**Minutes**

Queanbeyan Netball Association

AGM Meeting 05-2020

28 October 2020 – 7.00pm

Tigers Club Queanbeyan

Attendance List – Attachment A

Audit Report – Attachment B

**Apologies –** Robyn Murphy, Claire Bullivant, Christine Walters.

1. **Welcome**

Kelly welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting for 2020 and thanked everyone for coming.

1. **Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting**

Minutes from the 2019 AGM were moved by Natasha Ludwig & Catherine Clift.

1. **Committee Reports**
* President
* Treasurer (audit report tabled)
* Secretary
* Coaching Coordinator
* Umpires Convenor
* Rep Convenor
* Senior Chair
* Junior Chair
* Publicity Officer

**President –** Kelly Lolesio

Welcome to all of our life members who are here with us this evening, Pat, Kylie, Rena, Tina & Catherine. Thank you to all volunteers and club representatives that have attended tonight, its been an interesting year running all of our meetings via zoom this year. It is great to be finally back together face to face.

2020 season has been a year like no other. I want to thank all of the volunteers from the association and from all the clubs that have worked so hard to make this season even possible. Its was a long wait to see if we could even hold a competition earlier on in the year. I am proud to report that our member numbers have continued to increase with all of the challenges we have faced this year. In 2014 we had 526 registrations and this year we were just under the 700 mark, considering the season it’s been a significant increase. With the introduction of seniors and mixed into the twilight competition has been a hit, 35 teams in twilight 17 seniors and 18 juniors which is massive and overwhelming and really exciting. The first 2 rounds have been fabulous. Our winter competition while starting late was shorter than normal but still very successful and I want to thank acknowledge all the people that helped implement all of the COVID Requirements and made sure we were safe while we ran the competition. We had 1 close contact incident at the beginning of the season and we made sure we followed all of the advice to ensure that the risks were minimised to everybody. At the beginning of the season we were lucky enough to have a NNSW Net Ed session with over 30 members attending the Coaching and Umpiring education sessions. It was disappointing that the 40 year celebration did not go ahead but understandable due to the circumstances. I have spoken to Rena and the 40 year celebration committee is going to look at possibly getting something up and running in early 2021 depending of course on all of the COVID restrictions around travel and venues.

Onto the Representative season, it was a very long season for our coaches, players and managers who kept training without knowing if and when they would be playing. Eventually state titles were cancelled but it was great to see the determination of our teams who continued to show up and train whilst waiting to hear if anything would proceed. We were lucky in Queanbeyan that we got to hold our representative carnival just before the pandemic hit. We had 65 teams in attendance and we were at full capacity. The following week we went to Regional League and then everything was cancelled from that point on. We were extremely lucky. With the 15’s, 17’s and Opens attending Regional League, we had 3 Opens players who were selected in the South Coast Regional State Cup team which also never went ahead however the team was announced by NNSW. Congratulations to those players. With the introduction of the South Coast Blaze and the ACT Capital Spirit teams into the Premier League competition, Queanbeyan had 2 players in the inaugural South Coast Blaze team and several past and present Queanbeyan players in the Capital Spirit teams. The ACT Griffins announced their teams and we had 5 players selected across the U19s, U21’s and Mixed. Congratulations to all of the players. It is great acknowledgement of the talent and strength we have in Queanbeyan. Also, for the rep season we introduced new uniforms with new sponsor shirts, dresses and jackets. Most importantly we designed an indigenous uniform for the state league players to wear in the indigenous round in the ACT. Thalia and Oliva did an amazing job designing the artwork and helping with the layout of the uniform. A special thankyou to these players who bought the indigenous uniform to life and we look forward to showing it off in 2021. State League, did go ahead which was great. We had an U19’s, Mens and Division 1 team participating. It was great that our senior players finally got out on court and played in a competition.

Thank you to all of our sponsors in 2020. These organisations have helped us in a tough year. We had S7 Strength & Conditioning come on board who provided some great services during the year, not only supporting us at the gym but providing specialist services to our rep teams at the courts during the year. Also supporting our coaches and managers with specialist sessions. Priceline have been very generous this year providing us with our hand sanitiser and wipes for the rep program and winter competition. They have also just restocked us for the twilight competition. Also, Ian McNamee came on board this year. So, while they are all smaller local businesses, they have all been very generous in supporting Queanbeyan Netball. Along with our other sponsors John McGrath Isuzu Ute, Moraschi Roofing, & Telstra we thank you all. Whilst on the topic of money I would like to Rena for her work in tracking our finances and ensuring all of our accounts are up to date and in order for the annual report which is a task in itself. We are financially in a great position for 2021.

The next little project that we will be working on is the painting of the inside of the clubhouse. The council will be painting over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to a freshen up and a good clean up in the clubhouse.

I would personally like to thank the executive for getting through such a challenging year, our committee, volunteers and players. We have definitely accomplished a lot this year and done a lot of things in a tough year.

**Treasurer –** Rena Spears

Audit report has been sent out prior to tonight’s meeting.
Our Auditor has requested more effort is taken with the paper work. Payments to into incorrect bank accounts causes issues so please remember to supply the correct bank account details. Sponsorship money needs to be accounted for and we need to track that better. We are very financial this year primarily due to COVID and the fact that the Council did not charge us for the court costs and this saved us a lot of money. Sponsorship money was shared between rep and grass roots. We still have some outstanding fees from twilight and we need to ensure that all teams have finalised their payments asap.

**Secretary –** Tracey Kaye

Thank you to everyone, in particular a big thanks to the Exec for their support.

**Coaching Coordinator –** Tina Phillips

Kelly has covered majority but we had a really tough season. Even though when everything was cancelled, we still worked really hard to get the players still working while locked down. Most of the coaching staff have come back on board for 2021, the 2020 coaches have been reinstated for 2021. State League did end up going ahead with all teams doing well. We had a new Men’s Coach and U19’s coach this year and both did really well. We have had some great results with players who have made it into the Blaze Team and also Spirit Teams and credit goes to those coaches who have worked with these players.

Thank you to the exec. There really was so much work that went on in the background. Thanks to Jo for all of her efforts. Also, a big thanks to everyone that has volunteered this year and throughout the season.

**Umpires Convenor –** Catherine Clift

It has once again been a privilege to work with “Team White” in 2020. There have definitely been some challenges this season with COVID 19 changing the way we live and work. It was also a really short season and one that saw only minimal representative netball and therefore umpiring at this level.

Some of the team white achievements this season include:

* 3 new national C badges. Congratulations to Natasha Ludwig, Tatyana Ludwig and Hailey Ruyssenaers on being awarded their National C Badges this season – many hours of hard work now formally recognized. These ladies have umpired junior and some senior games every Saturday this season and its volunteers like these ladies who make my job so much easier. A huge thank you also to Dave Lavers, Tina Phillips, Helen McDonald and Jessie Reynolds for your assistance in the badging process – badging doesn’t happen without your ongoing commitment to umpire development. I am also pleased to say that there are at least 5 developing umpires heading towards their National C badge and who should be ready for badging early next season.
* Around 600 allocations – slighter down on previous seasons. I would like to thank everyone who umpired this season – without umpire volunteers’ games don’t go ahead. I would like to thank all the club umpire coordinators – without your assistance and your coordination of your club umpires (especially in the senior competition) I would not be able to produce those allocations. A special mention to Kellie Stokes and Leanne Rasheed from Jerra Joeys, Tash Hill/Peta Harding from Royals, Charlie Campbell from Bungendore, Rena Spears from Waratah and Vickie Larnach/Terrie Scott from Googong – your efforts with coordinating your umpires and your communication with me made the job of allocations so much easier. I would like to thank Tash Ludwig as junior chair and Kellie Stokes as senior chair for their hard work over the season – for working with me in regards to allocations, for listening when I felt that we needed to make draw changes based on umpiring availability and for always being part of the solution.
* Sending three umpires to Netball NSW Regional State League. Thank you to Dave Lavers, Kellie Stokes and Beth Bodiroza for representing QNA at this event. I also wish to thank those who responded to the multiple emails regarding State Champs and the changing venues and circumstances. We cannot enter out teams in the State and State Age competitions without our umpire volunteers and I appreciate your support.
* Umpire mentors – a huge thank you to Dave Lavers and Jessie Reynolds for their work with our developing umpires – this work quite often goes unnoticed, but I know the umpires you have worked with truly appreciate your time and effort.
* I need to thank Rena Spears and Deb Herekiuha for their assistance with paying of umpires’ multiple times over the season – this allowed me to be out on the court mentoring junior umpires.
* Trial of umpire your own game in the senior double header rounds. Whilst I don’t think it works for our competition I do think trying something new is always worthwhile.

2020 was not without its challenges. Some of these include:

* Junior allocations – whilst I was mostly successful in filling the allocations this was not without many hours spent sending repeated emails. We struggled particularly with filling the 10’s games due to the timeslot they fell on – however this will improve if our time slots remain the same next year.
* Players of all ability that felt it was ok to treat an umpire disrespectfully. I raise this because I think we still have some work to do here regarding this. I still think that this sits with the clubs and encourage them to make their players aware of the codes of conduct and what is expected of them from a behavior point of view – because umpire performance will always improve with confidence and confidence starts when umpires feel comfortable and respected.

I would like to thank my fellow QNA exec members for their work and support this season. I would like to thank the clubs for encouraging their umpires. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the umpires I have worked with this season – I am truly grateful for your hard work, dedication and support.

**Rep Convenor –** Jo Ruyssenaers

Well as you know the rep program was cut short. The QNA Carnival and Regional League went ahead and we were very lucky to get these in. Everyone’s commitment to continue to train is great. Thank you to everyone for supporting me in this role during such a difficult time. Trial dates have been set for the 2021 rep program so can everyone let their players know.

**Senior Chair –** Kellie Stokes

A big thank you to the clubs who confirmed and reconfirmed their teams through the season. We certainly had some issues with mynetball during the season and I am hopeful that NNSW will take a look at these in the off season. A big thank you to my partner in crime Tash Ludwig, it was great working with you. Well done to all the premiers and runners up.

I wanted to raise 2 issues that occurred throughout the year that we need to be mindful of going forward:

1. It felt like there was more language on the court this year and we need to be mindful that bad language on court is not ok.
2. The deduction of points to teams who do not supply an umpire needs to be looked at possibly in the off season. These teams end up in possibly lower divisions which is not ideal and doesn’t benefit anyone.

**Junior Chair –** Natasha Ludwig

**Summary of Teams**:

Net Set Go: Thanks to Maddie Howard for her support in undertaking the Net Set Go come and try sessions. Although numbers fluctuated over the 10 weeks, peaking at around 30 or so girls, the sessions were a big success.

U9s: 82 players registered in our U9s division, which were split into a Gold Division with 5 teams, and Maroon division with four teams. The U9s competition not only provides an opportunity for junior players to practice umpiring and coaching, but it is also an excellent opportunity for parents to be encouraged to become involved.

U10s: 79 players were registered across 9 teams in our u10s division, which is demonstrative of the strength of the potential of the Association if all of these players coming through can be encouraged to continue to play at QNA.

U11s: 2020 marked the return to the age group split between 11s and 12s for QNA, with 40 girls registered to play in 4 teams for the u11s competition.

U12s: 56 players were registered in u12s teams, however there were a number of u11 players who were able to play up in u12s in one of the 6 teams within this competition.

Cadets: Clubs entered their cadet teams into either the Gold or Maroon division, with 6 teams in either division. A number of players had the opportunity to play up a division, with a number of u12s players making an appearance in cadet teams.

**Assessment:** overall the junior competition should be considered a success. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, or perhaps because of them, players and volunteers from each club participated in good spirit and some high-quality matches were played across each age group and division. At the beginning of the season some movement of teams occurred (u12 team dropped to u11; 2 x cadet teams moved up from gold to maroon), and these team movements were appropriate and benefitted the playing group overall. Beyond that, the conduct of the junior 2020 playing season went ahead without issue. The only improvement I would seek to make is to reinforce to teams the importance of filling in the scoresheet appropriately.

I would very much like to thank Kellie Stokes, Kelly Lolesio, and Tracey Kaye for their assistance in making my first season as junior chair as enjoyable as it has been, Catherine Clift for her work in ensuring we had umpires, but also to all the other members of the Exec and club reps that I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know better this year. I think we achieved the outcome of providing a safe, fun, and inclusive environment for our young players, and I hope to see them all back again next year.

**Registrar**

No Report

**Publicity Officer**

No Report

1. **Notice of Motion**

No notices of motion.

1. **Life Membership Nominations**

No Life Membership nominations were received.

1. **Election of Office Bearers**

Kylie Ballard appointed to open all positions – all positions declared vacant.

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| **Position** | **Name** | **Nominated by** | **Seconded** | **Elected** |
| President | Kelly Lolesio(accepted) | Deb Herekiuha | Pat Skien | Unopposed |
| Vice President | Deb Herekiuha(accepted) | Rena Spears | Tash Hill | Unopposed |
| Treasurer | Rena Spears(accepted) | Deb Herekiuha | Peta Harding | Unopposed |
| Secretary | Tracey Kaye(accepted) | Tash Hill | Natasha Ludwig | Unopposed |
| Coaching Coordinator | Tina Phillips (accepted) | Deb Herekiuha | Rena Spears | Unopposed |
| Umpire Convenor | Catherine Clift(accepted) | Trudie Moraschi | Pat Skien | Unopposed |
| Rep Convenor | Jo Ruyssenaers(accepted) | Kelly Lolesio | Catherine Clift | Unopposed |
| Senior Chairperson | Kellie Stokes(accepted) | Tash Ludwig | Catherine Clift | Unopposed |
| Junior Chairperson | Natasha Ludwig(accepted) | Kellie Stokes | Kelly Lolesio | Unopposed |
| Publicity Officer | Beth Price(accepted) | Kelly Lolesio | Deb Herekiuha | Unopposed |
| Registrar | Trudie Moraschi(accepted) | Kelly Lolesio  | Catherine Clift | Unopposed |
| Member Protection Officer | Kylie Ballard(accepted)Peta Harding(accepted) | Tracey Kaye | Kelly Lolesio | Unopposed |
| Patron | Robyn Murphy(Honorary)Nichole Overall | Rena Spears | Deb Herekuiha | Unopposed |

Kylie raised that we need to consider if the by-laws need to be modified to add Robyn in as an honorary

Kylie thanked Kelly and her team for all of the great work they have done this season.

1. **General Business**

Kylie raised that she has spoken to the Tigers club to see if we could get the Netball association back involved with the Tigers club. Would be good to see if we could get some of the players back to the club on a Saturday afternoon after the seniors games. We will get Beth to make contact with the Tigers club to see what we can do with sponsorship going forward. The junior presentation that we held at the club was really great so the working relationship going forward should continue.

**Annual General Meeting closed at 7.50pm**

**Attachment A**

**AGM Attendance 28 October 2019**

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| **Name** | **Position** | **Club** |
| Tracey Kaye | QNA Secretary | Jerra |
| Peta Harding | Registrar | Royals |
| Tash Hill | President | Royals |
| Pat Skien | Life Member | Sunrise |
| Natasha Ludwig | President | Jerra |
| Catherine Clift | QNA Umpire Convenor/Life Member | Sunrise |
| Jo Ruyssenaers | QNA Rep Convenor | Sunrise |
| Tiffany Knight | President | Bungendore |
| Libby Duncan | Snr Delegate | Bungendore |
| Claire Bullivant | Life Member |  |
| Kellie Stokes | QNA Senior Chair | Jerra |
| Deb Herekiuha | QNA Vice President | Waratah |
| Tahleah Herekiuha | Player | Waratah |
| Tina Phillips | QNA Coaching Coordinator/Life Member | Waratah |
| Terrie Scott | Junior Delegate | Googong |
| Rena Spears | QNA Treasurer/Life Member | Waratah |
| Kathy Winchester |  | Googong |
| Trudie Moraschi | President | Sunrise |
| Kelly Lolesio | QNA President | Sunrise |

**Attachment B**

**Audit Report –** See separate attachment

**Attachment C**

**Policy Document –** See separate attachment