



**WPS NETBALL CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.00PM, WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER, 2019
12 ROBERT STREET, WILLOUGHBY EAST**

PRESENT: Mel Fisher, Kirsten Delaney, Zoi Barber, Emma McGoldrick, Bec Muir, Gabrielle Brewer, Saskia Kirson, Caroline Vickery

APOLOGIES: Linda Shaw, Claudia Zines, Lisa Gizariotis, Sarah Saunders, Rebecca Taumalolo, Barb Trickett

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (August 2019 & AGM 2018):

Moved by Zoi Barber., Seconded by Bec Muir

TREASURER'S REPORT: (attached and submitted)

Presented by Emma McGoldrick. Moved by Zoi Barber. Seconded by Saskia Kirson

Along with discussion of current financial position, the Club moved to increase fees for the 2020 season by \$10. It is noted that Club fees have not increased for netball for many years and that the NSNA would likely increase fees that we would need to encompass. It was also noted that the Active Kids \$100 vouchers would again be applied against fees. Fees for the 2020 season were therefore set at \$185, up from \$175.

Moved by Gabi Brewer. Seconded by Zoi Barber

APPOINTMENT OF 2020 COMMITTEE

The convenors noted with the thanks the work of the 2019 committee and much appreciation for those agreeing to continue for 2020, while welcoming our new members. All roles were nominated, moved and seconded as below:

Position	Name	Moved	Seconded
Club Director / Secretary	Mel Fisher	Saskia Kirson	Caroline Vickery
Co-Convenor Netball	Zoi Barber	Kirsten Delaney	Bec Muir
Co-Convenor NSG	Bec Muir	Kirsten Delaney	Caroline Vickery
Co-Treasurer	Emma McGoldrick	Kirsten Delaney	Gabi Brewer
Co-Treasurer	Saskia Kirsin	Kirsten Delaney	Gabi Brewer
Umpires Convenor	Linda Shaw	Mel Fisher	Emma McGoldrick
Kit Co-ordinator	Lisa Gizariotis	Caroline Vickery	Zoi Barber
NSG Co-ordinator (U8/U9)	Gabrielle Brewer	Kirsten Delaney	Saskia Kirson
Year 4 Co-ordinator (10 Yrs)	Rebecca Taumalolo	Zoi Barber	Mel Fisher
Year 5 Co-ordinator (11 Yrs)	Caroline Vickery	Emma McGoldrick	Kirsten Delaney
Year 6 Co-ordinator (12 Yrs)	Zoi Barber	Kirsten Delaney	Mel Fisher
Training Schedule Co-ordinator	Caroline Vickery	Kirsten Delaney	Emma McGoldrick
Communications Convenor	Sally Roberts	Saskia Kirson	Caroline Vickery

As per minutes from the Term 3 committee meeting, the Club has moved to appoint a Club Director in a paid capacity. Mel Fisher, volunteer Club Co-convenor from 2016-2019 has agreed to take on this role ensuring our school does not lose her incredible knowledge of the sport, passion for the development of the Club and critical understanding of the intricacies of the grading process.

Mel also brings a strong connection to the Northern Suburbs Netball Association ensuring an ongoing smooth line of communication to assist the incoming co-convenors.

It was moved that the Club Director be paid a fee for each term, roughly in line with the hours worked. The approximate payment for this service, largely undertaken in term 1 for the grading and preparation for the season, was estimated at \$3,000. Mel has an existing ABN that she is able to use to invoice the Club. It is noted that Mel's long legacy of volunteering at the Club and the School should be acknowledged and that her approach to invoicing her time would be extremely conservative but the Club is in a financially strong position to support this approach going forward.

Mel's role will also encompass a broader focus on the development of coaches, both students and parents, which is an area the Club has wanted to improve upon for some years. Mel is excited about this project and looking forward to introducing a training program early in the season.

UMPIRES' REPORT:

Presented by Mel Fisher for Linda Shaw. Moved by Kirsten Delaney. Seconded by Saskia Kirson

Great program, driven by Linda. Congrats to Linda and all umpires. We achieved 5 new JL3 levels for new umpires, all ex-WPS students in Year 7. Our more experienced umpires Yr 8 & 9 continued to improve and accomplished 2 JL2s and 1 National C. The program is to continue in 2020, with the inclusion of some Year 6 students. We have enough ex-WPS student umpires to cover the Club, without the need for Monte umpires – a great achievement.

CONVENORS' REPORT

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

Presented by Mel Fisher & Kirsten Delaney. Moved by Caroline Vickery. Seconded by Bec Muir

- **Congratulations & Thanks** – Convenors again thanked the wonderful parents, both new and returning committee members and volunteers. It was acknowledged that the extended committee was still important in 2020 even with a paid administrator. All roles have been useful and it's been enjoyable to work with and receive input from new netball families.

- **2019 Club Results & Season Overview**
 - Very successful year with 8 out of 10 teams making semis, a further 5 making GF, and one team crowned U10 Champions. Our 10 NSG teams did well, but the rain cancellation of the Gala Day was such a disappointment.
 - Club numbers stabilized just under 180 and about 20 teams, which is great.
 - Mixed grade teams (ie proper age teams) have had a few challenges, but have generally been successful.
 - 2019 Team Photos used a new process and it was far better for all. Take up was strong and recommend retaining process and club photographer, Kirsten Delaney.
 - 2019 netball storage WPS 'dungeon' has proven smooth and Club is grateful to GA Graham. Final kit collection will take place in Dec 2019, after Summer Comp. Mel to alert school/Graham. A number of volunteers will be needed in early Dec to move items from hall kitchen to dungeon, as hall kitchen is being demolished in summer holidays.
 - 2019 Evaluations – an additional evaluation was added, that of our Coaches, both student and parents. It was an informal but successful questionnaire. Coach of players have been received and are an important tool for 2020 grading.

- PSSA & Metro Cup teams – the Club plays an important role in advising on these teams and providing umpiring, and is always happy to assist more. We'd like to thank Pip Stanley for her dedication to Netball.
 - Umpire Mentoring Program – as previously mentioned it was very successful. It will be important to add some current students in 2020 and an EOI will be conducted.
 - With regard to netball communications in 2019, FB and emails were the preferred method, however we need to encourage greater FB take up. P&C website Netball page has been difficult to access, however is now fixed. Due to the unpredictable nature of the school newsletter, it was not used widely. A new Communications position has been added to the club to finetune this important process. A managers' meeting at the beginning of the season will also assist.
 - Biggest challenge was the very tight NSNA borrowing restrictions which provided a number of difficulties to teams mid to late season when illness, injury and same playing time resulted in very young NSG players having to play up. Committee to discuss whether we should challenge this at a later date as it impacts junior clubs big and small. Highlights.
 - Reps – the Club had a successful Reps year with a number of players in U11s & U12s trying out and progressing through a series of selection processes. We congratulate all players who participated in the trial process.
- **2020 Calendar & Planning**
 - Key playing dates for 2020 were advised, with the exclusion of the cut off date for team nominations. MF to confirm additional dates.
 - 2020 Registration process will remain largely unchanged with a small fee increase. Confirmation is needed from NSNA (30 Nov) as the rates and dates. Hoping to open registration before school break, otherwise January 1. Active Kids also to be confirmed.
 - Grading procedure to be similar to 2019, based on playing dates and deadlines. Club will continue to first grade in year groups, then move to age based on ability, based on registration numbers. Grading is likely to commence in Week 2. This will be determined at a separate meeting of the new committee.
 - WPS school court availability is uncertain for 2020. MF to raise at the upcoming P&C. Options include WLC (full), WPBC greens or Club Willoughby, however this is restricted to NSG 8-foot post height.
 - NSG 2020 is confirmed as Sunday's 9,10,11am. It will be requested that Year 2 (2020) teams are submitted before end of term 4 via a bag drop and EOI. Commencing recruitment in December is hugely helpful. WPSNC will again offer to help with demonstration games for 2020 NSG umpire training. Club will insist on minimum umpiring standards for NSG. The Club will arrange an U9 transition to netball in early 2020.
 - New Club logo (initiated by P&C), will be included on all items, excluding uniform, and submitted to NSNA.
 - WGHS Club – continue to build 'relationship', offer info on WPS players going to WGHS
 - Umpires program & allocations: minimum standards for 2020 child and adult umpires – must be viewed and levelled, current exam pass. Continued use of limited Monte umpires; invite Year 6 players into umpire mentoring program, restrict to 4 (pending discussion with Linda), EOI process.
 - 2020 NETS clinic – club to again arrange one or more NSG and Netball pre-season clinics. In addition, a pre-season Coaching Clinic/s will be scheduled, possibly in line with the players clinic.
 - MF to investigate with NSNA the rules pertaining to the inclusion of mixed teams in the winter competition, ie, opening up registration to boys. Pending information, this can be added to registration information.
 - 2020 dates to be urgently submitted to the school – current contact DP Shaun Michael, in an attempt to foster greater school acknowledgement of the importance of the Club to the school. MF to investigate the possibility of asking the school for a key netball contact/teacher as well.

- NSNA News
 - Summer Comp is at half way point with 5 WPS teams participating/
 - U11 2020 rep trials are complete with 4 WPS players through to the 3 squads. U12 rep trial process continues with 2 WPS players in the final squad, but trialing again to attempt to make the State Titles Team;
 - The last NSNA Council meeting and elections – 2 representatives from WPSNC need to attend, to vote – AM Sat 30 Nov. All dates and costs will be finalized at this meeting.

OFFICE HOLDER UPDATES & AOB:

- NIL

Meeting closed: 8.45pm

Next P&C meeting: 6 November 2019

Next WPSNC meeting: Term 1, week3, 2020