Christian Schools Sports Association

CSSA AGM Minutes 2013
Monday 2nd April 2012  Mamre Anglican School

Attendance
Linda Heslehurst  Amanda Butterworth  Neil Wescombe
Glenn Pyne  Australian CC  Tim Johnson  Cedars CC  Wade Parker
David Sochen  Coffs Harbour CCS  Ross Graham  ICS Tongarra  Troy Dixon
David Haes  Loquat Valley AP  Rebecca Jackson  Macquaries AGS  Julie Kennedy
Ben Gough  Mamre Ang School  Alison Antaky  Mar Narsai  Mar Narsai
Simon Waddes  Mt Annan CC  Amy Bardsley-Smith  Nepean CS  Rod Braine
Lisa Mallard  Nth Beaches CS  Meredith Harvey  Oxford Falls GS  Andrew Waters
Justin Cox  Pacific Hills CS  Andrew Hutchinson  Penrith CS  Daniel Nixon
Melissa Sinclair  Rouse Hill AC  Tim Bluhdorn  SSCS  Stephen Moore
Rob Archer  St George CS  Michael Capilli  Summerland CC  Maria Keehan
Terri Roberts  Toongabbie CS  Michelle Timperly  Toongabbie CS  Rebecca Dillon
Pip Corderoy  William Carey CS  Jason Hosking  William Carey CS  Tyndale CS

Apologies
Mark Hall  Belmont CC  Ben Robins  Belmont CC  Stephen Spies  Berowra CCS
Charles Bickersteth  Carinya CS  Josh Davies  Carinya CS  Tanya Hammond  Covenant
Jay Trevaskis  Covenant  Ken McCarron  Greenacre Baptist  Shazza Datta  Greenacre Baptist
Jason Clifford  ICS – Cordeaux  Geoff David  ICS – Cordeaux  Nikki Bignal  Jervis Bay CCS
Peter Reid  Northcross  Michelle Thompson  Pacific Coast  Jackson Grigg  Pacific Coast
Rowena Benjamin  St Hurmidz APS  Phil Askew  SSCS  Brent Donaldson  Taree CCS
Gordon Bromhead  Tyndale CS  Timothy Bacon  Wagga Wagga CC  Andrew Stewart  Wycliffe CS
Rachel James  William Carey CS

Devotions:  Nathan Asher Mamre AS Chaplain John 13: 1-17

• Jesus washing his disciples feet
• Serving one another because of “love”.
• Unconditional love – look to Jesus & His death on the cross
• Jesus wasn’t concerned with his status but was prepared to give up His life. He knew that he was God’s son & was free to serve us unconditionally. Do you know who you are?
• What is your identity? You are a child of God! This should free you to serve one another like Jesus.
• Phil 2:5 Taking on this mindset will help us serve one another like Jesus

1. Accept minutes from AGM 2012
   ○ Moved: Andrew Hutchinson
   ○ Seconded: Lisa Mallard
   ○ Accepted: unanimously

2. Presidents Report: Julie Kennedy – see attachment

3. Accept & table President’s Report
   ○ Moved: Julie Kennedy
   ○ Seconded: Andrew Hutchinson
   ○ Accepted: Unanimously
4. Treasurer's Report: Neil Wescombe - see attachment
   - Auditors report:
     o The full report has been lodged with Linda Heslehurst & is available to members
     o Financial report gives a full and accurate report of the operations of CSSA
     o Independent audit with no vested interest in CSSA
     o Segregation of duties is inadequate due to the low number of staff.
     o This year the auditors accepted our stock reports from Costsmart
     o Stock sales reconciled
     o Auditors gave CSSA accounts a clean bill of health

5. Accept & table President’s Report
   o Moved: Neil Wescombe
   o Seconded: Andrew Hutchinson
   o Accepted: Unanimously

6. Executive Officer Report: Linda Heslehurst – See attachment

7. Accept & table Executive Officer Report
   - Moved: Julie Kennedy
   - Seconded: Troy Dixon
   - Accepted: Unanimously

8. Vote in New Committee of Management Members

   Current Positions:
   o President : Julie Kennedy
   o Vice President : Andrew Waters stepping down as vice to ordinary member
   o Treasurer : Neil Wescombe
   o Secretary : Rachel James
   o Primary Liaison Lisa Mallard
   o Secondary Liaison Wade Parker new vice-president
   o Ordinary Member 1 Michael Capilli

   o Principal Rep: Ken McCarron Greenacre Baptist CS
   o Principal Rep: Greg Batten ICS
   o Principal Rep: Warren Melville Dubbo CS

   o Secondary Liaison vacant
   o Ordinary Member 3: vacant
uphold the best interests of the Association and it has, once again, been a privilege working with you this year.

And lastly, I would like to thank our wonderful Executive Officer, Linda Heslehurst. Linda has been instrumental in the continued development of the Association and we all have a lot to be thankful for her tireless dedication to the role she has to play. In 2012 she worked tirelessly to continue to build and prepare our state for the massive adventure of National Christian School Games which are being held in May 2013. If it wasn’t for her, we would have even more to do in our already busy schedules. I would like to thank Linda for the magnificent work she did in 2012. I want to thank Linda for her support of me in my role as President as well as her personal friendship. Linda often fields a great deal of complaints and criticism from various areas, most of which has not been justified, but she has always maintained a great sense of humility, composure and professionalism in dealing with these issues and I commend and thank her for this.

I hope and pray that our Association will continue to thrive in the next 12 months and years to come and that our schools, students and staff can all continue to enjoy the fellowship through the sporting arena as well as see our students reach their sporting goals and see God glorified through the performances of our students.

Thank you
Julie Kennedy – CSSA President
As I look back on 2012 there are many events and achievements that occurred for our association that we can both be proud of, and be grateful for. Firstly, and one of the most significant for me personally, was surviving the long service leave of our wonderful Executive Officer!! With this, I am personally exceptionally grateful for the ob Amanda Butterworth did in replacing Linda during these 17 weeks. A massive ‘thank you’ to Amanda for her hard work and dedication, over and above what she was initially prepared to invest. Thank you to Linda, for doing everything possible for Amanda to have as few ‘bumps’ as possible in that time. Lastly, a big thank you to the COM for recognising Amanda’s workload and honouring her and our position as Godly employers to ensure she was properly remunerated for the work she did.

Over the past 12 months as an association we have fulfilled our duties CIS and our commitment to sport committees have improved. While our efforts need to be to CSSA first, it is still vital that we continue to uphold our responsibilities to CIS. I would like to thank all of the association delegates, convenors and committee members who have served on all sports through 2012.

At a CSSA level, there have continued to be some of the usual issues such as finding convenors for several sports due to staff leaving the Association or having other commitments throughout the year, however the number of vacant positions is reducing which is encouraging.

I would also like to that the Committee of Management for your efforts this year. You have continued to uphold the best interests of the Association and it has, once again, been a privilege working with you this year.

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Julie Kennedy – CSSA President
I was recently talking to a parent at the Primary State Swimming Carnival who asked why we have a runner in the centre of the CSSA fish logo on a swimming cap?

I explained the origin of our logo and that the runner represented the words from Hebrews 12:1 "Run with Perseverance" which use to appear underneath the fish symbol.

I thought I would base my report on Hebrews 12:1 which reads:
And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

2012 was a year for many where perseverance was heavily relied upon.

For myself Term 1 & 2 required focus & perseverance as I planned and organised the administration and running of state carnivals and gala days for Amanda, who filled my position while I was away on long service leave.

For Amanda patience, determination & perseverance were required as she undertook a job which had many layers and complexities to it that would normally be learnt over 2 or 3 years not 2 or 3 months.

I would like to thank Amanda for all her hard work, patience in very trying times. Her determination and perseverance ensured the smooth running of the association continued throughout the second half of 2012. Amanda’s efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Committee of Management are also to be thanked for their support and in particular our president Julie Kennedy who was always at hand to answer any questions Amanda had and deal with any issue that arose.

Over the last 12 months I have realised that in running an organisation like CSSA we must "persevere" regardless of the many distractions around us. It is very easy to become disheartened when we are criticised or undertake a task that appears to be impossible. It is easy to become distracted by the world’s standards and expectations. However by keeping our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, no matter what we are doing, we will succeed (maybe not the way we were expecting) and bring glory to God.

This kind of perseverance requires focus, concentration and determination. Something which we can all be praying for.

I am encouraged by those within the Association who support me in my role as "Executive Officer". In particular I would like to thank the State Sports Convenors who go beyond their school responsibilities to run state gala days and trials for our students so that they can use the sporting gifts & talents God has given them.

Thank you for your hard work and tireless efforts.

I ask that you all continue to support these people by offering to help them out wherever possible. This may be at the zone level where they may not be able to do quite as much, as they are committed to running state events.

Finally to run with perseverance means we must keep on running PATIENTLY. This is something that I lose sight of particularly during the chaos of running a carnival. I’m sure you can all relate to that.

Running an association like CSSA cannot be taken for granted. It requires a lot of hard work and cooperation from many people over a long period of time. If we are to make an impact as a “Christian” organisation we must work together, encouraging and supporting one another as we keep our eyes focused on Jesus and ultimately bring Glory to our Heavenly Father.