



## **WPS NETBALL CLUB**

(Registered as Willoughby Public School P&C Sports Club)

### **AGENDA**

**26 May 2020**

Via Zoom 4pm

**PRESENT:** Zoi Barber, Emma McGoldrick, Saskia Kirson, Mel Fisher, Simrita Singh/Virk, Victoria Havens, Kirsten Delaney, Belinda Flintoft, Guy Wilson, Carolyn Loughnan, Caroline Vickery, Kathryn Scott-McKenzie, Nina ?, Ruth Semark, Hayley Purtell, Fiona Pettigrew, 1 more? (sorry)

**APOLOGIES:** Kylie Thompson

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Feb 2020):

Moved: Saskia Kirson. Seconded: Simrita Singh/Virk.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (emailed & submitted)

Presented by Saskia Kirson & Emma McGoldrick. Moved: Caroline Vickery. Seconded: Mel Fisher.

The financial position of the Club is strong, but misrepresentative. It was discussed that registration payments had been received, but due to the current health crisis, no registration had been paid to the Association or NNSW, and there were few expenses, due to the stalled season.

A number of 'What Ifs' were discussed regarding goodwill refunds and new/unused uniform subsidies. The huge logistical load on volunteers of refunding partial fees was touched on and a great idea 'off the floor' was to carry refunds over to players returning in 2021 in the form of reduced fees, if applicable. All options will be discussed when a decision is made on a season recommencement. This decision is likely in mid-June, with a re-start earmarked for the weekend of July 17.

### **CONVENORS' REPORT**

(Incorporating Business Arising from previous meeting, General & New Business)

Presented by Mel Fisher. Moved Emma McGoldrick. Seconded: Kirsten Delaney.

Mel commented on the fantastic Zoom meeting turnout, which demonstrated the desire to get the girls back on court, safely and soon.

A broad outline of safe return to training guidelines was given, with emphasis on mandatory compliance by all involved. This was based on official documentation from NSNA, NNSW and NSW Dept of Sport. At the NSNA meeting on Monday night the following key points were emphasized for the safe return to netball training. This was then relayed to the WPSNC meeting attendees:-

- Each club to provide a Covid Liaison Officer,
- 10 people max. per court (including coach), bigger teams to be split into 2 sessions,
- Coaches cannot participate in consecutive coaching sessions,
- Limited equipment - no bibs or post pads,
- Strict sanitization measures before, during & after training, including hands and equipment
- Max. one-hour training, 20 mins between sessions,
- No game play or close contact drills; focus on fitness, ball skills and footwork,

- Strict roll call & record taking,
- Clubs responsible for providing sanitization items.

Mel expressed concern at the correspondence she had received from the WPS regarding sports restrictions. She commented that she hoped as the students were involved in an external Club sport that training could resume, but understandably not at the school or school court, currently under construction. She reported that she had already reached out to the P&C Presidents, the week prior, who in initial correspondence were generally positive about a return of students to Club NOT school sport.

Mel expressed that she would 'fight' for the girls to return to netball training and suggested a petition if it was prevented by the school. All agreed to wait until the P&C meeting on Wed 27 May. Zoi advised that anecdotally all she'd heard was that families are 'champing at the bit' to get their girls back to training.

Prior to discussing the actual training options and venues for WPSNC teams, which is recommended for weekends, Mel ran through other items on the agenda:-

- Equipment & Kits – we need new netballs, some of which may be able to be provided via some P&C Rebel purchases, others may be WPSNC branded and purchases separately. All purchases have been put on hold until competition is confirmed.
- Mel advised that all sanitating equip/items needed for return to training would need to be purchased by the club for our 20 teams. Chalk was also suggested an item for easy training use.
- Refunds, subsidies and the possibility of goodwill gestures for club members was mentioned, and will be finalised when a decision is made re a season/competition. It was mentioned that 180 part-refund cheques was not a suitable use of resources, and a suggestion was made of a 2021 subsidised/reduced registration in lieu of refunds.
- It was confirmed that no player withdrawals due to the health crisis had been advised so far.
- 2020 Grading Review – Mel to enquire about one 10s misplacement; all other grading placements were a factor of team/club numbers and returning players. Mel advised that if any teams had to withdraw due to the health crisis, that gradings may have to change.
- In 2020, it was hoped that WPSNC could fund a range of Coaching Clinics, however in the current climate these initiatives will be postponed to 2021. Thankfully our NETS clinics were conducted early in the pre-season.
- Mel confirmed that she would allocate umpires for Juniors should competition resume. She commented that lots of WPS new umpires attended the Red Robin online course. She advised that adult umpires were needed for NSG and when a resumption of play is confirmed that there would be an NSG umpires' course.
- Confirmation of all Committee Roles – Mel to confirm Covid Convenor off line and in the event of competition commencing will revisit all roles and responsibilities, which are likely to be increased.
- New Calendar & Communications with members & school – Club to retain email and Facebook as key comms during this time.

The final part of the meeting was dedicated to how we return safely to training, without access to the school court, due to both renovations and DOE restrictions. Mel advised that the best opportunity to get courts was on Saturdays and Sundays. She advised that no before school training was permitted due to the 'showering' guideline and after school was unlikely due to demand at WLC courts. However, those teams already booked after school, 1 x 10s and 1 x 12s were likely to be OK to continue<sup>3</sup> after school training.

Mel advised that all coaches and managers would need to acknowledge that they had reviewed and understood all guidelines before they could commence training. In addition, Mel advised that if original coaches could not be involved at new training times, options would be found, so the players could train.

Finally, it was agreed to wait until the outcome of other P&C meeting to book courts for weekends and then give teams training options, which would hopefully allow the majority to return to training safely and enjoyably. A systematic approach would be used, such as sign up genius, and training slots would be first come first served basis.

Following the closure of the meeting, Mel & Saskia discussed the purchase of bulk pump pack hand sanitizer and wipes, in anticipation of training.

Also following meeting closure, an email was received from P&C President, which may have indicated that WPSNC players could not resume training, but perhaps only at school. WPSNC Convenors Zoi & Bec to confirm at P&C General meeting Wed 27 May.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 4.58pm

**NEXT P&C MEETING:** Term 2, Wk 5, May 27; Term 3, Wk 5 19 August

**NEXT MEETING:** Term 3, Week 3, 2020