



**WPS NETBALL CLUB AGM**  
**Thursday, 5 November 2015**  
**Willoughby Hotel**

**MINUTES of MEETING**

Present: Paula Cunningham (outgoing co-convenor), Margie Powell (outgoing co-convenor), Alison Rourke (incoming co-convenor), Mel Fisher (incoming co-convenor), Kirsten Delaney (secretary), Kylie Mitchell, Janice Choy (incoming treasurer), Linda Shaw (continuing Umpires Coordinator), Peter Weingartner (NSG coach), Rachel Sudbury

Apologies: Jane Thorpe, Vanessa Dickey (outgoing Treasurer)

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Annual General meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2014 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Paula Cunningham

Seconded: Kirsten Delaney

Motion carried

**General Business**

- Convenors' Report delivered by Margie Powell – attached as Annexure A
- Umpire Co-ordinators Report – no report tabled
- Treasurer's Report – attached as Annexure B

**General Season Overview**

- No outstanding coaches evaluations for 2015.
- Club received no fines or penalties for lodgement of scoresheets in 2015.
- Grading over 2 weeks immediately after school on school grounds with independent graders was successful.
- No complaints made in 2015 regarding grading of girls.
- Team numbers: noted that smaller team sizes (8/9) was deemed successful in 2015 to ensure girls got plenty of court time. Borrowing of

girls from other teams was seamless and managed very successfully with a system in place so that managers had contact numbers for appropriate borrowing.

- Early registration and early-bird incentive was a success with majority of girls registering before 2014 year end.
- All training in 2015 was held on school courts and therefore no court hire fees were paid. Noted that this may not be feasible in 2015 with possible loss of school court with new demountables.
- Non-WPS students playing for WPS Netball Club.
  - Issue tabled to return registration for Club being strictly for WPS students only.
  - Historically, former students who have moved onto other schools have been allowed to continue playing for WPS Netball Club but given our size now, this has become unsustainable.
  - The enrolment of non-students has been contentious in that in the past non-students have been graded in the top teams, meaning WPS students miss out on the opportunity.
  - Motion forwarded by Paula Cunningham:  
*"All girls playing for WPS Netball Club must be current students at Willoughby Public School."*  
Seconded: Kylie Mitchell  
Objection lodged by Melissa Fisher who believes issue should be at Club's discretion, especially for friendship teams in U9s.  
Motion carried.  
Noted that this motion needs to be raised at next P&C meeting and for Club constitution to be changed to reflect this.
- Swifts game.
  - Noted that this has historically been co-ordinated by Rosina Blake, who finishes this year at WPS.
  - Alison Rourke to investigate group tickets for 2016 season.
  - Noted that in 2015 Club did not sell all of its allocation but this was due to a clash with band camp and also due to the Netball World Cup.
  - Noted that Club makes a small profit on sale of tickets.
- Equipment – bags and kits
  - All kits and balls checked.
  - Old and worn out balls discarded.
  - Some new equipment needed for 2016 season.

## **Election of Office Bearers for 2015**

Each position was declared vacant and the following nominations were received.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Co Convenor	Alison Rourke
Co Convenor	Mel Fisher
Secretary	Kirsten Delaney
Treasurer	Janice Choy
Umpire's Convenor	Linda Shaw

Motion: That the above nominees be elected.

Moved: Rachel Sudbury

Seconded: Kylie Mitchell

Motion carried

## **Other Business**

- NSNA is changing grading of girls in that all but 6 girls in the U10s age group MUST play in their calendar age group, not their school grade group. This is due to space limitations at the Willoughby Leisure Centre on Friday nights.
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- This change means that only 6 girls can "play up" per club, per year. This change will impact current year 2 and 3 WPS girls who have played with their school grade friends until now.
- Much discussion on how best to successfully manage this change-over process.
- Noted that Mel Fisher and Alison Rourke voted against the NSNA change at the NSNA council meeting and subsequently wrote to the NSNA asking for a two-year transition period to introduce the new rule.
- Mel and Alison requested that for 2016 and 2017, WPS Netball Club be allowed to "play up" 15 girls, because of our school's size.
- This request was verbally rejected by the President of NSNA and is expected to be formally rejected at the next NSNA council meeting in February 2016.
- It was decided that ALL girls in year 4, 2016, will be graded together. The top 6 girls, as deemed by the independent graders, will go through to Friday night netball, but that the impacted girls (ie. those turning 9 in 2016, not 10) will be placed together in a team that will be positioned as a "transition" year. This team will play in the top grade of Saturday morning NetSetGo at Crabbes Ave. This grade is expected to be run under full netball rules, with lowered posts.

- Kylie Mitchell acknowledged work done by Mel Fisher and Alison Rourke in hosting a transition training program for younger U10s girls who were deemed ineligible for the NSNA course, due to their age.
- Fees & registration:
  - Noted that fees will need to increase for 2016 season given likelihood of external court hire costs.
  - Noted that there will be a flat fee for all players, no scaled system for new and returning players.
  - Noted that registration process will be run directly through NSW Netball's "My Netball" system this year and that this will be online and likely available from 16 November.
  - Final fees to be determined in coming weeks.
- Linda Shaw proposed hosting an umpires training session to be held in tandem with the grading process.
- Noted that suggestion made for WPS Club to have agreed set of rules regarding rotations for the NetSetGo players to make it fair and simple to manage.

Meeting closed 9.45pm



Annexure A

## **WPS NETBALL CLUB Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

### **CONVENORS REPORT FOR AGM**

- 205 registrations for the 2015 season.
- This is the Club's biggest intake and resulted in:
  - 5 teams in the under 8 age group
  - 6 teams in the under 9 age group
  - 6 teams in the under 10 age group
  - 3 teams in the under 11 age group
  - 4 teams in the under 12 age group
- The early-bird incentive (\$10 off registration fee) was a success in encouraging people to register before the end of 2014, resulting in over 100 early registrations. It is recommended that this is continued given the tight timeframe between start of school year and NSNA registration deadline for season.
- The program for grading has been well-received, offering two sessions for all age groups – 10,11,12's and hosting it at on the school courts, rather than the Leisure Centre courts.
- Grading has been undertaken by two officials from the NSNA (one of whom grades representative players). This has ensured the best independent analysis of the Club's players.
- Team sizes across all age groups we keep at a maximum of 9 with expectation of one team (under 9 who had 10). This was introduced based on 2014 feedback to run teams leaner and therefore allow maximum court time for all players. To enable borrowing, middle and lower graders maintained 9 players.
- WPS Netball Club Introduced a borrowing schedule and circulated to all team managers at the beginning of the season. This seemed to have streamline the borrowing process, with managers knowing who they could borrow from.

- Increased registration fees to \$140 returning players and \$150 new players.
- The Anne Sargeant Clinics have also been removed from the 2015 calendar due to the lack of revenue generated from this very time-consuming process and a lack of volunteer to co-ordinate. The NSNA offers Anne Sargeant and Liz Ellis clinics and the Club will communicate these opportunities to parents for independent booking.
- Rosina Blake purchased Swifts tickets on behalf of the Club. We purchased 120 (\$22.00 base) and sold 100 at \$27.00 per ticket. We made a small loss \$440. In previous years these tickets have sold out but we think due to the Netball World Cup the balance was not taken up. We encourage this event to continue for 2016 season.
- End of season presentation day was held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10-11am and we removed the morning tea. We believe this is a more convenient time for families and avoids clashes with other sport commitments.
- Photographs for all teams were taken this year by Kirsten Delaney Photography and given as part of the presentation. Going forward this should be outsourced to Advanced Photography and taken up as part of the normal school photography program.
- All training was held on the school courts and hence we did not incur any external court hire.
- All kits including balls have been returned, checked, cleaned and replenished ready for 2016 season. Any damaged items were disposed of and replaced. May need to purchase a few new ball bags and training bibs for 2016 season.
- Excess size 4 balls from NSNA NetSetGo Juniors (under 10s) being 54 are in the storeroom and new convenors can use at their discretion.
- Current financial position is attached.

Ends.



Annexure B

## **WPS P&C NETBALL CLUB – AGM 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT – TERM 4, 2015**

2015 proved to be a successful year financially with the decision to raise the registration fees. It has meant that the outgoing Netball Convenors & team have left a substantial financial buffer.

The bank account at 30 September 2015 has a balance of \$13,373.27. This will be reduced by \$452.55 when an additional 2 cheques are presented.

Netball registrations increased from \$20,473 last year to \$26,013 this year.

Overall costs decreased slightly from \$20,488 last year to \$20,659 this year.

This amounted to a net profit in the current year of \$8386 and combined with the bank account leaves the Netball Club in a healthy position.

I have enjoyed my 2 years as Treasurer however due to work commitments I wish to tender my resignation as Treasurer.

Vanessa Dickey





**Willoughby Public School P&C Sports Club**Oakville Road  
WILLOUGHBY NSW 2068**Profit & Loss [With Year to Date]****October 2014 through September 2015**5/11/2015  
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	Selected Period	% of Sales	Year to Date	% of YTD Sales
Income				
Netball Registrations	\$26,012.86	89.5%	\$26,012.86	89.5%
Interest Received	\$81.10	0.3%	\$81.10	0.3%
Swifts Excursion ticket sales	\$2,955.94	10.2%	\$2,955.94	10.2%
Total Income	<u>\$29,049.90</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$29,049.90</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Cost of Sales				
Gross Profit	<u>\$29,049.90</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$29,049.90</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Expenses				
Registration fees	\$14,764.81	50.8%	\$14,764.81	50.8%
Netball Court Hire	\$250.00	0.9%	\$250.00	0.9%
Netball Kit Maintenance	\$84.00	0.3%	\$84.00	0.3%
Team Photographs	\$1,270.00	4.4%	\$1,270.00	4.4%
Gifts & Flowers	\$550.10	1.9%	\$550.10	1.9%
Social Expenses				
NSW Swifts Tickets	\$2,701.43	9.3%	\$2,701.43	9.3%
Trophies	\$1,038.80	3.6%	\$1,038.80	3.6%
Total Social Expenses	\$3,740.23	12.9%	\$3,740.23	12.9%
Total Expenses	<u>\$20,659.14</u>	<u>71.1%</u>	<u>\$20,659.14</u>	<u>71.1%</u>
Operating Profit	<u>\$8,390.76</u>	<u>28.9%</u>	<u>\$8,390.76</u>	<u>28.9%</u>
Other Income				
Other Expenses				
Interest Expense	\$5.00	0.0%	\$5.00	0.0%
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Net Profit / (Loss)	<u>\$8,385.76</u>	<u>28.9%</u>	<u>\$8,385.76</u>	<u>28.9%</u>