation in submitting your nominations mostly on time, a few late ones

### **Overseeing the process:**

- All students need to be given a fair and equitable trial with equal time to display their talents. Students are required to attend the trial to be considered for selection. Where students cannot attend the trials, due to special circumstances, a written application must come from the school and be submitted to both the trial convener and the executive officer at least one week prior to the trial date. Students may be given special consideration based on their background but the priority will remain with the students attending the trial.
- Please don't send students to the trial to 'give them an experience for next year', trials are to pick teams for this year. Also make sure there up to standard.
- Complaints from a few parents regarding their child not being selected. Parents and students need to realise that this is part of the trialling process and being knocked back is an experience.
- This year there was a clash with the Smith Hill High School Selective test, possibly a St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong & Edmund Rice College, Wollongong open day. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate everyone but this will certainly be considered in planning for the future.
- No shows with no notice, student's need to inform their school if they are not going to show up to the trial. Touch boys – 8 or 9 didn't show up and 2 were 45 mins late
- Donna Spiteri said that the students trialling on the day are known by a number, Donna had 65 boys on the field.
- Michelle Masterson asked "do the schools get notified about students not turning up"?

## **5. Term 2 Events**

I. Diocesan Cross Country (3 May) Diocesan Cross Country – Renee Maguire

- Comprehensive Information provided in the Cross country pack handed out by Renee.
- Mark Tweed is helping out this year.
- Parking has been changed – schools are to take note when they arrive and to follow the parking attendant's directions
- Three competitors from each school in each age group.
- Dave Atkins from Nazareth will do the walk around the course, Runner's sheet is provided in the pack, please make changes and hand to the staff in the caravan, changes can be made on the day.
- Hoping to get students from St John's, Nowra to help out around the course
- Speak with your students regarding no pushing
- Please organise to have one of your students participate in the prayer
- Renee thinks that the shute (finish line) could be different this year, but she will check on the morning, it was back to straight, if your school is rostered on at the finish line please make sure you can rotate your parents to give them a break
- Renee has given her mobile number to schools but please do not give to parents.
- Any questions. John advised that a fourth runner is not normal so don't think you can add a fourth runner. If for some reason you need to have a fourth runner could you please contact John.

- Anna said that it's sad that the small schools don't have enough runners and they get maximum points, some schools think they we should run the 3km on the day but not all can do that.
- Students with disabilities, please advise John

#### Upcoming Events

- II. MacKillop Winter Trials – Football, Netball and Rugby League (6 May, Canberra) & Hockey
- III. Diocesan Rugby Knockout Tournament (13 May - **Entries Due Friday 29 April**)
- IV. Diocesan Rugby Trials Thursday (13 May – **Entries Due Friday 29 April**)
- V. MacKillop Touch (20 May)
- VI. MacKillop Cross Country (17 June)
- VII. South Coast Netball Gala Day (21 June – **Entries Due Friday 10 June**)
- VIII. Western Region Netball Gala Day (23 June – **Entries Due Friday 10 June**) Divisions A & B team Junior and Senior Boys for western Region netball Please do not contact Secondary schools for referees, back up date is 28/06/2016
- IX. MacKillop Rugby Trials (27 June)
- X. CPS Netball Carnival (Sydney) and Basketball Challenge (Canberra), online nominations are now open

#### 6. General Business

- I. CDF Sports Awards Feedback – Points allocations for most outstanding awards (see over)
- II. CEO Update – Re-badging, Homepage, CEO Twitter
- III. Online Registrations & Consent Forms – CEO currently waiting for CDF to look at the process at their level.
- IV. Sporting Schools website – <https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/> information in pack.
- V. West Region Athletics for 2017 to be held at Campbelltown on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August.
- VI. Survey Results John went through the CPS survey results without revealing the names of the school only the outcomes.

#### **CDF Sports Awards Feedback**

A great evening, with 400 - 450 people in attendance. Melanie Gainsford-Taylor was a great guest speaker!

There were some primary parent feedback reported around the most outstanding awards, which is decided by a point system. Discussions were had regarding the following questions:

*7.1 Should school team's students represent by used in overall point score?*

**All agreed 24**

*7.2 Points double along rep pathway except between MacKillop to PSSA. Should the points be doubled for a PSSA team?*

**All agreed**

*7.3 Should a student's achievements (post sports awards) be carried over into the points for the following year?*

**Yes 15 – No 9**

*7.4 If a primary student medals at Nationals should this be equivalent to making an Australian team?*

**All disagreed**

These results will be taken back to the CDF Sports Awards committee for consideration.

Red award winners only – so students who have made a PSSA Team or 2 MacKillop teams or better higher level students

**Meeting closed at 5:15pm Next Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

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