



## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm At The Riverside, Worcester University, Hylton Road, Worcester, WR2 5JN**

**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: Bailey Bells, BJ Dappers, Firefox and Insanutty.

### **1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME**

Fiona welcomed everyone to the meeting and talked through the agenda and reminded everyone to ensure they had signed in and collected their free gift of a new ball.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

No advanced apologies received.

### **3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND MINUTES OF 2018 AGM**

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting together with reports had been circulated to all teams with the agenda. It was proposed by Kate Stelling and seconded by Emily Fawdry 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 year's AGM.

Congratulations to all winner's runners up and players of the season.

The Stuart Vernalls tournament was well represented this year across all division thanks to Dawn for organising such a successful event.

I would like to thank all the committee for the continuous good work throughout the year. Thanks to Dawn and Lynsey who are resigning after tonight they have been valuable members on the committee and will be missed.

We still need volunteers to fill the vacancies we have meeting are held every 6 weeks on a Tuesday.

Thanks”.

### **5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Fiona Lawson**

“Thank you for attending the WCNL 2019 AGM – this was my first year, I've learnt a lot, made some mistakes for sure but couldn't do it without the support from other members of the committee. So a big thank you to all of them for their support and hard work throughout the year.

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WCNL is run by volunteers and they work tirelessly on your behalf, putting in countless hours to ensure the smooth running of the league – we make decisions based on what we believe is best across the whole league. Many of the rule changes are based on issues that have cropped up throughout the year. We continue to receive complaints based on two main topics – umpires and discipline. Please can you ensure that ALL players within your teams read and understand the rules (as often many issues are due to a lack of understanding about our league rules) and code of conduct – this applies to all players, umpires, coaches and spectators.

As players, we all feel a bit hard done by sometimes, convinced that we were contacted, pull our faces, huff/puff, etc. Most often it is not at the umpires, often it is our own frustrations. But it is not acceptable for players, coaches or spectators to make umpires feel uncomfortable. Interestingly, I often see on Facebook where an umpire is asking a question to fellow umpires – this cropped up in my game tonight, what are your thoughts on it – and then come the many different answers, interpretations and suggestions – just shows how different people interpret things differently. As umpires we all continue to learn but we don't need player/umpires on court telling us how to do it. If you have any problems with a call an umpire is making, at the end of the game ask them about it and if you are still unhappy talk to a member of the committee.

I am keen to ensure we continue to support umpires as much as we can – so many teams struggle for umpires. With that in mind, it is each team's responsibility to ensure they have an umpire for each of their games and it is so much easier if you can offer an exchange. Encourage your players to go on umpire courses, WCNA are keen to courses on but can't if we don't have people to attend them.

We are planning on setting up an umpire mentor scheme this year to help guide and encourage umpires – last year we ran an umpiring forum, huge thanks to Dawn Jackson and Lindsey who organized and ran this event. This was a WCNL funded event, it was well received by all umpires, newly qualified and those who have umpired for many years and we hope to continue to run these. We are still creating our umpires database so we can contact umpires independently, however, if you do hear about these please ensure you tell your umpires to come along.

Our annual summer tournament was very successful this year, again thanks to Dawn for organising – this tournament is run in memory of a very special umpire who gave a great deal to netball across Worcestershire – so we thank you teams for supporting it. As a result, we will be making a donation to our chosen charity later on this evening.

Facebook is a great way to communicate so please ensure you and other members of your team sign up to get WCNL notifications.

This year we have 2 committee members standing down. On behalf of everyone, I want to say a huge thank you to both Dawn Jackson and Lindsey Ganderton for their time and commitment. As a result, we now have vacancies for both umpiring secretary and tournament secretary – we have received a nomination for umpiring secretary but if anyone wants to become the tournament secretary or be a co-opted member of the



committee, we welcome nominations from the floor. Co-opted positions do not have any specific responsibility, but they make a valuable contribution at meetings and help to support other members of the committee”.

## 6. **TREASURER’S REPORT – Jo Hawes**

### ***Appendix 1 – Worcester City Netball League Profit and Loss 2018/19***

Report distributed to attendees at the meeting.

"We have made a small profit this year and 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 once they have been issued. They will be emailed out soon. Thank you".

## 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 amendment to the constitution to officer post 7 was approved.

Proposed – Julie Shaw  
Seconded – Emily Fawdry

## 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 4, 5, 5.1, 5.1.1, 5.2, 7, 7.6.1, 7.6.2, 9, 10, 10.1, 10.5, 12, 13, 13.1 and 15 were approved.

Proposed – Charlotte Waugh  
Seconded – Kate Stelling

## 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 vacancy has been received:

- Umpire Secretary – Lin Smith



Proposed – Sarah Edwards  
Seconded – Dawn Jackson

No nominations received for the following vacancy:

- Tournament Secretary

Three vacancies were available as co-options and volunteers received at the AGM were:

Niel Gavin  
Zoe Jakeways

## 10. PROPOSED EXTRA ITEMS

None were received in advance.

## 11. INTERLUDE FOR REFRESHMENTS

## 12. DONATION TO JANE BROWN (QE – FIGHTING SKIN CANCER)

Fiona handed over a donation of £800 to Jane Brown who will donate to QE – Fighting Skin Cancer.

Jane said:

“I play in the Worcester and Kidderminster and District Leagues and also umpire. I decided to shave my head and wanted to do something useful rather than just cut it. I thought about the inspirational people I knew and one lady stood out, unfortunately no longer with us. People will know as her as either Becky Giles or Giddings and I remember her as smiling Becky. She always took time for people even when she was poorly .... if it wasn't for Becky and Sarah Giles I wouldn't be playing netball anymore. I have now raised over £5,000 so thank you very much”.

## 13. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Special guest was Melissa Bessell who gave a short talk and then assisted Sarah Edwards with the presentation of certificates and prizes for winners, runners up and player of season as below:

Winter	Team	Player of Season
Division One winners	Saracens	
Division One runners up	WNC Whites	
Division Two winners	UBMS	
Division Two runners up	Zodiac	
Division Three winners	Malvern Comets	
Division Three runners up	WNC Sapphires	

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Division Four winners	Malvern Hearts Wildies	
Division Four runners up	Platinum Players	
Division Five winners	Platinum Pivots	
Division Five runners up	Saracen Fawns	
Division Six winners	Platinum Points	
Division Six runners up	Raiders Bombs	
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Player of Season</b>
Premier Division winners	Malvern Springs	6 - Loretta Hannaford (KT Sports)
Premier Division runners up	Saracen Fawns	
Division One winners	WNC Sapphires	5 – Kate Rodgman
Division One runners up	Zodiac Insight	
Division Two winners	Platinum Players	6 – Mandy Kang (Starlight)
Division Two runners up	Malvern Hearts Wildies	
Division Three winners	Insanutty	5 – Suzie Coleman (Dolphins) and Orla Sarris (WNC Platinum)
Division Three runners up	Bluebirds	
Division Four winners	Platinum Pivots	5 – Julia Bevan (WNC Diamonds) and Sophie Field (Zodiac Galaxy)
Division Four runners up	WNC Pinks	
Division Five winners	Saracen Royals	5 – Naomi Dean (Raiders Bombs)
Division Five runners up	Platinum Points	
Division Six winners	WNC Emeralds	6 – Leona Dean (WNC Hearts)
Division Six runners up	WNC Hearts	

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING at 8.40pm**