

# NEWCASTLE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## Record of Meeting



<b>MEETING TITLE:</b>	2023 Presidents Meeting		
<b>MEETING LOCATION:</b>	Softball Clubrooms, Stevenson Ave, Mayfield.	<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	Tuesday, 27 March 2023
		<b>MEETING START:</b>	18:30
		<b>MEETING END:</b>	19:35
<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Duane Harrison	<b>RECORDED BY:</b>	Maxine Poole
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Duane Harrison <i>NBA-Chairman</i>	Percy Damian <i>Lake Camels</i>	
	Maxine Poole <i>NBA – Secretary</i>	Phil Davies <i>White Sox / Life Member</i>	
	Scott Foster <i>Treasurer/Life Member</i>	Josh Van Eynde <i>Toronto</i>	
	Ian Hook <i>NBA / Life Member</i>	Jason Gould <i>Maitland</i>	
	Brian Sullivan <i>NBA-Registrar</i>	Ray Crosby <i>Seaham</i>	
	Jason Picot <i>NBA</i>	Luke Roberts <i>Woodberry</i>	
	Megan Doudle <i>NBA</i>	Steve Pack <i>Belmont</i>	
		Richard Campbell <i>Boomerangs</i>	
		Sean Doudle <i>Phoenix</i>	
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Travers Searle, Fiona Hinton-Rodgers, Michael Campbell		

### 1 COACHING

There has been plenty of opportunity for coaches to locally gain their accreditation. Clubs are not to use unaccredited coaches there will be repercussions for any club found to be doing so.

Senior League players that play up in senior grades must not pitch or catch in both leagues, so senior coaches need to be aware of their junior players and what they have done in their morning games. Juniors cannot pitch both days of the weekend.

### 2 GRADINGS

Gradings were due last Friday. We will be working through them and letting clubs know of any changes needed. Any players not registered will be removed after the first week. Any player who has not played 5 consecutive weeks must be replaced in the grading list. Most likely with the player that has played up the most number of games. Registrar will monitor this.

### 3 QR CODES & RESOURCES

For easy quick reference on game days QR code posters have been developed. These should be displayed in your dugouts.

### 4 JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

Newcastle has merged with the Central Coast for the 2023 State Championships. The team will be called Hunter Coast and new uniform tops have been ordered with the Hunter Coast name. We would like to think we could combine with the Central Coast Marlins and enter a team in the State Comp sometime in the future

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### 5 GRAND FINALS

There is a softball championships being held at Stevenson Park in September so the major League Grand Final has been moved to Waterboard Oval and then back to Boomerangs in 2024.

Major League will be played on September 16th. The format of the AA and Minor League final series was discussed and it was agreed to have the Grand Finals on different weekends. So there will be 3 consecutive Grand Final Saturdays.

Senior League and Junior League GF will be same day as AA and Little League will be the Sunday of Major League final.

### 6 PLAYER NUMBERS

Junior player numbers are down across the clubs so Duane approached Baseball NSW to aid in boosting our registrations for next season.

The Women in Sport festival was a successful day to showcase that women do play and enjoy baseball. We need to look at other avenues and initiatives.

SP- Belmont have almost a full team of females in minor league and had some thoughts that some females from other clubs might like to join with them and have an all female side. They would wear their own clubs shirts. This is only in the suggestion stages.

### 7 UMPIRE FEES

Will remain as last season

- \$60 Major League
- \$50 AA
- \$45 Minor League

Meeting Closed 7:25pm

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