

WORCESTER CITY NETBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Zoom 13th September 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: All teams were represented.

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

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

2. APOLOGIES

Lin Smith – Umpiring Secretary
Julie Shaw – Safeguarding/Welfare Officer

3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND MINUTES OF 2020 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 Sarah Edwards and seconded by Sam Rudd 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 Maud

“Welcome to this year’s AGM 2021 2019 – 2020 season was unprecedented with the outbreak of the global pandemic and the challenges we had to face. To see us through the crisis, we prioritised the safety of all players and coaching staff while hopefully maintaining the enjoyment of playing netball. Thanks to all the committee members for all of their extraordinary hard work in these exceptional times. Congratulations to all winners, runners up and players of the summer season. Finally, many thanks to all the players and umpires who excepted and played to the protocol and made this very difficult season possible.

*Stay safe,
Sue.”*

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Fiona Lawson

“Thank you all for attending the WCNL 2021 AGM. So last year I started with “The first, and hopefully, the last by Zoom!” Not to be, however, life is returning to some normality for which we are all thankful for! So we didn’t quite make two good seasons of competitive netball this year but we did make one – and what a great summer season it was. I want to start by thanking you, the teams. You entered into this summer league with modified rules and I am sure, mixed emotions – keen to get back to netball but also a little apprehensive about it. I know we all forgot about the modified rules sometimes but games were played in high spirits and it was great to see so many people enjoying our sport again.

I also want to thank the WCNL committee members – without their hard work no netball would happen, we’ve had to adapt rules on and off court, make last minute changes, all of which can be a heavy workload for volunteers. I want to make a special shout-out to

Sarah, Fixtures Secretary – she works tirelessly to sort venues, which is getting harder and harder, she arranges all the fixtures, then re-arranges, and re-arranges. This last summer season we had an issue with one of the venues after the first week so she had to move games to other venues, ensure all teams were aware, etc. – it's just non-stop for her. Sarah, thank you from everyone!

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 (every 6 weeks or so) and help to support other members of the committee. If you wish to join us on the committee, please email chairwcnl@gmail.com.

I want to just mention why we had to rearrange venues early on – spectators and dogs. Now we are reverting to normal rules, we will update our WCNL COVID policy to still include hand/ball sanitising, etc, and we will remove the no spectators. However, we would appreciate you keeping spectators to a minimum especially where we are playing indoors as there is a lack of space and we still want to maintain distancing where we can to keep everyone safe. The issue with dogs (less relevant for winter) is a more serious one. This message needs to get out to ALL teams and ALL spectators – we cannot have dogs on any school premises. I appreciate whilst you are playing, your spectator uses the opportunity to take the dog for a walk but it cannot be on any school playing fields. This is not our rule, this is a venue rule, and when broken, they then ban us from using their courts. If any spectators with dogs are found on any school grounds they will be asked to leave – this is not a temporary COVID rule, it is a venue rule we must adhere to now and in the future. Please ensure you pass this message onto all of your players.

We will enter into winter league 2021 with no on court rule modifications – however safety is still essential to reduce transmission so many of the off court mitigations will be left in place e.g. sanitising. Also, in line with Government guidance anyone testing positive for COVID-19 must not attend any netball activity and should isolate for 10 days.

Fingers crossed in 2021/22 we will manage two great competitions and we will see the return of our tournaments. Once again we will attempt to support the Worcestershire Breast Cancer Centre as our nominated charity. We do have a position on the committee available for a Tournament Secretary – if we do not fill this position we will continue to run at least one regardless.”

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – Jo Hawes

Appendix 1 – Worcester City Netball League Profit and Loss 2020/21

“We are maintaining a healthy balance – this is essential in winter as indoor court fees are so much more expensive and we have to pay monthly. We are still happy to invoice teams twice per year, however we would ask again invoices are paid promptly. There are not many sports where you can play before you pay – we try and give teams the chance to ‘collect subs’ before we issue invoices and just ask, in return for this, you pay as soon as the invoices are issued. Failure to do this will result in a surcharge being made. We are no longer accepting cheque payments – please can you ensure payments are made by BACS. If anyone has any finance questions please put them in the chat and I will get answers across to you.

Jo.”

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 was approved.

Proposed – Claire Rainbow
Seconded – Becky Price

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 7.6.1, 7.6.3, 7.9 and 7.9.1 will stand.

Proposed – Claire Rainbow
Seconded – Becky Price

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:

Co-Opted Member - Emma Musgrove

Proposed – Melanie James
Seconded – Kirsty Evans

No nominations received for the following vacancy:

Tournament Secretary

10. PROPOSED EXTRA ITEMS

None were received in advance.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Summer		Player of Season
Premier Division winners	Zodiac Supernova	7 Sophie Field (Zodiac)
Premier Division runners up	Malvern Springs	
Division One winners	Malvern Springs Jets	6 Georgie Yardy (Bailey Bells)
Division One runners up	Platinum Players	
Division Two winners	Insanutty	7 – Katrina Davey-Reid (Insanutty) and Charley Walters (Zodiac Meteors)
Division Two runners up	Bluebirds	
Division Three winners	WNC Platinum	4 – Becky Watson (Raggydolls)
Division Three runners up	Platinum Pivots	
Division Four winners	Zodiac Galaxy	4 – Fern Elston (Platinum Points), Sue Lee (Teme Valley) Ruby Ingles (WNC Emeralds)
Division Four runners up	Teme Valley	
Division Five winners	Zodiac Stars	5 – Georgie Fisher (Zodiac Planets)
Division Five runners up	WNC Crystals	

12. CLOSE OF MEETING