

WORCESTER CITY NETBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Zoom 2nd September 2024 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

Melanie James

3. ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND MINUTES OF 2023 AGM

The minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting together with reports had been circulated to all teams with the agenda. It was proposed by Rosie Grinnell and seconded by Julie Shaw 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 everyone to this year's AGM.

Congratulations to all winners, runners up and players of the 2023/2024 season.

Stuart Vernalls memorial tournament was again a success raising £1,100.00 for the Worcestershire Haven Breast Unit. Thanks to Zoe, Emily and Dawn and all the other helpers on the night.

Thanks also to all the committee for their continuing work to make the league so successful, Julie, Kirsty and Emily are stepping down from the committee this year. Special thanks to Julie and Kirsty for the many years they have put in working for the committee they will be sadly missed and we wish them all the best.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Fiona Lawson

Congratulations to all this year's winners, the league wouldn't run without everyone involved so thank you.

Rule changes were covered, and the following rules were highlighted - 7, 7.9, 10, 10.1, 10.3, 19.1 and 19.2. Rules need to be read and understood as well as all policies (that back up the rulings), which are updated regularly. Complaints usually arise from a lack of understanding around the rules.

If you have any questions or suggestions for amendments, please get in touch with the committee.

Winter league for 2024/2025 will all be indoors, and player of the match will be decided by each team. All fixtures are now available and any changes will always be emailed, however please check the website as this is where the most up to date information will be.

In respect of the changes to venues last couple of weeks – we know this is frustrating we only do this when we feel it will be of benefit for teams.

Thank you to outgoing committee members:

Julie Shaw – Safeguarding Officer and Vice-Chair

Kirsty Evans – AGM Secretary

Emily Gelling – Co-opted

6. TOURNAMENT & DONATION - Worcestershire Breast Haven Unit

Stewart Vernalls was huge part of the WCNL community and it's important to keep his memory alive.

At this year's Stewart Vernalls charity tournament, a total of £1,100.00 was raised for the Worcestershire Breast Haven Unit.

Thanks to all who were a part of the night.

Any suggestions for next year's charity please email Fiona.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jo Hawes

Appendix 1 – Worcester City Netball League Profit and Loss 2023/2024

Appendix 1 was circulated to all attendees prior to the meeting.

Currently awaiting court fees for 2024/2025, which should be confirmed over the next few days.

Healthy surplus for winter court fees. Invoices will be sent out once court fees confirmed and payments will then be due October 2024 and January 2025.

8. UMPIRING SECRETARY REPORT – Maxine Rawlins

New rule changes coming into effect this year need to be read, we expect there to be some teething problems, please bear with umpires.

Everyone needs to be aware of the rules, but also our local rules and policies – these protect teams and umpires.

There is specifically an Umpiring Policy that is regularly updated and provides various information such as the qualifications needed to umpire games. If you would like to umpire higher divisions than you are currently, please contact the committee.

The Head Injury Policy was covered in detail, this is important and all should know what to do in the event of a head injury on court.

Please note that during a game if you believe umpires are missing things, the captain can ask for clarity regarding a certain rule but must not ask the umpire to 'watch out' for issues on court.

Some of the new rules were covered, such as there are no more cautions, only warnings and there are no more toss-ups. Players also no longer need to wait for players to come back on court to take a throw-in and can go offside as long as they are collecting the ball.

The committee want to encourage people in to umpiring, please get in touch if you want any information.

We are planning another Umpiring Forum for possibly a Saturday in October, please look out for more details.

9. 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 were approved.

10. RULE AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments by the Committee had been circulated to all teams prior to the meeting.

Two responses were received in relation to Rule 7.8 (new proposed rule), the committee agreed that the rule would go ahead as proposed.

One response was received in relation to Rule 5.4 (existing rule), the committee agreed that no change to the ruling would be made.

The proposed amendments to rules 4, 4.1, 5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3.1, 5.6, 7, 7.8, 7.9, 10, 10.1, 10.1.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 12, 18 and 19 stand.

Changes to the Constitution and Rules were proposed by Julie Shaw and seconded by Nicola Dawson.

11. 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.

A nomination for the following vacancy was received:

Safeguarding Officer – Steph Warry

Proposed – Sarah Edwards
Seconded – Becky Price

No objections were raised at the meeting and the election stands.

No further nominations were received.

12. PROPOSED EXTRA ITEMS

None were received in advance.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Indoor	Winners	Runners Up	Player of Division
Division Regional	Saracen Blue	UBMS	Loretta Hannaford – KT Sports x3 Jess Hamilton – Saracen Blue x3
Division Premier	Zodiac Supernova	Malvern Comets	Sophie Field – Zodiac x7
Division One	Insanutty	Malvern Spring Jets	Fran Taylor – MS Jets x 6
Division Two	UBMS 2	Platinum Pivots	Abi Coward – Zodiac Moons x7
Division Three	Zodiac Amazon	WNC Jewels	Andrea Smith – Zodiac Amazon x7
Division Four	Raiders Missiles	Teme Valley	Abi Marshall – Raiders Missiles x5 Ella Hart – Zodiac Meteors x5
Division Five	Saracen Royals	Droitwich Ravens	Kaitlin Pitts – Bomb Squad x6
Division Six	WNC Emeralds	Zodiac Planets	Alex Groves – WNC Emeralds x5
Summer	Winners	Runners Up	Player of Division
Division Premier	Zodiac Supernova	KT Sports	Fran Taylor – MS Jets x 7
Division One	WNC Sapphires	Saracen Greens	Kim Wardell – Platinum Pivots x4 Kayleigh Dermietzel – Saracen Greens x4 Claire Jervis – Zodiac Amicae x4
Division Two	Zodiac Moons	Zodiac Amazon	Gee Howells – Diamonds x5 Charley Evans – Scarletts x5 Kerry Blissett – Smart Cut x5 Georgie Potter – Zodiac Amazon x5
Division Three	WNC Rubies	Raiders Rockets	Stacey Schooling – Raiders Missiles x5 Amanda Ewer – Zodiac Meteors x5
Division Four	Malvern Spring Brooks	Platinum Points	Leano Dean – WNC Hearts x5 Claudia Taylor – Zodiac Galaxy x5
Division Five	WNC Topaz	Scarlett Stars	Charlie Francis – Scarlett Stars x5

CLOSE OF MEETING – 8.50pm