

Waratah Netball Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

Present: Chantelle Wilcox, Isobel Stoodley, Lauren Jukes, Ellie Stanley, Erin Britt , Dwight Graham, Jackie Jukes, Megan Newbury, Nick Osborn, Nicole Cadogan, Jane Stoodley, David Cadogan

Apologies: Nil

Meeting Opened: 2:05 pm

1. The Secretary – Jane Stoodley – moved that the Minutes of the previous AGM on Wednesday 31st January 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Nick Osborne Carried

2. **President's Report**

Season 2018 brought a mix of new and old teams together. Whilst down numbers on last year, we fielded 10 teams this season. We were able to form a new 7 years team, with returning 9, 10 and 12 years teams. We had one returning Cadet team (Kittyhawks), and 5 senior teams in the following grades: A1, A2, A4, B and B4. Our 12 years Superstars made Finals for the first time as a group this season, and were very excited and proud of their effort, as were we. They unfortunately didn't win the Minor Semi, which meant they bowed out of GF contention, however tried their hardest and were a bit nervous in their first Finals appearance. The A4 Sabres were the only team to make the Grand Final this year, and despite going down by 3 in the closing minutes of the last quarter, they fought back from a 7 goal deficit at the start of the last quarter. They were not disappointed in their effort, considering the team that won went through the 2018 season undefeated. We are very proud of both of our Finals teams, and hope 2019 sees more teams flourish and have success to make Finals.

Our season started with the introduction of the Doc Yagan Photography Gala Day, which was a highly successful and organised event. All teams found the day a great start to the season, and it allowed them to work on combinations and to put into practice what they'd been learning in the few short weeks of training. The seniors felt this was a great way to head into round 1 of the season and have requested it be followed up again in 2019. Thank you to Doc Yagan Photography for sponsoring the day and providing the fresh Subway lunch and much needed water!

This year also saw the introduction of the sub-junior training session. Whilst there was a noticeable difference in the skills between the 7 and 9 years teams, both coaches agreed it was a helpful and well structured environment. It allowed both teams to have consistent training and the coaches had a supportive environment with a senior experienced coach in attendance almost every week. Thank you to Jane Stoodley for giving up her Tuesday afternoons to support this arrangement. It is something that should be strongly considered going forward.

As usual our senior teams were supported throughout the season by having at least one team training alongside them again this year. This makes a supportive environment and allows much needed game practice throughout the year. Thanks to all our coaches, managers, captains and leadership groups for your efforts and dedication this year. Your sacrifices throughout the year have hopefully been very well worth it!

Our 3 major fundraising events had our usual Pie Drive and Trivia Night, and this year saw a Mantra Raffle on the calendar. Whilst the Mantra Raffle was not as successful as it could've been, overall, we raised close to \$2500. Thank you to everyone who helped organise, distribute, collect and of course purchased and attended these events. Without fundraising we would not be able to maintain our Club stocks of equipment and coaching resources to support our teams and volunteers.

Thanks also go to our dedicated committee: Jackie, Nick, Jane, Dwight, Isobel, Lauren, Chantelle, Megan, Liz and our Coaches and Managers. Without you the Club would not be able to run, and your continued efforts are not lost on our members. Special mention must go to Isobel, our Social Coordinator, who has done an amazing job in her first year to organise our events. The Senior Presentation Dinner and Junior Presentation Lunch were well run and organised, and the way you have thrown yourself into all your duties this year was contagious. I look forward to seeing what you have in store for us in season 2019!

Special mention to our perpetual Club Award winners:

Club Commitment: Nick Osborne

Club Player: Nicole Cadogan

And to wrap it up, a huge thanks must go to our Major Sponsor, Mayfield West Bowling Club. Your continued support year after year is a wonderful statement to the relationship between us and how we wish to see growth in our community. The support and interest the bowlers have in our players and their games is a great show of community spirit which is one of our values. We appreciate your dedication to helping us grow, and we hope our venture is ongoing for many years to come.

Yours in sport,

Nicole Cadogan

President

Waratah Netball Club

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the period 01 January – 30 June and included the end of year report. He advised that this is a six-month report as the Club was now adopting Financial Year reporting (vice Calendar Year reporting) as per the updated Constitution. He noted the following:

Overall, a significant increase in the Club balance at the end of June (\$7511.26) although this will decrease by approx \$2500 due to Pie Drive payments, some coaching subsidies, and the Presentation functions. However, overall it has been a successful six months.

The Treasurer also pointed out that this AGM will not have a full financial year report as we are only part of the way through the year. However, he noted the following:

Presentation income and expenditure was the most significant change this financial year so far, and was on track. There is still the invoice for meals to come in.

The Raffle fundraiser was not as successful as hoped, but we did not lose money on the event.

Overall, the Club is in sound financial position, noting that the main income and expenditure will be in March when registration financial transactions occur.

The Treasurer – Nick Osborne – moved that the 2018 (Sept) report be accepted.
Seconded Megan Newbury Carried

The Treasurer – Nick Osborne – moved that there be a minimum increase of \$40 to Club fees to cover club management and presentation expenses. Seconded Dwight Graham Carried

The Preliminary Budget for the 2019 season was presented.

The Treasurer – Nick Osborne – moved that this Preliminary Budget be accepted with the understanding that it would be subject to change based on other influences such as NNA fees which were currently unavailable. Seconded Dwight Graham Carried.

It is important that the Club management fee is not lost in the reframing of fees.

4. Fundraising Report

This year there were three fundraising events: Trivia Night, Pie Drive and Mantra raffle. The Trivia Night was a successful event once again with members of both the Netball and Bowling Clubs in attendance.

This year's pie drive was a little down on previous years, but it is still appreciated by all members. The Club decided to try a Mantra raffle this year. It had a disappointing response with many members feeling that \$5/ticket was a bit too pricey.

Overall Fundraising events raised \$2069.45

In 2019, Fundraising will be focusing on the more successful events such as Trivia and Pies. More preparation will go into the Trivia Night to smooth the proceedings. A new way to source prizes for the Tombola raffle may be required to reduce the expense to players. Toss for the bottle is always a crowd pleaser so will continue. Advertising for both activities at the Bowling Club during Friday Night raffles may also increase participation from the Bowling Club.

Depending on the need for funds, another Mother's Day raffle or a Community BBQ may be required.

The Fundraising Coordinator – Lauren Juke – moved that the Fundraising Report be accepted.
Seconded Isobel Stoodley. Carried.

5. Coaching Convenor's Report

Of the eight competitive teams, one senior and one junior team made finals. There was mostly positive feedback on the season. A lot of work was put in by coaches in making the season a success. Coaching reports were received from seven teams. There are opportunities to further improve the experience in 2019.

The Coaching Convenor outlined the following recommendations for the 2019 season:

- The development of a clear process for appointment of coaches
- Completion of the Foundation course mandated as a minimum requirement with the Club supporting this by providing full funding;
- The preseason briefing to include an outline in relation to:
 - Setting player expectations about training and commitments; and
 - Working with the players to understand the benefit of training and the impact on the rest of the team of players not attending.
- All junior and sub-junior training to occur at the same place on the same evening each week where possible.
- Where any future team has a combination of age groups the Club is to ensure that the team has an experienced coach and manager; clear briefings to the coach and manager on roles and responsibilities; Supervision on a regular basis of training and game management; and offer the coach a mentor.
- All coaches consider appointing a leadership group in their teams;
- All coaches consider having social functions to increase team cohesion;
- All players be required, through their subs, to purchase a hoodie; and
- The club move to the A-line dresses, as the Netball Shop allows.

The Coaching Convenor – Dwight Graham – moved that the Coaching report be accepted.
Seconded Jackie Jukes Carried

6. Umpiring Convenor's Report

The U12 training session was held on Saturday 21 April at 0930 at the Bowling Club. Six of the team attended, as did the Manager, Asst Coach, and four mothers. The session went well, and there was excellent feedback from the parents. The Convenor and Assistant both reiterated that there will always be support for the players. It was very good to have the parents there too, as

they had several questions, not just with respect to the rules, but also with reference to Club values. The reports back from the parents were very positive.

Ellie Stanley (U12 Coach) said feedback from parents was that the umpiring session was well presented and valuable.

The Convenor provided the report to the NNA Umpiring Convenor (*U12 Superstars Umpiring Training*), particularly noting that the spectator behaviour seems to be much better. Whether this is a function of the “Under Training” vests cannot be determined, however it is pleasing to see the improvement in behaviour.

Nicole Cadogan noted that it was annoying that NNA changed the requirements at short notice resulting in an inability to run our session in conjunction with the Club Gala Day. She recommended that we notify NNA in advance that we plan to run the umpiring sessions at the Gala day.

The Umpiring Convenor advised that the following awards (were presented at the Presentation Function) as per the Club Umpiring Policy.

Umpiring Awards: Taneika Tugaga, Tilly Taylor-Vincer

Spirit of Umpiring: Chevy Bainbridge

Dwight Graham thanked Nick Osborne for his efforts.

Umpiring Convenor – Nick Osborne – moved that the Umpiring Report be accepted.

Seconded Chantelle Wilcox Carried

7. Social Coordinator’s Report

The social events for 2018 were the Parade of Banners day, Senior Drinks and the End of Season Presentations.

While the Parade of Banners day was run well, we had low numbers (partly due to environmental factors). The focus of this event in 2019 will then shift towards more of a Meet and Greet activity, with the gazebo up for most of the day for parents and players to meet the committee and get their Waratah spirit on (hair spray, face painting). A similar event on Crazy Hair and Sock day later in the season will be considered, as long as it has sufficient support. Senior drinks were relatively well attended throughout the year, and the club appreciates the support of our major sponsor.

Presentation events were well received and supported. A similar approach will be adopted in 2019.

The Social Coordinator – Isobel Stoodley moved that the Social Coordinator’s report be accepted. Seconded Megan Newbury Carried

8. Election of Office Bearers

Written nominations were received and accepted for the following positions:

President – Nicole Cadogan [Nom: Nicole Cadogan]

Vice President – Jackie Jukes [Nom: Lauren Jukes, endorsed by candidate]

Treasurer – Dwight Graham [Nom: Nick Osborne, endorsed by candidate]

Registrar – Nick Osborne [Nom: Dwight Graham, endorsed by candidate]

As no other nominations were received in writing, these positions were deemed filled

The position of Secretary was put to the floor for nominations.

Dwight Graham nominated Jane Stoodley, seconded by Jackie Jukes. Jane accepted the nomination and was accepted as Secretary.

9. Election of Committee Positions

Written nominations were received and accepted for the following positions:

Social Coordinator – Isobel Stoodley [Nom: Isobel Stoodley]

As no other nominations were received in writing this position was deemed filled.

The following positions were put to the floor for nominations.

Fundraising Coordinator: Lauren Jukes [Nom: Jane Stoodley, seconded Dwight Graham]

Coaching Convenor: Dwight Graham [Nom: Jane Stoodley, seconded Megan Newbury]

Umpiring Convenor: Nick Osborne [Nom: Dwight Graham, seconded Isobel Stoodley]

Uniform Coordinator: Megan Newbury [Nom: Megan Newbury, seconded Nick Osborne]

Publicity Officer: Chantelle Wilcox [Nom: Chantelle Wilcox, seconded Dwight Graham]

Communications Officer: Nicole Cadogan [Nom: Lauren Jukes, seconded Jane Stoodley]

Equipment Officer: Liz Gold [Nom: Nicole Cadogan, seconded Ellie Stanley]

All committee positions were accepted by the nominees and therefore deemed filled.

10. Confirmation of Patrons and Life Members

Kayla Jukes, Kiri Osborne & Liz Gold were confirmed as Life Members at the End of Season 2018 Presentation Night.

11. Other Business

The Coaching Subsidies policy has been rewritten to allow coaches to access \$100/season in training support without percentage limitations. Non-Playing Member Fees have also been defined within that policy.

Meeting Closed: 2:55pm