



**WPS NETBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2017
TELECONFERENCES**

PRESENT: Alison Rourke, Mel Fisher, Kirsten Delaney, Janice Choy (part)

APOLOGIES: -

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (AGM October 2016):

Moved by Kirsten Delaney. Seconded by Janice Choy.

TREASURER'S REPORT (attached)

Presented by Janice Choy.

Moved by Kirsten Delaney. Seconded by Alison Rourke.

CONVENORS' REPORT

(Incorporating business arising from previous meeting)

2017 Committee

- All committee members again thanked for volunteering to be part of WPSNC.
- Particular acknowledgement to Carmen Jom and Melissa Couper as new members and Treasurer Janice Choy, who has stayed on despite her daughter not playing.
- Mention and thanks was also made to the additional parents who participated the 2016 AGM.

Off Season

- Committee commented that there was no 'off-season' for netball administration with time as spent over the school holidays finalising registrations, grouping teams, preparing for grading and answering parent queries.

Season 2017 Registration

- Strong registrations received before the end of term 4. Fees were maintained at \$170.
- Further registrations in Week 1 of Term 1 2017.
- At present we are calculating 25 teams, a growth of 1, with 200 players:-
 - 6 teams of 8 in U12s
 - 3 teams of 8 in U11s
 - 5 or 6 teams of 8 in 10s
 - 10 or 11 NSG teams of 8 or 9 players.
- Registration allowed players to also purchase a visor (NSG), jacket or pre-season refresher clinics – at additional cost but subsidised by the club. All additional items had strong uptake (more than 120 at the refresher clinics over two sessions; 35+ jackets ordered; 25+ visors). This was offered at registration to minimise administration for all.

Season 2017 New Initiative

- Two NETS Refresher Clinics were conducted in Week 2 and 3 by external coaches, to help players return to netball after the off-season.
- Over 60 players attended both sessions, aged from U10 to U12 – Years 4, 5, 6.
- Players paid to attend the sessions (\$15 per session), and the cost was subsidised by the amount of \$5 per session to make it affordable and accessible to all.
- The Club's solid financial position allows such initiatives to reinvest back in to the players.
- A significant amount of administration was required to make this happen.

Season 2017 Grading

- Heatwave conditions meant the cancellation and postponement of the first U10 and U11 grading sessions from 11 to 18 and 25 Feb. The first was held successfully on Saturday 18 Feb.
- The first Under-12 grading session took place last Wednesday 15 Feb after school and the 2nd gradings for all age groups take place this week.
- The U12s are the largest group of players ever to play for WPS in a single age group, with 50 girls taking part. This includes 4 girls who have never played before.
- Dates have been widely published on Facebook, school newsletter, email directly to parents and P&C website about grading sessions.
- All grading is/was conducted at WLC outdoor courts, and there are one or two independent graders on every panel.
- Umpires and wranglers have also been/are needed for every session. Committee members thanked all those involved.
- Grading sessions with such large numbers of players take many hours of preparation, trying to ensure all players can play in their nominated positions in a fair way with even court time. Committee members continue to search for processes to streamline the grading process.

Suncorp Super Netball Launch

- The NetSetGo organisation contacted the WPS Netball Club asking for 16 young players to be present at the Suncorp Super Netball media launch, to be held at the Rocks on Wednesday 15 February.
- Initially the Club felt it was not possible to arrange it in such a short time and were concerned about taking children out of school at such a busy time.
- However, considering the uniqueness of the experience and after talking to the Deputy Principal, she provided a template for the permission note and advised a bulk sign in and sign out was possible, which saved some administrative time and made it easier to arrange.
- The excitement of the 16 girls and the assistance of 3 other parent drivers made it possible and rewarding, despite the already heavy netball workload for volunteers (especially in the middle of grading!).
- The excursion was a great success and the girls were excellent representatives of the Club and the School.

CONVENOR'S REPORT:

Presented by Alison Rourke & Melissa Fisher.

Moved by Kirsten Delaney. Seconded by Janice Choy.

GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS

- Swifts Event – tickets have been purchased for a double-header in May, featuring the NSW Swifts and the GWS Giants. Advertising will commence in March. Committee thanked Melissa Couper for organising this.
- New U8 registrations – additional registrations were needed for Under 8 NSG as a number of teams were not prepared to reduce their player numbers. A recent Year 2 bag drop has located 2 additional players for the team that was short.
- Distribution of visors, jackets and water bottles will take place in March/April.
- NSNA Pre-season umpiring Clinics will be advertised on the NSNA website. Committee to inform our members of the dates, courses and requirement ASAP.
- 2017 Junior Umpire Allocations – Committee has contacted all 2016 umpires to ascertain interest in umpiring for WPSNC in 2017. It is likely that WPSNC will outsource most umpiring to Monte. MF to follow up ASAP, including 2016 payment to WPSNC by 2 teams using Monte umpires.

MEETING CONCLUDED: NA

NEXT MEETING: TBC Term 3, Week 2 (P&C Wednesday 24th May 2017)