

WORCESTER CITY NETBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.30 pm
At Bishop Perowne CE College, Merrimans Hill Road, Worcester, WR3 8LE

Present: All teams were represented with the exception of those that had sent advanced apologies and those teams that had not signed in on the night. Each team would therefore be fined for non-attendance: Charlotte Waugh (Malvern Springs); Dolphin, Lodge Park Ladies, Raiders Missiles.

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Catherine welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone to ensure they had signed in and collected their free gift of a first aid kit.

2. APOLOGIES

Advanced apologies received from: Emily Gelling (Committee); Charlotte Waugh (Malvern Springs);

3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND MINUTES OF 2016 AGM

The minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting together with reports had been circulated to all teams with the agenda. It was proposed by Becky Atkins and seconded by Sue Bentley and unanimously agreed that the reports should be adopted and signed by the Chairperson as a true record of that meeting.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Sue Maund

"Welcome to this years' AGM/Presentation 2017/18. Congratulations to all the winners, runners up and players of the seasons in all divisions throughout the year.

Neutral umpiring in the summer season was a success after initial problems when fixtures were distributed, when some teams and umpires seemed to be unaware that this was being trailed.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Stuart Vernalls Memorial tournament this year due lack of teams entering this was very disappointing as it is usually very well supported.

I would like to thank all committee members for all their hard work throughout the year. Especially to Catherine, Dawn, Bev and Justine who are resigning after tonight after many years on the committee they will be missed.

Thanks to Dawn and Catherine once again for preparing the food for this evening.

We had several vacancies on the committee which we needed volunteers to fill but again no one came forward to take up these positions, so we recruited within the existing committee members, it would have been nice to get volunteers as the league will not run itself.

Thank You".

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Catherine Mullen

"Good evening and welcome to Worcester City Netball League's AGM. Thank you for representing your teams. Please ensure that you have signed in and received your First Aid Kit.

At the end of tonight's A.G.M. we will present this season's awards. Refreshments will be on offer prior to the presentations for both our Winter and Summer competitions.

The committee receives correspondence throughout the year and the 2 themes which come up time and again are umpiring and discipline. Please can you ensure that all players, umpires and supporters are aware of the code of conduct and adhere to it, this can be found on our website.

The website and Facebook page are both run by the committee. These are kept updated and are always a good source of information.

Your league is run by volunteers and the committee make decisions on your behalf. The committee work tirelessly to improve the league and do listen to requests. Certainly, the trial of neutral umpires was a suggestion put forward by a number of clubs, and while there were a few difficulties to begin with by the end of the Summer season we had all got used to the changes. This cannot happen over the winter due to the numbers of courts at the venues used.

This year we have 4 committee members standing down whom jointly have given the league over 50 years' service. A massive thank you to Bev Weaver, Justine Turberfield and Dawn Wallis for their time and commitment over the years, completing different roles during their time on the committee. We have received nominations for Treasurer but are looking for an AGM Secretary. Any nominations welcomed from the floor. The other committee members are willing to continue in their current roles. We do often have co-opted positions available, these are roles which do not have any specified responsibility but support the league in general decision making. If you are interested, please see Fiona afterwards as these positions are not voted on by the members.

This is my last AGM as chair, so thank you all for your support over the years and good luck to you all in the forthcoming Netball year".

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Dawn Wallis

Appendix 1 – Report for 2017/18

Report distributed to attendees at the meeting.

"We have made a small loss this year but we have a healthy bank account so do not need to increase court fees this year. Winter courts this year are being charged out at £18 per game, the same as last year.

All the venues are now insisting on payment up front. They will not allow any games to be played if invoices have not been settled. This means that we have to keep the surplus that we have in the account to cover these costs in lieu of receiving payments from teams entered.

Please can I ask that the invoices are paid promptly according to the terms set out on the invoices issued. Thank you".

No other queries raised from the floor on the accounts for 2017/18.

7. 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 to officer posts; 4; 15; 20; 21 and 22 were approved.

8. RULE 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 rules 5.1; 7.8; 7.8; 8; 14 and 18 were approved.

9. 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:

Vice President: Sarah Edwards
(Nominated by Fiona Lawson; seconded by Bev Weaver)

Chair Person: Fiona Lawson
(Nominated by Dawn Jackson; seconded by Lynz Ganderton)

Vice Chair Person: Steph Warry
(Nominated by Sarah Edwards; seconded by Sue Maund)

Treasurer: Dawn Jackson
(Nominated by Sue Maund; seconded by Jo Hawes)

AGM Secretary: No nominations received

Two vacancies are available as co-options

Anyone else interested in becoming co-optees to the committee please come and see Fiona after the meeting.

10. PROPOSED EXTRA ITEMS

None were received in advance.

11. INTERLUDE FOR REFRESHMENTS

12. DONATION TO WORCESTERSHIRE YOUNG CARERS

Catherine handed over the donation of £400.00 to Jon Cawdon, Senior Project Co-ordinator from Youth Support Services who deliver the services to Worcestershire Young Carers.

Jon proceeding to give a talk to the attendees on the work carried out and how our donation will help Worcestershire Yung Carers.

13. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Sarah Edwards with the assistance of Jon Cawdon proceeded with the presentation of certificates and prizes for winners, runners up and player of season as below:

Division	Winners	Runners Up	Player of Season
Summer 2018			
Premier	KT Sports	Malvern Springs	6 – Kitty Crane Zodiac Supernova
One	Old Bromsgrove Cannons	Zodiac	5 - Kirsty Driscoll – Zodiac Insight
Two	WNC Sapphires	Taureans	6 - Rosie Cavell – WNC Sapphires
Three	Smart Cut Mini Z	Saracen Kings	4 - Laura Quinn – WNC Onxy
Four	Malvern Fusion	Platinum Players	6 - Jo Pettigrew – Malvern Waves
Five	WNC Platinum	Platinum Pivots	7 - Jasmine Franks – WNC Platinum
Six	WNC Topaz	Zodiac Vixens	6 - Stacey Schooling – Raiders Missiles
Winter 2017/18			
One	WNC Whites	Saracens	6 - Odette Kelleher – KT Sports
Two	Lodge Park Ladies	Malvern Springs Jets	8 - Laura Porter- Lodge Ladies
Three	WNC Jewels	Saracen Cygnets	6 - Caroline Heath – Bailey Bells
Four	WNC Sapphires	Saracen Royals	5 - Rachel Austin – Teme Valley
Five	Dolphin	Malvern Waves	4 - Olivia Bevan – WNC Emeralds and Esmee Sutton WNC Rubies
Six	Malvern Wild Hearts	Platinum Players	5 - Lauren Bourne – KSA
Seven	Platinum Pivots	Raggydolls	5 - Naomi Jones WNC Hearts and Jess Adams – Zodiac Planets

14. CLOSE OF MEETING at 20:26rs