

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of NETBALL WA (INC.)

Held on Saturday 6 April 2019
At the State Netball Centre, 200 Selby Street, Jolimont WA 6014

1. MEETING OPENING:

The President, Deane Pieters, opened the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1.00pm and officially welcomed all to the meeting.

The President commenced the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.1 Attendance & Apologies

Attendance was recorded for the following: Deane Pieters (President), Simon Taylor (Chief Executive Officer); Marita Somerford (Director); Emma Chinnery (Director); Jill Powell (Director); Grant Robinson (Director), Liz Booth (General Manager, Community Netball); Dan Barker (NWA Commercial Manager); Fran Haintz (Executive Officer, Glass Jar Australia) Fran Jones (Minute Taker); Morag Croser (General Manager, West Coast Fever); and Members – Alan Pilatti, Arthur Codalunga, Carol Watson, Carol Nevin, Denise Bainbridge (via teleconference), Graham Jones, Jacqui Jashari, Jenni Stawell, Jenny Maras, Jenny Huband, Joanne Fitzpatrick, Judith Pilatti, Kate Firth (via teleconference), Kerry Dallimore, Lisa Williamson, Margaret Lee, Nate Charlesworth, Nicole McKennay, Sally Ironmonger, Shirley Doornbusch, Sondra Anderson, Sue Stacey, Sylvia Codalunga, Tracey Boreham, Wendy Chambers, Yvette Thomson, Yvonne Rate, Heather Dewar, Helen Robinson, Christine Robinson, Wayne Shepley, Kaye Hunter, Lee Wilkey, Tony Gooley, Nathan Drudi, Clare McIlree, Poppy Molloy

Apologies were received and recorded by Liz Booth, General Manager - Community Manager, Netball WA for the following: Julie Beeck (Director), Elisma Merillo, Gayle Watson-Galbraith, Sue Gaudion, Robert Shaw, Sue Neal, June Webb, Bridget Bish, Lorraine O'Brien, Tracy Kitching, Lee Conlan, Donna McPherson, Sandra Dowsett, Ana King, Kelly Judd, Simone Pirie, Taryn Scadding, Deanne Tabone, Janniel Harris, Ed Still, Hera Still, Priya Shah, Lee Hanlon-Morris, Shirley Tomazin, Hannah White, Rayna Kim, Shaunne Higgs, Linda Marissen, Kendra Weeks, Jo Harrison-Ward, Addy Godwin, Bronwyn Gioulis, Fiona McDonald, Sue Neal, Anne Bowey, Deb Clancy, Fiona Malloch, Kaye Massey, Craig Baseley, Kylie Kershaw

1.2 Confirmation of Quorum

The President confirmed the meeting quorum, noting that Voting Members from 12 Associations were in attendance.

1.3 Conflicts of Interest

The President called for Conflicts of Interest to be declared - none were received.



2. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

The President, Deane Pieters, outlined thanks to the Association Delegates, Life Members and Members for attending. He then provided an overview of the significant governance reform that took place at Netball WA in 2018 and thanked everyone for their support.

The President advised his term as President and as a Director will conclude in May and thanked everyone for their support during his six years as a Director.

The President advised that under the new Constitution, the Delegate of each Tier 1 Association is entitled to one vote on each Motion put to this meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the prior Annual General Meeting, held on 24 March 2018, were tabled. The President called for any amendments to the minutes of Netball WA's 2018 Annual General Meeting – none were received.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 March 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Yvette Thomson, Wanneroo Districts Netball Association
Seconded: Graham Jones, Bunbury Netball Association
Motion: Carried Unanimously

4. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT

The 2018 Annual Report had been circulated. The President provided an overview of the 2018 activities of Netball WA, including West Coast Fever's inaugural Grand Final, the awarding of seven WANL licences and the appointment of the Hon. Julie Bishop MP as Patron for Shooting Stars.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the 2018 Annual Report for Netball WA.

Moved: Jenny Maras, Southern Districts Netball Association
Seconded: Jenni Stawell, Perth Netball Association
Motion: Carried Unanimously

5. ADOPTION OF AUDITED 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited 2018 Financial Statements for Netball WA had been circulated.

The Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee and Board Director, Grant Robinson, provided an overview of key revenues and expenditure in 2018.

The President thanked Grant Robinson and Netball WA's Audit & Finance Committee for their assistance with the audit, and thanked PFK Perth for undertaking the audit.

The President called for questions from the membership in relation to the 2018 Audited Financial Statements.



Yvonne Rate asked for clarification on the allocation of funds to the regional associations for their development compared to the funds allocated to the metro associations in 2018.

Simon Taylor, CEO, initially took the question on notice. He advised that in 2018 a significant component of the grants was allocated to the Regions, with funding also provided to WANL and the metropolitan Regions. Historically, each of the Regions was allocated a minimum threshold of visits from the central office and this was equalised across all Regions due to the additional costs associated with to travel to some Regions. He confirmed that moving into 2019 the funding will also be allocated across areas such as coaching and education with WANL licence holders also receiving funding.

Yvonne Rate raised concern that there was a decrease in membership income in 2018 and enquired whether this reflects what is occurring across the State as well as nationally due to girls being recruited to other sports. The President confirmed it is a national trend and it was identified in 2018 and escalated to Netball Australia. Simon Taylor confirmed that the decline was partially due to a change in classification of NetSetGO participants that affected junior membership, however senior membership had remained steady. He said the decline had been a focus and the recent "Play Netball" campaign was one of the national initiatives to increase participation, and other WA initiatives include membership drives with the Associations as well as a focus on schools' participation to drive growth in membership.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the Audited 2018 Financial Statements of Netball WA.

Moved: Graham Jones, Bunbury Netball Association
Seconded: Nate Charlesworth, Belmont Netball Association
Motion: Carried Unanimously

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to adopt the 2018 Auditor's Report for Netball WA.

Moved: Graham Jones, Bunbury Netball Association
Seconded: Jenny Maras, Southern Districts Netball Association
Motion: Carried Unanimously

6. NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The President confirmed that no Notices of Special Resolution had been received in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.

7. CONFIRMATION OF ELECTED DIRECTORS

The President advised that two vacancies were available for election, with one Director to be elected for a three-year term and a one-year term created by the resignation of Clare Bond.

The President advised that electronic voting closed on 15 March 2019, and announced the results of the election, appointing Natasha Aristei for a three-year term and Marita Somerford for a one-year term, and congratulated them both on their election.



8. APPOINTMENT OF LIFE MEMBERS

The President advised that the Award & Recognition Committee had put forward several nominations for consideration by Netball WA's Board of Directors.

The President announced that Life Membership had been awarded to Jill Powell and Shaunne Higgs, and provided a summary of their individual achievements. A presentation of flowers and a Life Member Badge was made to Jill Powell, who provided her thanks to the membership. It was noted that Shaunne Higgs was an apology for the meeting and her awarding will be carried forward to a future event.

The President congratulated both recipients on becoming Life Members of Netball WA and thanked them for their contribution to Netball WA.

9. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF PATRON AND AUDITOR

It was RESOLVED to endorse the Hon. Kim Beazley, Governor of Western Australia, as the Patron of Netball WA.

Moved: Jenni Stawell, Perth Netball Association
Seconded: Joanne Fitzpatrick, Mandurah Netball Association
Motion: Carried Unanimously

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to endorse Netball WA's Audit & Finance Committee to select the Auditor for 2019 on behalf of Netball WA.

Moved: Graham Jones, Bunbury Netball Association
Seconded: Jenny Maras, Southern Districts Netball Association
Motion: Carried Unanimously

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 1.39pm

Signed: _____
Deane Pieters – President
Netball WA

Date: _____

