



WARATAH NETBALL CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 26th November 2020

Present	Jane Stoodley, Amber Collits, Isobel Stoodley, Nick Osborn, Dwight Graham, Nicole Cadogan, Jackie Jukes, David Cadogan, Luke Stoodley, Ellie Stanley
Apologies	Lauren Jukes, Liz Gold,
Meeting Opened	6.30pm

Agenda

1. **Previous Minutes:** Isobel moved 2019 AGM minutes be moved as an accurate and true record, Jane seconded.

2. **Reports**

- a. *President's Report*

What a year 2020 has been! What started out as a cracker of a year, definitely devolved very quickly into an unknown future. But I am happy to say we came out on the other side positively – I hope you all did too.

2020 saw our junior teams grow, which hasn't happened for many years. The new age groups this year were going to be 7's, 10's and Cadets (16-17 year olds). Our returning juniors were going into the 9's, 11's, 12's and 14's age groups this season. Our seniors were steady at the returning numbers, but we did have a few new faces into the Club which was going to be great.

I was also approached at the end of 2019 by an independent team, Inner Glow, to see if Waratah would be interested in aligning with them for the 2020 season by nominating and taking charge of a 23s team for the Greater Bank Series. We obviously jumped at the chance – one of our Strategic Plan goals for the Club is to be represented in the top division. So the Inner Glow Waratah 23&Under team was formed. Our Club Coaching Convenor and senior coach Jane Stoodley coached the team, I was manager of the team, and 2 of our grassroots Waratah players were successful in making the team at selections, Lucy Thomas and Sarah Wells.

So I was very excited about starting the 2020 season – and then COVID-19 happened! Over the course of 6 months, so much had been unknown with the season, and so many changes saw many of our players withdraw from season 2020. We were able to keep together teams in the 10's, 12's and Cadets age groups, and 2 senior teams. The Inner Glow Waratah 23s team also elected to keep playing. So down on what we started with, but we were at least still represented in the 2020 competition.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions and unknown, we were unable to hold any of our seasonal events such as senior drinks monthly after games, our trivia night plans, presentation events, and even our Barefoot Bowls night we had organised pre-season. COVID-19 hit everyone hard!

Whilst we attempted to get to our Major Sponsors venue, the Mayfield West Bowling Club, for socialising, we kept getting advised we were unable to for one reason or another.

Due to the lesser teams and shortened disrupted season, the Club Executive unanimously agreed that asking the Bowlo for our regular sponsorship amount of \$3,000 was not reasonable. We were not able to put back into the Bowlo what we normally do, and with the reduced number of players we had, we would not be able to. So we discussed the sponsorship, and felt that a reduced amount of \$1,500 would be a reasonable amount to request in season 2020. Of course, the Bowling Club were ready and willing to help us out in any way possible. We received the requested amount and are very grateful to them for supporting us through a year which has seen them struggle as well.

I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing contributions to the Club throughout 2020:

Vice President – Jackie Jukes

Secretary – Isobel Stoodley

Treasurer – Dwight Graham

Registrar – Nick Osborne

Coaching Convenor & Social Media Consultant – Jane Stoodley

Without them continuing to coach, plan, support and give up their time, Waratah wouldn't have been able to field teams this year. A big thanks also to the coaches who took our teams through an unprecedented season:

Amber Collits – 10 years Raptors

Veronica Lange – 12 years Goldies

Nick Osborne and Donna Watts-Endresz – Cadet Spitfires

Dwight Graham and Nick Osborne – A grade Cheetahs

Jackie Jukes – A3 Avengers

Jane Stoodley – 23&Under Inner Glow Waratah

Without you all giving up your time in the COVID-19 environment, our players would not have had the guidance that was required more than usual this year. You all did a stellar job and I, and I'm sure the players, parents and supporters, THANK YOU!!

I would like to end with a special thank you to ISOBEL STOODLEY. Izzy advised a few weeks ago that she will not be able to continue in her role as Secretary for season 2021 due to an increase in work and study commitments. Izzy has done an amazing job over the last 2 years of providing us with her organisational skills and youthful ideas to help our Club move forward. As Secretary, she was a member of the Executive team and has had a hand in developing and supporting decisions that keep our Club moving forward and growing. Izzy was also the Club COVID Officer in 2020, whom without we would also not have been able to participate in the season. Receiving the Commitment Award in 2019 was a true testament to the effort Izzy puts in to everything she does for Waratah Netball Club, and she is kind of being rewarded by holding onto it for 2 years running! Thank you Izzy for your support and organisational skills, and I can't wait to have you back on the Executive when your studies are complete!!

Nicole Cadogan, President, Waratah Netball Club

- a. *Treasurer's Report*: Please see attached. Dwight moved that it be accepted, David seconded.
- b. *Registrar's Report*: Please see attached. Nick moved report be accepted, Dwight seconded.

Note: Dwight (Treasurer) and Nick (Registrar) thanked for organizing the de-registrations and refunds for the 2020 season.

Action: Nicole to chase details for those who de-registered but did not provide bank details for refund - at start of 2021.

- c. *Fundraising Report* : Noted in management committee meetings over year. Due to COVID-19 limited fundraising opportunities.
- d. *Coaching Convener's Report*: Please see attached. In addition, it was noted that Amber and Veronica completed their Development Coaching Course. Jane moved report be accepted, Dwight seconded.
- b. *Umpiring Convener's Report* : Generally speaking this was a successful year for umpiring. The Goldies had issues at the start of the year with only 2 players in the team willing to umpire. Umpiring pool went really well.

Recommendation: 11 year olds allocated to sub-juniors (7/8/9s) for umpiring experience (supported by club umpires). This will also highlight to 7/8/9s parents what is expected.

- c. *Social Coordinator's Report* : Nil social events.
- d. *COVID Safety Officer's Report* : Overall most teams were compliant with COVID-19 safety procedures, as directed by Netball NSW and Newcastle Netball Association. Some teams struggled to return the Training Attendance Register promptly to the COVID Safety Officer. There was no plan if teams did not return their register. This may be overcome with NNAs plan to have each **team** have a COVID safety officer. A club COVID-19 safety officer would still be useful, particularly for Safety Plans, being a point of contact for the individual team officers and ensuring compliance.

Recommendations:

- Organise process for non-compliance of COVID Safety Requirements
- Investigate an app that would make the training registers easier to distribute and return.
- Continue to adapt to the recommendations as directed by NNA and Netball NSW

3. **Interruption by Sponsor** : Luke Stoodley from Currawong Aviation Training Service attended. He awarded the Club Spirit award to the Executive Team for the tremendous work they have done in this unprecedented year. Luke was thanked for his support this year.

4. **Election of Office Bearers 2021**

- a. President (Nicole nominated herself, seconded by Isobel)

- b. Vice President (Jackie nominated herself, seconded by Isobel)
 - c. Treasurer (Dwight nominated himself, seconded by Nicole)
 - d. Secretary (Jane nominated herself, seconded by Nick)
 - e. Registrar (Nick nominated himself, seconded by Dwight)
 - f. Public Officer is constitutionally Club Secretary
- 5. Election of Committee Positions**
- a. Umpiring Convenor (Ellie nominated herself, seconded by Nicole)
 - b. Coaching Convenor (Jane nominated herself, seconded by Isobel)
 - c. Fundraising Coordinator (Lauren nominated herself, seconded by Isobel)
 - d. Social Coordinator (Amber nominated by Lauren, seconded by Isobel)
 - e. Uniform Coordinator (Liz Gold nominated herself, seconded by Isobel)
 - f. Communications Officer (vacant, post meeting filled by Meritxell Garcia)
 - g. Equipment Officer (Liz Gold nominated herself, seconded by Isobel)
 - h. COVID Safety Officer (Jackie nominated herself, second by Isobel)
6. Confirmation of Life Members : Nil new members
7. Strategic Plan : See attached.
8. Goals 2021: See attached. Agreed to strive to achieve. Agreed it was useful to continue setting goals as a club.
9. Club Player and Club Commitment Awards: Nick moved there be no Club Player and Club Commitment awards for 2020, Dwight seconded.

Meeting Closed : 7.26pm