



## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Zoom 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** All teams were represented at the AGM.

### **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 2019 AGM**

The minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting together with reports had been circulated to all teams with the agenda. It was proposed by Emily Fawdry and seconded by Andrea Blake 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 via zoom.*

*We hope you and your team members are all in good health and coming through the lockdown unscathed by the pandemic.*

*We are working with England Netball to get netballers back on the courts as early as possible, we are just waiting for the government and England Netball to give us the go ahead to play. The Committee has made provisional plans for the league to restart and we will keep you updated.*

*Congratulations to all the winner’s, runners up and players of season for the winter league.*

*I would like to thank all the committee for the continuous good work throughout the years.*

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

*Looking forward to seeing all on the court in the near future.*

*Stay safe.”*



## 5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Fiona Lawson

*“Thank you all for attending the WCNL 2020 AGM. The first, and hopefully, the last by Zoom!*

*What a different year we have had; the AGM usually follows two good seasons of competitive netball and at this point, the Chair usually spouts on about the complaints we have received throughout the year about umpiring decisions and non-sporting behavior – I won't ever feel uncomfortable about this again, how I wish it was a normal year!*

*No summer season and neither of the tournaments we had planned were able to run this year but we will be back, bigger and better than ever, as soon as England Netball guidelines allow us to and it is safe to play again.*

*Whilst we have had far less to discuss for the last few months, your WCNL committee continued to meet regularly and again, I wish to thank all committee members for their valuable contribution. We do have some co-opted positions available - 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. If you wish to join us on the committee, please email [chairwcnl@gmail.com](mailto:chairwcnl@gmail.com).*

*With regards to the WCNL new/amended rules, we have included a new rule about players/umpires carrying an injury and what medical aids (knee, wrist, ankle supports) are permitted to be worn whilst playing or umpiring. This rule has been taken from the England Netball rules to ensure EN insurance is not invalidated.*

*The only other change is to rule 16, paying for invoices. We are still having to chase too many teams for payment – all committee members are volunteers and chasing teams can take up a great deal of time. Therefore, failure to pay invoices on time may result in a surcharge being added.*

*Whilst we are happy to only invoice teams twice a season, the league still has to pay monthly for the courts. There are not many sports where you don't have to pay until some time after you have played, so not paying invoices on time is not acceptable.*

*As I am sure you are all aware, England Netball have indicated a return for league-based modified netball to start from end of September 2020 – we have planned an autumn outdoor league to meet these timescales, however, there are still many plans to put in place to ensure players safety, some of which we will talk about after the official bits and bobs.*

*We have one member of the committee standing down this year – Abbi Marshall has been a co-opted committee member for many years and has made a valued contribution. We want to thank her for all her efforts and have sent her a lovely bouquet of thanks.”*



## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jo Hawes

### **Appendix 1 – Worcester City Netball League Profit and Loss 2019/20**

Report was distributed to attendees prior to the meeting.

*“All teams have been sent a copy of the balance sheet.*

*We do have a healthy balance, this generally helps to cover the indoor court fees which we are charged for from September. Obviously this year, for the Autumn League, the court fees will be based on our usual outdoor court fees (which are considerably less than the indoor court fees) so this usual surplus is unlikely to be as needed this year (depending what happens from next year in terms of indoor games).*

*If anyone has any questions please put them in the chat and we will get answers across to you. As mentioned earlier, when we do start playing again, please can you ensure invoices are paid on time.”*

## 7. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

No amendments to the Constitution were made this year.

## 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 5.3 and 16 will stand.

Proposed – Emily Fawdry

Seconded – Claire Rainbow

## 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.

No nominations for any of the vacancies were received in advance of the AGM.

Any nominations to be sent to the Chair by email.

## 10. PROPOSED EXTRA ITEMS

### Return to Netball

Fiona provided an update of where we are as a Committee in preparations for getting WCNL back on court.

We are currently looking at a date of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (which may need to be moved) dependant on the availability of venues and appropriate risk assessment/mitigation plans being in place.



Further updates will be provided in due course.

## Lindsay Hacking – England Netball

Lindsay gave an overview of England Netball's return to netball plans and also provided an overview of the ENgage system and linking clubs and teams to WCNL.

### **11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS**

All winter winners, runners up and players of the season were announced.

Congratulations to all!

### **12. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm