## CSSA Annual General Meeting 2017

**Wednesday 22nd March 2017**

**Mamre Anglican School**


### Item | Response and Actions
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**Deviations: Mike Foxall**
1 Timothy 6– Paul – fight the good fight to fulfil the command to love God and to love people. | → Pursue righteousness / Have a God awareness / Develop Faith and trust / Love people / Fight with Endurance / Gentleness

**1.0 Accept minutes from AGM 2016**
- Tabled – Julie Kennedy | → Moved: David Hyde
→ Secended: Lisa Phillips
→ Accepted: Unanimously

**2.0 Presidents Report** – see attached
- Tabled - Julie Kennedy | → Moved: Andrew Hutchinson
→ Secended: Maria Keehan
→ Accepted: Unanimously

**3.0 Treasurer’s Report** – year ending Dec 2016
- Tabled – Neil Wescombe
  - Auditors Opinion – accounts are balanced and accurate.
  - National Christian Schools Games accounts for the large Difference between 2015 / 2016 current assets due to the large | → Full audited report available through Linda
→ Moved: Neil Wescombe
→ Secended: Paul McConnell
→ Accepted: Unanimously
number of money (fees, uniforms etc) moving through the books.
  o $2462 specified on the report – refers to tax owed. Has been paid.

4.0 Executive Officer Report – see attached
- Tabled – Linda Heslehurst

→ Moved: Julie Kennedy
→ Seconded: Kasie Bingham
→ Accepted: Unanimously

→ Sport and Christianity - 21 point declaration [https://sportandchristianity.com/declaration/]

- Confirm Committee of Management Members
  - 2 vacancies for Ordinary COM members
  - Secondary position filled: Matthew Kent – Coffs Harbour
  - Principal rep position filled – John Rolland

→ Expression of interests to Linda Heslehurst

5.0 Annual Report/ CIS 2017 – Amanda Butterworth
- Contains information from the previous year including results, teams, dates, contacts, awards etc from all sports.
- Active committee member must be present on the CIS committee for that sport in order for more than 3 students to be able to trial.
- Option presented in 2016 for schools to pay a levy ($450) rather than providing a staff member.
- Schools required to provide a committee rep are schools within 200km of Sydney CBD

→ Annual report will be made available on CSSA website when it is completed.
→ CIS committee members to attend event as well as meeting in 2017.
→ Schools who do not respond regarding CIS committee members will be automatically charged the $450 levy – and will be invoiced on the term 1 account.

6.0 Bible League
- Working in 60 countries around the world to bring bibles to those who cannot access them.
- Australian arm predominantly focuses on fundraising.
- Don’t just provide the bible but a resource and contact to encourage and support someone into coming into a relationship with Christ.
- Main focuses: Project Phillip / Church plant training / bible based literacy
- Opportunity to reach all schools in South Africa.

→ Run for bibles program to run in conjunction with cross country or as a separate run.
→ [https://bl.org.au/events/run4bibles2017/]

Tennis
- ANZ Hot shots program

### 7.0 Primary and Secondary Meeting

- **CSSA Secondary State Swimming**
  - Monday 22nd – 3rd swimmer in each event this year in line with CIS.
  - Concerns voiced about not having a qualifying time for the 3rd swimmer.

- **CSSA Athletics 2017**
  - 3 competitors from each event to qualify for CSSA. Qualifying heights and distances for field events but not for track events.

- **CSSA State X-Country 2017**

- **State Oztag GD**
  - Safety concerns – pockets in shorts and shirts not tucked in.
  - Shirts should remain tucked in at all times.
  - Schools encouraged to put Velcro onto non-pocketed shorts rather than use belts.
  - Current venue limits participation – suggestion to move to another venue to increase participation. The Ridge playing field – Menai / The Kingsway – Penrith

- **CSSA Rugby League and Rugby Union nominations**

- **CIS referee pathway**

- **National Christian School Games**
  - Confirmation of student entries

→ CIS additional events for swimming due Monday.
→ Qualifying heights and distances to be sent out.

→ Online entries are open go to CSSA website.
→ Close Tuesday prior to the event at 6pm.
→ Same logon code and code for meet manager – check the list on website if unsure.
→ School duties – send name and mobile number to Linda

→ CSSA recommends teams must wear official oztag shorts
→ Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to play while wearing shorts with pockets

→ 15 and U / opens division in 2017
→ The Kingsway St Mary’s

→ Nominations close very soon. Get nominations in week 9.

→ Contact Amanda Butterworth if you have any students who would like to be nominated to be referees for CSSA.

→ Deposit due by Friday or position will not be confirmed and shadow players may be contacted.
### 8.0 Primary Meeting

- **Primary State Swimming**
  - General comments - number entries, events
  - Start time
  - Officials
  - Proposal for Relays at the end of the carnival to assist with uniform sales – better to finish the day with the excitement of the relays.
  - Primary State Girls Football GD
    - Entries
    - Referees

→ Unacceptable to have Zone carnival within a few days of CSSA. May need to explore the possibility of a night carnival if unable to get a pool earlier.

→ Officiating breast stroke at zone carnivals is important to limit disqualifications at CSSA.

### 9.0 Secondary Meeting

- **Secondary State Touch Football GD**
  - Wet weather options – date / venue
  - 2018 convenor required
  - 2018 venue - Support from all zones to keep the event on the North Coast
  - CSSA Secondary State Swimming

→ Still planned to go ahead at this stage. Call to be made lunchtime Wednesday whether on or not. Notification via app.

→ Friday 5th May only viable option for reschedule.

→ Contact accommodation to determine if you get accommodation deposits back.

→ 8 fields needed for GD to be run – contact Linda if you have options for running it in Sydney.

→ From 2018 Zone convenor will not be included as a duty due to increase in demands for timers (10 lanes)

**Close AGM 1.00pm**
President’s Report – 2016/2017

There were many other high quality sporting events held throughout the year which provided our CSSA students opportunities to use their gifts and talents to represent themselves, their schools and the association. I would like to thank each sports convenors and coaches from 2016 for their efforts and dedication to the sport and the association. Without every one of you, our students go without opportunities. I would like to especially recognise those of you who go above and beyond, putting their hand up over and over to help out and do things for the students and the association. It is a stark reminder that we ALL need to get in and help run things within our association.

Across the past 12 months the COM have continued to focus on tightening and uphold the Constitution by holding schools to account within the Membership Agreement – Employment of non-Christian teachers. Our Principal Reps continue to approach Principals from identified schools and had open and honest conversations with them about their employment practices, and their schools being places into a “provisional membership” agreement when necessary.

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. A special thank you to Mr Neil Wescombe, our Treasurer, who has continued to improve and ensure the financial standards of our Association, it is great to see that we continue to be in such a strong financial position.

We continue to be regarded in high esteem at CIS meetings and are very well represented by our convenors, committee members on sports, and Amanda Butterworth as our delegate.

In 2017 the National CS Games will be held in Sydney, NSW from Sunday 14 to Thursday 18 May 2017. Sports to be played will be: Basketball, Football, Netball, Tennis and Volleyball. This event is gigantic in its preparation and CSSANSW are grateful for all the work done by the NCSG Committee.

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. If it wasn’t for her, we would all have even more to do in our already busy schedules. I would like to thank Linda especially for the magnificent work she did in the organisation of the NCS Games.

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
CSSA Executive Officer Report 2016/2017

In 2016/17 several schools were accepted as new members into our Association. We also had a number of new people step into the role of sports coordinator within our schools. I would like to officially welcome those new to CSSA. It is encouraging to see the Association grow & provide more students the opportunity to participate in sport & sporting events within and between Christian Schools.

For many the Christian School Sports Association is just another Association that runs sporting events & provides a pathway for students to progress through to a higher level of competition. We are however more than just a Sports Association. We are a like-minded group of people that confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of Creation. We have been given a special task to teach the children under our care to understand the world from a Christ-centred perspective using sport as a platform. This opens up opportunities to talk to our students about their relationship with Jesus and for us to live by example.

The “Sport and Christianity” website has outlined a 12 point Declaration on Sport and the Christian Life. The 1st declaration states that Sport has a legitimate place in the Christian life:

....People play sport primarily for the love of the game, the thrill of competition, and the sense of community that comes from participation. When played and watched in faithfulness to God sport occupies a legitimate place as part of the created world and helps express our relationship to God and to one another.

When passion for sport exceeds passion for Christ or the work of His church, or when sport becomes all-consuming and commitments such as worship, service, and family are diminished, sport poses a challenge to the consecrated life. In light of who God is and who He calls us to be, we must examine and order our affections and priorities regarding sport.

https://sportandchristianity.com/

I’m sure you all agree this is very challenging and a great reminder of the role sport should play in our professional & personal lives.

“Sport & Christianity” also declares that Sport can glorify God (Declaration #5)

..... the quality of the Christian’s play and participation should be distinctive, marked by Spirit-informed virtues..... patience, kindness, humility, self-control

It is very encouraging to see these virtues being displayed by both our teachers and students at sporting events. Numerous times I have been approached by a parent, an official, a bus driver commenting on how well behaved our students are & the positive attitude they display to each other. At a recent State Gala Day, students from both the winning & losing teams prayed together after the finals. What a privilege it is to part of this Association.
I cannot express enough thanks to our State Convenors, Team Mangers & Coaches who go beyond the call of duty. I would like to thank you for the many hours you have spent organising and managing teams and events. Your hard work and dedication to the Association and students who attend Christian Schools is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support and encouragement over the past 12 months and the way in which you conduct yourselves at our carnivals as you strive for excellence but also keep a Godly perspective on things.

I would also like to acknowledge the on going support and outstanding contribution of the CSSA Committee of Management. Over the past 18 months we have been focusing on the core values and founding principles of the Association. I would like to acknowledge and thank Carolyn Brothers (Dubbo CS) and David Sochon (Coffs Harbour CCS) as they step down from the Committee of Management after 4 years of service to the Association. At present there are 2 ordinary vacancies on the Committee of Management. If you have been part of the Association for a number of years please consider joining.

Our professional relationship with CIS remains strong. CIS have expressed thanks to CSSA for our continued support providing competent convenors & sub-committees members. Amanda Butterworth has performed outstandingly in her role as CSSA representative for CIS. Amanda’s support and encouragement has also been invaluable to me and I look forward to continuing our strong working relationship.

I also look forward to another exciting year as we all work together to foster Christian thought and practice both on and off the sporting field.

Yours in Christ

Linda Heslehurst
CSSA Executive Officer