

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2018

Present: Nicole Cadogan, Jackie Jukes, Lauren Jukes, Isobel Stoodley, Dwight Graham, Isobel Stoodley, Nick Osborne (via Skype)

Apologies: Megan Newbury, Erin Britt, Chantelle Wilcox

Meeting Opened: 6:32pm

Previous Minutes: Jackie Jukes moved that the minutes of the meeting on February 28th be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded: Dwight Graham Carried

1. **Business Arising from previous minutes:**

- **Grading Concerns:** The only concern with grading was the initial placement of the Cheetahs in A2. The Club was able to argue for movement of the team to A1, however for future years, NNA recommends registration documentation be supported by Club evaluation of the team in comparison to previous teams in the preferred grade, especially where the proportion of returning players is less than six.

U10s were placed in Div2 despite concerns that the team had a wide variation in ability. NNA was uninterested in our concerns and were adamant that Div 2 was an appropriate grade. Their progress during the season will be monitored.

- **Borrowing Policy motion:** The motion tabled at the last NNA meeting was unsuccessful. Feedback from various sources was to try again in the future. Cardiff was supportive despite only one senior team. Suggestions were made to change the wording so that a borrowed player could only come onto a wing position, however this was considered impractical.
An executive member advised that it could be reintroduced at any meeting not just an AGM as it was merely a policy. It may even be appropriate to introduce at an executive meeting. [**ACTION:** Dwight Graham to review wording and options to reintroduce.]
- **Club Gala Day review:** The Club Gala day was well received and enjoyed by all. As an exercise in building Club Community it was positive. Seniors and Cadets benefitted from game time. Sub Junior players were not interested in the wraps provided for lunch, so future catering should include basic sandwiches. Overall the event was well organized.

Photos to be uploaded to the One Drive for use in promotion next year. [**ACTION:** Dwight Graham & Nick Osborne]

- Bowling Club Membership: To be finalized before end of April when existing cards expire. [ACTION: Nicole Cadogan]
- Website Updates: Photos of all but two coaches have been received. Photos of committee will also be uploaded. Bios and team outlines from coaches still need updating. [ACTION: Nick Osborne & Dwight Graham]
- Good Sports Accreditation: Good Sports Accreditation remains incomplete as there were concerns about some of the categories that cannot be signed off on, such as alcohol at Trivia nights. The Club needs to be careful to not agree to things that can't be complied with. [ACTION: Nicole Cadogan to further liaise with Good Sports re the documentation]
- Newcastle Coal Grant: On closer examination of the Coal Grant application, it was difficult to complete all aspects of the submission as quotes and referees were required. The Club needs to decide on clear objectives if it wishes to proceed with the next round of submissions.
- Feedback from Conference: Nick Osborne and Jane Stoodley attended the Netball NSW Conference in March. While there were interesting speakers and opportunities to network, it was not considered value for money. Time allocated to coaching sessions was limited and the quality of those sessions of limited value, perhaps due to the experience of the attending coaches. A request has been put to Netball NSW to provide the program earlier, so that an evaluation of merit can be determined in the future.

2. Correspondence

Incoming:

- Email from Health Direct re health messages for children (5/3/2018): Positive health messages to be shared on our website. [ACTION: Nicole Cadogan]
- Email from NNA re casual registrations: distributed to all coaches
- NetSetGo voucher: Ball bags purchased.
- Email re: Fundraising – Australian Blood Stock.
- Email re International Netball Festival Fiji (Dec 2018)
- Email from NNA re amendments to Sub Jnr rules: distributed to coaches and parents of relevant teams
- Email from NNA re Information Booklet
- Email re Giving for Grassroots Small Grants [ACTION: Jane Stoodley]
- Email re Sporting Chance Forums
- NSW Office of the Children's Guardian: Working With Children Update Reminder: Coaches who got their WWC Numbers 5 years ago will need to reapply this year.
- Aurizon Community Grants
- Beach Netball

Outgoing:

- Email to NNA re deregistrations & late registrations
- Email to Di Burns re Junior Umpiring
- Email to NNA & Clubs in support of Borrowing motion
- Invoice to Doc Yagen for sponsorship
- Letter to Bank re change of signatories
- Resubmission of A12 to Fair Trading
- Letter to Bowling Club re sponsorship

3. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report.

Overall, a slight profit at the end of March (refer the March Cashflow report).

The following was noted:

- The sponsorship from Doc Yagen Photography (\$250), of which only \$160 was spent.
- Registration takings (\$2858.30)
- Uniform Sales (276.34)
- D Graham Refund to Waratah Netball Club for Subsidy for Coaching Course (\$100)

The Treasurer advised that this year registration payments have been significantly more prompt than previous years. In particular, he noted that the only outstanding debtors as at 6.00pm on Mon 09 Apr 18 are:

Briohny Coglin (Rego) - \$185
 Briohny Coglin (Dress) - \$40
 Ebony Shelton (Rego) - \$105
 Naveen Ransom (Rego) - \$30
 Nashua Clarke (Rego) - \$25
 (Total \$385)

The Treasurer advised that Briohny Coglin had only transferred from Wests on the first playing day, and he had therefore approved her delay in payment. Wests have promised to refund her Wests registration.

Dwight Graham asked if there is any projection for remainder of the season. The Treasurer said this would be possible after the expected receipt of sponsorship.

The Treasurer moved that the Report be accepted:

Moved: N Osborne Seconded: D Graham Carried

4. Registrar's Report

The Registrar noted that all members had been registered in MyNetball, and that the Club database was up to date.

The Registrar has transferred Indiana Beuster (Unicorns) to Wests as per her request, and as agreed by NNA. As we collected her registration fee, but had not forwarded to NNA, the Club owe her \$130.

The Registrar moved that the Club Refund \$130 to Indiana Beuster.

Moved: N Osborne Seconded: J. Jukes Carried

The Registrar requested Newcastle Netball to de-register Camille Addison (Hornets) due to injury and Hannah Hay (Sabres) for personal reasons. The Registrar recommended that Camille and Hannah be refunded the \$83 Club difference between NNA and Club fees. Should Camille's de-registration be approved, the Club will be able to refund her full fee; however, as Hannah's de-registration would not be approved by Netball NSW (as it is only a 'change of mind') the Club cannot refund the remaining \$102 for Hannah's fee. It should also be noted that should Camille wish to attend the Club Presentation, she will be required to pay the full fee.

The Registrar moved that the Club Refund \$83 to Camille Addison and \$83 to Hannah Hay.

Moved: N Osborne Seconded: N. Cadogan Carried

5. **Fundraising Report:**

- Trivia Night: 5th May – Preparations are underway. 6:30pm doors for 7pm start. Tombala requires a donation from each team.
[ACTION: Lauren Jukes to contact team managers re donation for Tombola; Jackie Jukes to source Best Dressed prize from Rocky Road Sponsor]
- Previous Fundraising proposal from Mantra re-tabled to address potential shortfall in funds. It was agreed that it go ahead with the view to drawing the prize at the Presentation Night. [ACTION: Jackie Jukes]

6. **Umpiring Report:**

- The U12 training session will be held on Saturday 21 April at 0930. NNA (Di Burns) has agreed that as the Club has only a single team, the Umpiring Convenor is approved to run the training session. The venue is still to be determined, but as the training is lecture based, courts are not required. The Assistant Umpiring Convenor will source a suitable venue.
[ACTION: Isobel Stoodley]
- The Umpiring Convenor will work with the U12s' coach to ensure all Junior Umpires have someone at the courts to supervise them during their duties.
- The Umpiring Convenor advised that a second NNA Umpiring Session has been arranged for those teams that couldn't attend the first one. Sunday April 15

7. **Coaching Convenor's Report:**

All coaches have been contacted regarding their qualifications and equipment requirements. Regular Emails are being sent to remind coaches of events and resources.

Unicorns have gained a player bringing their numbers to 8. Another player would be welcome. Sabres have recruited Briony Coglein for midcourt to cover loss of Hannah Hay.

Cheetahs have recruited Nadine Berry as a defender as Alexis Hill was injured and may miss remainder of the season.

Hornets have also lost a defender due to injury but are planning to make do and use casual players as needed at this time.

8. Social Coordinator's Report:

- Parade of Banners:

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated, especially the U9s and U7s who stayed behind for the occasion. Thank you to those who assisted with preparations.

There was significantly less attendance than expected. Specifically, the absence of the U10s and U12s was noted. As their games were around that time, their lack of attendance is of concern.

[ACTION: Isobel Stoodley to request feedback as to why those teams did not attend]

Watermelon was extremely popular, oranges less so. Grapes in bunches worked well. Cake seemed to be a hit! While the event was over catered as per who attended, if full attendance had occurred it would have been under catered – it is hard to get a balance! On a positive, it was under budget (~\$60).

The lucky door prize worked well but wasn't sufficiently promoted. The prize was won by Taylor Rowbottom. To encourage more seniors in attendance, a prize suitable to seniors such as free umpiring during rounds one and two should be explored for future years.

9. New Business:

- NetSetGo Competition: A competition is underway for NetSetGo centres to receive a session run by Clare McMeniman. The Club will submit an application for next term.

[ACTION: Jane Stoodley]

Meeting Closed: 7:59pm

Next Meeting: TBA