



**WPS NETBALL CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
19 OCTOBER 2017  
WILLOUGHBY HOTEL**

**MEETING COMMENCED: 7.10PM**

**Present:** Mel Fisher, Alison Rourke, Janice Choy, Kirsten Delaney, Carmen Jom, Emma McGoldrick, Saskia Kirsin, Sarah Saunders, Barbara Trickett

**Apologies:** Linda Shaw, Kylie Mitchell, Natasha Sherwood, Lisa Stansford, Caroline Vickery, Amy Spanton, Martin Dickey, Prue Coroneos

**Confirmation of previous minutes (July 2017):**

Moved by Kirsten Delaney

Seconded by Alison Rourke

**Appointment of 2018 Committee**

Position	Nomination	Moved	Seconded
Convenor	Melissa Fisher	Kirsten Delaney	Janice Choy
Deputy Convenor	Kirsten Delaney	Alison Rourke	Sarah Saunders
Secretary	TBC		
Treasurers (Joint role)*	Emma McGoldrick Saskia Kirsin	Janice Choy	Kirsten Delaney
Umpires Convenor	Linda Shaw	Sarah Saunders	Carmen Jom
Kit Co-ordinator	Carmen Jom	Melissa Fisher	Alison Rourke
Event Co-ordinator	Barbara Trickett	Kirsten Delaney	Sarah Saunders
NSG Supervisor (U8)	TBC		
NSG Supervisor (U9)	Sarah Saunders	Alison Rourke	Barbara Trickett
Year 4 Co-ordinator (10 Yrs)	Prue Coroneos	Kirsten Delaney	Alison Rourke
Year 5 Co-ordinator (11 Yrs)	TBC		
Year 6 Co-ordinator (12 Yrs)	Lisa Stanford	Emma McGoldrick	Saskia Kirsin
Training Schedule Co-ordinator	Georgina Varney	Alison Rourke	Janice Choy

\*Motions raised to create shared Treasurer's role. Moved Mel Fisher. Seconded Alison Rourke

**Treasurer's Report (attached)**

Moved by Melissa Fisher. Seconded by Alison Rourke.

**Umpires' Convenor Report**

No report tendered.

**Convenors' Report**

(Incorporating business arising from previous minutes)

*Congratulations & Thanks*

- Congratulations on a successful 2017 season and big vote of thanks for the outgoing executive members, Alison Rourke and Janice Choy.
- Thanks and congratulations to new and continuing Committee members.

### *2017 Club Results & Season Overview*

- 2017 season saw 25 teams in the Club – 14 netball and 11 NSG teams. Six netball teams made the semi-finals, 4 teams made the finals and 2 teams reached the grand finals, with one finishing as Champions.
- Note that there will be careful consideration as to grade requests for the 2018 season to ensure that WPS Netball Club teams are fairly graded for competitive games.
- Note that Mel Fisher will be nomination for NSNA NSG Convenor for 2018, which will greatly help the NSG team grading process at the start of the season, given there was nobody in this role in 2017.

### *2017 Age Transition*

- 2018 will be as per 2017 season in that younger aged girls may be held back, with the premise that this will depend on the numbers enrolled. Convenors will aim to avoid teams across year groups where possible. In 2017 the new age policy yielded good results with two under 10 teams making the finals.

### *2017 Junior Umpires Program*

- Huge vote of thanks to Alison Rourke, Melissa Fisher and Linda Shaw for managing and mentoring the year 6 girls in their umpiring efforts. The Club saw all five girls levelled, for the first time creating a pool of student umpiring talent for the future.
- Umpires' parents also thanked for getting the girls to their games each week.

### *NSNA Summer Comp*

- Note that this is a new initiative for NSNA and is being run as a separate competition with WPS Netball Club acting only in an advisory capacity. Great opportunity for students to bridge the gap in netball competition in between seasons for under 10s, 11s and 12s.
- Five WPS teams are playing in the Monday afternoon summer comp.

### *Equipment, Uniform & Donations*

- Most teams received at least 1 new ball this year.
- Visors were ordered again subsidized by Club.
- Jackets had been ordered but supplier issues caused this initiative to collapse.
- Incorrect jackets from 2016 supplier error had been sent to Cambodia and were being used there - photographs were provided by the charity. A great outcome from an error.
- Note that the WPS Netball Club will approach P&C regarding accessing some funds (for new netballs) generated through the Rebel rewards program, given the large number of students playing netball.

### *2017 Presentation Day*

- New medals ordered for all players and personalized mugs were produced for the outgoing year 6 students.
- WPS 1 were the Jones Egan winners, with a new trophy now on display in the office.
- Agreed that the more streamlined agenda (with split programs for NSG and Netball) for the presentation day was well-received and would continue in 2018.

### *2018 Registration & Fees*

- No change to 2018 fees.
- Registrations will not open until 1 January 2018 so that families can benefit from the NSW Government Active Kids' Rebate, which will provide a \$100 voucher towards any sporting activity for school aged children.
- Under 8s (year 2) will be asked to put together friendship teams with managers & coaches before the end of term 4 and under 9s will be asked to provide an expression of interest as to returning players and team formation.

### *2018 Underage Players*

- Similar to 2017 process, Convenors acknowledge that every effort will be made to avoid creation of composite teams, but it is entirely dependent on player numbers and resulting team numbers.

### *2018 Grading*

- Noted that all coach evaluations have been received.
- Mel Fisher and Alison Rourke have watched all U9 teams play to assess for grading games placement for 2018, in consultation with Coach Evaluations.
- Noted that under 10s will require two sessions recognizing that it is the initial grading process into netball.
- Under 11s (year 5) and 12s (year 6) will likely only require one grading session each, to be run by independent graders.
- Mel raised a motion to reduce U11 and U12 grading to one session each, in anticipation of smaller year groups in 2018. All present agreed.
- Consideration as to approaching Bill Bird to participate as a grader with another independent grader.
- Some dates were considered early in term 1 but noted that week day afternoons would be preferable to weekends and ensuring sufficient notice to ensure attendance.
- WPSNC will also consider offer Nets pre-season skills course prior to grading.

### *2018 Junior Umpire Allocations & Mentoring*

- Noted that the mentoring program will continue in 2018 and students (up to 5) will be given the opportunity to participate from as early as February 2018 grading.
- There will be a minimum standard from parent umpires and continued use of Monte umpires as required.

### *Willoughby Bowling Club Court*

- Melissa Fisher noted that Willoughby Bowling Club has been approached about the use of its lower greens as a netball training facility. Funding had been set aside for preparation of the area and we await feedback from the Club.

### **Convenor's Report**

Moved by Carmen Jom. Seconded by Janice Choy.

## **GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS**

(Presented by Melissa Fisher & Alison Rourke, with input from members)

### *Convenor Remuneration*

- The issue of remunerating the Convenor, given the amount of work involved, was raised again. Melissa Fisher has suggested that with the expanded committee the amount of work should be less onerous. It was suggested that this issue be revisited in term 2 once the degree of work is assessed.

### *Insurance and Registration of 2018 non-players*

- Melissa Fisher to investigate situation regarding registration/insurance of non-players, such as managers, coaches and parent umpires.
- Clarification will be sought at NSNA AGM on Saturday 25 November.

### *Rep Netball nominations*

- A number of 11 years (2018) students from current years 4 and 5 are trialling for NSNA rep team selection.

### *2018 Team Photos*

- Noted that team photos taken by Advanced Life were soon available for sale.
- Noted that future netball team photos will be outsourced to NSNA photographer and be undertaken through the Association. This was moved by Melissa Fisher and seconded by Alison Rourke.
- Historically co-ordinating the team photos has been manageable but this is now untenable for a Club of our size.

### *2018 Friendship teams in juniors*

- Noted that this had been requested but that this is untenable given that NSNA grades all teams from U10s.
- Motion was moved by Mel Fisher and agreed by all present.

### *2018 NSG*

- Noted that requests had been made for NSG to commence in year 1 for under 7s.
- Moved to retain starting age for NSG for WPS Netball Club as year 2 (under 8s). Moved by Melissa Fisher. Seconded by Sarah Saunders and all in favour.
- Parent umpires for NSG games will need to do Red Robin course and pass the netball exam to maintain minimum skill levels for umpiring.
- Talk of NSG pre-season Gala Day and recruiting WPSNC NSG teams for umpiring demonstrations.

### *NSNA Positions, Competition Forum & AGM*

- NSNA Competition Forum to be held at Willoughby Leisure Centre on Sunday 29 October.
- NSNA AGM to be held at Norths on Saturday 25 November.

Meeting closed 8.32pm.