

# WORCESTER CITY NETBALL LEAGUE

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Zoom 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 pm

**Present:** All teams were represented. However, the following teams were late in attending the meeting and will therefore be fined:

- Insanutty
- Raiders Missiles
- WNC Crystals

### 1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Fiona welcomed everyone to the meeting and talked through the agenda and format.

### 2. APOLOGIES

None received.

### 3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND MINUTES OF 2022 AGM

The minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting together with reports had been circulated to all teams with the agenda. It was proposed by Becky Atkins and seconded by Carrie Roydes and unanimously agreed that the reports should be adopted and signed by the Chairperson as a true record of that meeting.

### 4. Donation - Worcestershire Breast Haven Unit

Caroline Leah from Worcestershire Breast Haven Unit attended to accept a donation from funds raised at the Stewart Vernalls 2023 Tournament. Caroline also said a few words about the Breast Haven Unit and the work that they do.

### 5. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Sue Maund

Welcome to this year's AGM. Congratulations to all winners, runners up and players of the season in 2022/23. The Stuart Vernalls Memorial tournament was once again a wonderful success. Thanks to Dawn For organising the game schedule and to all teams participating. The event raised £1300 for Worcestershire breast cancer unit Haven. Well done everyone. I would like to also to thank the committee members for all their hard work this year. A special thanks to Kirsty Evans our General Secretary who is stepping down from this position after 5 years. When requesting through delegates for nominations for the general secretary post it was very disappointing that not one person came forward from the entire league, a co-opted member has now put her name forward to be general secretary. Please remember this league would not exist without the hard work put in each season by the committee. Hope you are all looking forward to the winter season which starts on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Fiona Lawson

Hello and welcome to the AGM 2023. Huge congratulations to all winners and runners-up, but also to everyone involved in netball. The league would not run without teams/players, umpires, coaches and the committee so thank you to everyone who gives their time to netball across Worcestershire.

The committee – without them you cannot play, every member of the committee plays their part and more, they give up their time voluntarily to ensure we can all enjoy the game we love to play. Thank you each and every one of you.

I am going to single a few out –

Sarah, Fixtures Secretary – she collates entries, she books courts and liaises with venues, she arranges all the fixtures for 50+ teams, she puts all the details on the website, re-arranges games, updates the website, re-books venues, etc – not only once but twice per year. And she works full-time – she also runs one of the largest clubs in Worcestershire – amazing. Sarah tries to update the result tables weekly, occasionally it's not possible, please bear with if the tables are not updated (it usually means she is taking a well-deserved holiday) but she'll be back on it the following week.

Maxine, Umpiring Secretary – created a supportive link with as many umpires as possible, sending out useful regular updates, sorting neutral umpires (and rearranging them) in the summer. She has also liaised with Dawn to set up the umpiring forum. If you/your umpire does not get regular updates from Max, please email [umpiringwcnl@gmail.com](mailto:umpiringwcnl@gmail.com) to be added to Max's contact list.

Sadly, my right arm is leaving her post this year – after 5 years, Kirsty Evans is stepping down as general secretary, she is going to remain on the committee as AGM secretary but for the main part, she is handing over the reins. Kirsty, thank you for your contribution over the last 5 years, we are grateful for all you have done, especially keeping me in order!

As has been raised already, we have had a few vacancies on the committee this year, it is really disappointing to see the reluctance for anyone to want to get involved. The league cannot run without the committee, we do have a number of co-opted posts available, these are kind of entry onto the committee positions as they hold no responsibility, if anyone is interested in joining, please email [chairwcnl@gmail.com](mailto:chairwcnl@gmail.com).

We have had very few complaints this year, hopefully this means we are doing something right! Cancelled games cannot always be helped, we understand that, however, it is frustrating for the other team who just want to play. If you are struggling for an umpire, consider sending someone on the umpire's course, you can then at least have a reciprocal arrangement with another team/umpire to help each other out. Also, remember if you can't play, you are liable for all costs, if the other team come to you asking for you to pay their court costs, it is your responsibility to do that.

Ensure everyone has their updated All England Membership, must do this via ENgage and you must ensure you are linked to WCNL so we can see you have up to date membership. Link included for more information of what benefits we get with membership as well as details of the EN insurance.

Winter league 2023/24 is due to start next week, all games are indoors, fixtures are all available on the website. Player of the match will be voted by the teams for the player they think is the most deserving from the other team. Have a great winter season, we look forward to seeing you on court soon.

## **7. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jo Hawes**

### ***Appendix 1 – Worcester City Netball League Profit and Loss 2022/2023***

*Appendix 1 was distributed to attendees prior to the meeting.*

Healthy balance, however the league pay court fees monthly upfront – very expensive in the winter (£4k per month approx.).

Winter invoices will be sent to all teams in October.

Payments needed in October 2023 & January 2024.

Reminders will be sent via Facebook.

Please pay promptly so we can continue to pay upfront.

Awaiting court fees for 2023/24 - last year these were £20 per team per game, hoping to maintain this price, will update everyone ASAP.

## **8. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments by the Committee had been circulated to all teams prior to the meeting. No questions, objections or amendments had been received by the due date and therefore the proposed amendments to the constitution was approved.

## **9. RULE AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments by the Committee had been circulated to all teams prior to the meeting. No amendments were to the proposed rule changes were agreed and therefore the proposed amendments to rules 1, 2, 3, 5, 5.1.2, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 7, 7.2, 7.3, 7.6.1, 7.9, 7.9.1, 8, 9, 10, 10.1.1, 10.5, 14.1,16 and 18 will stand.

Changes to the Constitution and Rules were proposed by Carrie Roydes and seconded by Sam Rudd.

## **10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Notification of vacancies for officers had been circulated to teams with the agenda. All other committee members are happy to remain in post for this year.

Nominations for the following vacancies have been received:

### **General Secretary – Kitty Beech**

Proposed – Emily Gelling

Seconded – Kate Stocks

## Membership Secretary – Becky Price

Proposed – Dawn Jackson

Seconded – Emily Gelling

### Co Opted positions:

## Helena Augousti, Emily Gelling and Emily Pinches

Proposed – Emily Pinches

Seconded – Carrie Roydes

No objections were raised at the meeting and elections stand.

No further nominations were received.

## 11. PROPOSED EXTRA ITEMS

None were received in advance.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

<b>Indoor</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runners Up</b>	<b>Player of Division</b>
Division Regional	Saracens	Firefox	Rosie Grinnell – Firefox 7
Division Premier	UBMS	KT Sports	Siohban Record – KT Sports 4 Rachel Okpoti – UBMS 4
Division One	Zodiac	Saracen Kings	Cassie Jagger – Saracen Kings 6
Division Two	Zodiac Blacks	WNC Platinum	Steph Brigg – Smart Cut 8
Division Three	Platinum Pivots	Scarletts	Chloe Lakin – Fireballs 7
Division Four	Bailey Bells	Diamonds	Bella Muirhead – Teme Valley 8
Division Five	Raiders Missiles	Malvern Spring Rapids	Josie Pheasant – Raiders Bombs 8
Division Six	Scarlett Stars	WNC Hearts	Naomi Jones – WNC Hearts 10
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runners Up</b>	<b>Player of Division</b>
Division Premier	Malvern Springs	KT Sports	Ziena Heaton – Malvern Comets and Steph McNally – Malvern Springs Jets 6
Division One	Insanutty	WNC Platinum	Charley Walters – WNC Platinum 6
Division Two	Taureans	Platinum Pivots	Kirsty Evans – Zodiac Asteriods, Abi Coward – Zodiac Moons 7
Division Three	Diamonds	Scarletts	Bella Muirhead - Teme Valley 8
Division Four	Raiders Missiles	Malvern Spring Rapids	Kate Sandford – WNC Rubies 6
Division Five	Scarlett Sirens	WNC Emeralds	Sophie Mitchell – WNC Emeralds 6
Division Six	Zodiac Planets	WNC Crystals	Milly Ashby - Zodiac Planets and Libby Faulkner – Zodiac Nebula 4

## 11. CLOSE OF MEETING – 8.15pm