

# DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS COUNTRY WEEK

## SCHOOL DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES

9:00am Thursday 23 September 2021

Bendat Basketball Stadium

### 1. Attendance.

School	Delegate
Bethel Christian School	Samantha Dixon
Boddington District High School	Melissa Miller
Boyup Brook District High School	Stephen Franklyn
Bridgetown High School	John Tonai-Moore
Corrigin District High School	Jackie Jones
Dalwallinu District High School	Petrina Bean
Dongara District High School	Frankie James
Geraldton Grammar School	Meg Cinanni
Gingin District High School	Louise Devine
Jurien Bay District High School	Todd Main
Kambalda West District High School	Pat Longbottom
Kulin District High School	Eliza Edinger
Lake Grace District High School	Jeremy Jordan
Leonora District High School	Robyn Jones
Meekatharra District High School	Emily Copeman
Morawa District High School	Lee Jones
Northampton District High School	Simon Mitchell
Pemberton District High School	Mel Brooks
Roebourne District High School	Katrina Padgurskis
Toodyay District High School	Scott McCallum
Wagin District High School	Courtney Webb
Waroona District High School	Taneika Handley
Wongan Hills District High School	Jai Pollard
York District High School	Nathan Mills
SSWA	Alex McLennan
SSWA	Peter Smith

**Apologies:** Northcliffe DHS, Narembeen DHS, Kalbarri DHS

### 2. Acceptance of previous minutes Moved: Petrina Bean Seconded: *No seconder*

Business arising from 2020 minutes

- 2.1 Regional Members met 12 Nov. 2020. Any items from these minutes that require implementation were discussed at this meeting, ie investigate Futsal.

### 3. Coordinators report

- 3.1 GENERAL: Chairperson Peter Smith [PS] welcomed everyone to the meeting. 29 schools in 2021. Thank you to all school coordinators. Opening Ceremony looked fantastic. No incidents from a SSWA perspective. Scoring system has provided its challenges.
- 3.2 GRADING: Some sports have had changes. Grading concept is to make subtle changes not wholesale. Where you nominate is where you should stay unless a real need to move. This happened with Bridgetown at Netball where a change was required. Need for schools to be proactive with coordinators as some issues across the board in particular Netball, Badminton and Basketball. Suggestion that Regional Coordinators discuss this at the November meeting. Issue with inappropriate comments from an umpire. Earlier grading decisions the better.
- 3.3 ACTIVE ACHIEVERS: Thank you for nominations. 62 was a record. Assuming that schools run a process to determine who is nominated.
- 3.4 SERVICE AWARDS: 7 awards presented. Importance of schools giving us the information. Congratulated Craig Gmeiner on his award. Important that schools or those nominating have a accurate idea of how many years service has been completed.
- 3.5 MERCHANDISE: Sports Centre very pleased with how is going. \$4000 worth of sales on Monday. Active Achievers have a \$10 voucher in their bag. A reminder for them to use it.
- 3.6 FINANCE: System has changed a little bit from previous years. Process was to pay your participation fee then invoice SSWA for the Travel Grant so that we can get that processed ASAP. The assumption was that most schools had already done this. Please check back at school that this has been done. We were hoping to keep the costs the same for 2022. The participation fee was based on a per team basis. So if you had nominated one basketball team and 2 netball teams your fee was 5 x \$50 plus 14 x \$50 even if you had 10 players in the basketball 20 netballers. The hope is to not change this fee and we will attempt to keep it at this price for a while but prices are increasing.
- 3.7 VENUES: A query about the size of the Volleyball courts was received from Dave at Kalbarri DHS. Issue is mostly not enough room for serving. Issue with training session, too many on the courts. Spectators at Volleyball was seen to be an issue. Coordinator didn't see it as an issue. Volleyball is growing in team numbers. Potentially move Badminton there and Volleyball back to Bendat Stadium or move to HBF

Stadium (cost may be prohibitive but to be explored). Some students were getting headaches potentially due to prolonged looking through the nets.

3.8 **ONLINE RESULTS:** Jaro system in use. Students are using it. Issues with incorrect data (fixtures and times) for basketball and badminton. Some manual addition of scores etc. Has had issues for parents wanting to come up and watch but the fixtures weren't reliable. Some issues with results being inputted incorrectly.

3.9 **FEEDBACK FROM SPORT COORDINATORS:**

**Badminton** – Teams have been amazing. Issue raised in regards to grading.

**Basketball** – Early game 8am only one game would have liked another one in the day. Please make sure that if this is an issue for your school let SSWA know ASAP so we can look to make a change. Some scoring issues with data being written in incorrectly which has required the coordinator to do a bit of chasing around to clarify the scores.

**Futsal** – First time in Country Week. Week enjoyed by all involved.

**Hockey** – Geraldton were a lot better than anyone. All running well.

**Netball** – Running well. Some issues with spectators from another sport that had to be dealt with by coordinator.

**Volleyball** – Happy with the efforts of all staff and students involved. No issues with the venue. Space for clinic was tight for the number of students involved.

#### 4. Delegates election

All Coordinators were thanked for their work over the year.

Northern: Simon Mitchell – elected unopposed

Mid West: Petrina Bean – elected unopposed

Midlands: Craig Gmeiner – elected unopposed

South West: *Position Not Filled*

#### 5. General Business

5.1 **CLOSING CEREMONY:** details in handbook, all team captains to assemble behind coreflutes. Student MC's from – Waroona and Northcliffe. Change to Acknowledgement of Country – Kulin no longer doing and potentially Boddington to provide.

5.2 **RULE CHANGES:** Highlight the No Contact aspect of Netball. Mercy rule was introduced and is working well. Futsal rules to be looked at and updated. Thank you to the Sport Coordinator for initiating this update.

5.3 **EVALUATIONS:** Link to be sent out post event. Please give the feedback in order for the event to improve. Regional delegates to discuss these evaluations at their November meeting.

5.4 **AOB:**

**AFL** – Would like to see AFL back. Issue of duty of care with Years 7 – 10 age gap being too big with size etc. Potentially a change in having divisions ie Yr 7/8 and Yr 9/10. Also an issue with rules. Question relating to whether schools could combine. Yes was the answer.

**BASKETBALL** – Question as to why only 2 Girls teams? Only two teams nominated. Would need at least 4 to run a viable Girls division.

**NETBALL** – Issues with abusive behaviour from spectators. It's important that SSWA officials are made aware of any issues promptly so that these issues can be dealt with immediately. At the very least please make the Sport Coordinator aware of what is occurring. It's important that we are made aware of these issues so that these teams / groups are not given "Sportsmanship" awards.

**NETBALL** – Coordinator was using inappropriate language, swearing around students. Issue to be discussed with the coordinator post country week.

**REGIONAL DIVISIONS** – One school raised a query as to why they were in the Northern region of schools but should be in the Mid West. Peter said that it was historical potentially. Pemberton delegate at the meeting suggested that one of other Pemberton staff may be interested and would approach them.

**BADMINTON** – Dalwallinu representative raised issue in relation to the grading process used. How the pools / divisions are initially developed was discussed. It was generally agreed that this needs to be raised with the coordinator with regards to 2022.

**Meeting closed 9.52am**