

Minutes

Queanbeyan Netball Association

2015 Annual General Meeting

Monday 26 October 2015, 7pm

Welcome

Outgoing President Mardi Croke welcomed all attendees, especially Life Members.

Attendees

As per attendance sheet (**Attachment A**)

Apologies

Josie Stephinson – Jerra Joeys

Laura Gow – Jerra Joeys

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated to attendees in advance of the meeting. **Moved** – Deb Herekiuha **Seconded** – Denise Breust.

The meeting minutes were accepted.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

President's Report

Outgoing President Mardi Croker provided an overview of the season, thanking Committee members and Club delegates for their hard work in making the 2015 season the success that it was. Mardi acknowledged that not every idea that was suggested necessarily worked, but the important thing was that we tried something new and have moved forward as an Association. Mardi also updated on some business arising since the last Council meeting:

- South Coast Regional Planning Day: the QNA hosted the South Coast regional planning day on 13 September and was joined by delegates from Kiama, Sapphire Coast, Eurobodalla and Netball Associations. The day was a great success, a highlight was finding out the QNA attracted 100 new members in the 2015 season which was the highest member increase on the South Coast. The other Association were very interested in hearing about some of the changes that the Council implemented throughout the season, and were also keen to get an understanding of the strategic planning sessions we undertook and how that process was going.
- Mardi attended the most recent sports council meeting with QCC: there are a number of sites wanting to build indoor netball courts (Steve Mauger Oval, Tralee and Googong) and the decision was made that the multiple groups should discuss which would work best for the town. Mardi advised during the meeting that ideally there would be 4 indoor courts, plus outdoor ones that can be used in a similar set-up to Lyneham. The most preferred location would be building the indoor centre on Steve Mauger oval behind the existing Club house, as well as new outdoor courts, and then turning the existing courts into more car parking. This option would be at least 5 years away, and the venue would also need to be shared with Basketball.
- The Club house was broken into a couple of weeks back: despite major damage to the main door, the only thing taken was the laptop that is kept in the office: thankfully no vandalism was undertaken. It was suggested that the Secretary contact the security company to see if we can

update our response preferences so that if the alarm is triggered late at night, the police are the first people called instead of an Exec member.

Treasurer Report

Rena Spears tabled the balance sheet and profit and loss statement as at 30 September which was circulated to all attendees in advance of the meeting (**Attachment B**). Rena advised that due to an unexpected change in auditors she was unable to source audited financials in time for the meeting, but will ensure they are circulated to all delegates as soon as they're available.

There was some discussion around certain aspects of the financials:

- The financial year the statements are based around is different to the financial year stipulated in the QNA constitution: these should be consistent.

ACTION: cross-check financial year reference between constitution and policies and put steps in place to make them consistent, and in line with any requirements of the Incorporations Act with the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

- It was agreed that the ~\$8k loss is not sustainable going forward, and the profit/loss sheet shows that the loss in expenditure is still attributed to Rep. Attendees discussed why this could occur given Rep is supposed to be a cost-recovery exercise as much as possible.

Possible items that contribute to the loss included the fact that all new players get a bag and a hat free of charge; coaches and managers don't pay for uniforms; not all of the honorarium payments to coaches and managers are passed on to the players.

Executive members advised that plans are in place to commence seeking sponsors for the Association from next week and some of these may be rep-focussed in an effort to cover some of these unaccounted for expenses. It was also agreed that a separate bank account needs to be set-up for representative costs immediately.

ACTION: Speak with Bendigo Bank about setting up a second, separate bank account for representative purposes.

- There were concerns that the cost of the Telstra bill looks quite high given that the phone is rarely used for outgoing calls and there's no internet connection. Peta agreed to give them a call and look at getting a better deal.

ACTION: Contact Telstra with a view to getting a better rate for phone line rental.

- There was also general discussion about developing clear procedures for how expenses are approved when costs arise that are outside 'normal' bills such as electricity; security; Netball NSW fees, etc. It was agreed that these can be developed over the coming months and hopefully in place by the start of the 2016 season.

Umpire Report

Virginia Cater was an apology for the meeting, and at the time had not provided a report for tabling. This has since been provided to the QNA secretary and is provided at (**Attachment C**)

Coaching Coordinator

Tina Phillips tabled her report (**Attachment D**).

Senior Chairperson

Danielle Booth provided an overview of the season and indicated her interest in being re-nominated for the position in the 2016 season. A copy of the senior chair report is provided at **(Attachment E)**.

Junior Chairperson

Kelly Lolesio provided an overview of the season. A copy of the junior chair report is provided at **(Attachment F)**.

Publicity Officer Report

Rebecca Jensen provided an overview of media coverage throughout the season, commenting on the strong relationship that has developed between the Association and *The Queanbeyan Age* and resulted in quite a number of articles on the Association and its achievements throughout the 2015 season.

It is hoped that this relationship will continue into the 2016 season with the new sports writer that has just been appointed.

Bec is also still involved with the organisation of the Queanbeyan Sports Expo which will be taking place in February 2016 and will continue to liaise with the QNA Council on plans for the day and how the QNA can take advantage of the opportunity.

Representative Convenor Report

Deb Herekiuha tabled her report **(Attachment G)**

Election of Office Bearers

Outgoing Vice President Sadya Tonelli thanked all outgoing Office Bearers and announced all positions open for Nominations.

Voting was limited to Life Members and two delegates from each Club and the following positions were filled and those not filled to be done so at subsequent Council Meetings:

| Position | Nominee | Nominator | Second | Decision |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| President | Kelly Lolesio | Catherine Clift | Tina Phillips | Kelly Lolesio |
| | Peta Harding | Mardi Croke | Peter Newham | |
| Vice President | Lynda Cabone | Rena Spears | Peta Harding | Lynda Cabone |
| Treasurer | Rena Spears | Deb Herekiuha | Terri Davis | Rena Spears |
| Secretary | Peta Harding | Deb Herekiuha | Catherine Clift | Peta Harding |
| Senior Chair | Danielle Booth | Danielle Booth | Terri Davis | Danielle Booth |
| Junior Chair | - | | | |
| Registrar | - | | | |
| Publicity Officer | Kirryn Crossman | Rebecca Jensen | Tina Phillips | Kirryn Crossman |
| Rep Convenor | Deb Herekiuha | Mardi Croke | Peta Harding | Deb Herekiuha |
| Coaching Coordinator | Tina Phillips | Deb Herekiuha | Elaine Clift | Tina Phillips |
| Umpire Convenor | Catherine Clift | Kelly Lolesio | Jenna Spears | Catherine Clift |
| Member Protection Officer | Denise Breust | Elaine Clift | Clare Breust | Denise Breust |

General Business

Incoming President Kelly Lolesio called for matters of general business.

Secretary Peta Harding advised plans are underway to call an extra-ordinary general meeting to endorse the proposed changes to the QNA representative policy that was been discussed at the last few council meetings. At this meeting consideration can also be given to the other notices of motion that weren't circulated in time for the AGM.

Kelly closed the AGM and declared the Council Meeting open.

Meeting Close – 8.30pm

Attachment A

The following people were present at the 2015 Queanbeyan Netball Association Annual General Meeting:

| QNA Committee Members | | Club Delegates and QNA Members | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| President | Mardi Croke | Terri Davis | Royals |
| Vice President | Sadya Tonelli | Pat Skein | Life Member |
| Secretary | Peta Harding | Catherine Clift | Sunrise |
| Treasurer | Rena Spears | David McGilvray | Jerra |
| Umpire Convenor | - | Pauline Bowyer | Waratah |
| Coaching Coordinator | Tina Phillips | Kathy Fahey | Sunrise |
| Junior Chair | Kelly Lolesio | Elaine Clift | Life Member |
| Senior Chair | Danielle Booth | Kirryn Crossman | Sunrise |
| Rep Convenor | Deb Herekiuha | Bev Woodward | Life Member |
| Publicity Officer | Rebecca Jensen | Jenna Spears | Waratah |
| Member's Protection Officer | Denise Breust | Clare Breust | Observer |
| | | Peter Newham | Royals |

Attachment B– Financial Statements

See separate document

Attachment C – Umpire Convenor Report

Umpiring allocations

During the year we had a large number of junior umpires keen to umpire each weekend. Ideally these umpires would have benefited from coaching and/or mentoring. This year we had 8 senior umpires who have provided mentoring. The junior umpires need to be guided and protected. If not, we stand the risk of losing them to umpiring. My suggestion for next year that we progress a more formal mentoring program.

Most junior games were covered each weekend. Cadets Division 1 and 2 at 10.30 were consistently the exception.

Senior allocations

In the last half of the season saw a significant improvement in allocation of umpires. With very few exceptions umpires have been reliable.

Club Umpire Coordinators

Club umpires coordinators have provided ongoing support and did a brilliant job in providing umpires. They consistently provided support for each other when umpires are needed.

New C Badged umpire

This year Sam Wood, Georgia Lavers, Maddi Chynoweth, Tahleah Herekiuha and Lily Maroney were all successful in being awarded their National C badge.

Umpiring payments

Umpiring payments for some umpires remain outstanding. Money to be transferred to individual umpires.

Attachment D – Coaching Coordinator Report

- Net Set Go was managed by Junior Chairperson Kelly Lolesio, many thanks to her and her amazing crew of assistants for running a great program. All reports back were that it was hugely successful and enjoyed by all.
- Foundation Coaching Course was held in June with all 10 attendees acquiring their accreditations successfully.
- Foundation coaching course is available online from February 2016. Have emailed Netball NSW and requested a Development course to be held at QNA early in the New Year. Once confirmed date will be disseminated to clubs.
- This season we had teams compete in the 12's-15 at State Age Championships and 17's and Opens at State Championships. This season saw the Opens team placed in Championship Division on the back of an equal second placing in division 2 in 2014 which is a great achievement for the girls and QNA. Congratulations to all coaches/managers/Primary Carers etc. on another successful season.
- Successful applicants for 2016 representative coaches and managers have been named. Well done and all the very best in season 2016 to U12's coach Sara McDonald, U13's coach Sue Parish, U14's coach Belinda Sutton and Manager Kirryn Crossman, U15's coach and manager Tina and Maddy Thorne, Opens Coach and manager Tina and Catherine Clift. Still sourcing coaches for 11's Development team and 17's.
- Representative trials currently underway for U11's through to Opens. Thanks to Rena Spears and Sadya Tonelli for giving their time to assist me with team selections, also to Deb Herekiuha for all of her help facilitating the sessions, Hayley Bowyer, Anne McGilvray, Belinda Sutton, Mark Shephard, Sue Parish and Sara McDonald for running the practical part of the sessions and of course our amazing umpires Tahleah Herekiuha, Catherine Clift, Lynda Carbone, Dave Lavers and Anne McGilvray. Without the assistance of all of these volunteers we couldn't function as an Association.
- Thanks to all of the 2015 QNA committee and everyone also that assisted throughout the season.

Tina Phillips

Attachment E – Senior Chair Report

I had a very Interesting 1st year and made some mistakes along the way and have learnt a great deal.

Overall I feel the Saturday competition went well, most feedback has been positive.

I tried extremely hard to make sure all teams and divisions had fair timeslot play and that the divisions did not clash too much so that there was room for player movement within divisions when needed for all clubs. And I also feel that I got the draw out fairly soon at the beginning of the season.

I also tried to be as available as I could and communicate as much as possible with the club delegates as well as teams/ clubs and Virginia and the umpires where possible, to ensure that all voices were heard and any issues sorted as quickly as possible.

There was 4 divisions this year and there has been a lot of talk about how even the divisions were and how the competition went: overall I feel the divisions were well represented and that there was not really any big stand outs. The only issue being with Div. 1 by only having 3 teams in the competition. I feel that at the beginning of the competition this was not an issue as most of the players across the 3 teams were also playing State League, however when that finished I feel that playing the same team every other week and having a bye every other week was a bit tiring, and it should be discussed as to the best way to move forward next year, weather this means to have an interstate competition or something else.

I think one of the biggest issues this year was the timing of the games, If elected back in for next year I would be discussing this with the Junior chair to see if we can bring the seniors games forward to start a bit earlier so that the 2nd timeslot can also be a bit earlier or actually start on time. I would also work with the umpire co-ordinator more at the beginning of the competition as well.

I discovered that most teams in both timeslots umpire and or play in the other slot so the transition from each timeslot was the issue and the reason for most late starts.

The finals series I feel was good, except perhaps on grand final day I would have to look at timings as some people mentioned the div 1 game stands on its own. Also I have some improvements that could be done for the presentation at the end: I apologise if this felt like it fizzled out.

I would like to close with thanking everyone on the QNA 2015 Committee and the Executive for your continued support and advice throughout the year and also thank you again to all clubs and their supporters who helped out with bringing in the post pads and benches at the end of the day.

Thank you all for putting up with my learning how things work and again I am sure I will continue to learn in the roll as I enjoyed it immensely and would be looking at coming back again next year if you will have me.

Thank you

Danielle

Attachment F – Junior Chair Report

I really enjoyed my first season involved with the committee and certainly learnt a lot. It was great to be involved in the setup of the 1st year of online registrations and the setup and running of the competition online. The draws & ladders were updated at the end of each game day and loaded on the on the QNA website.

Summary of the season.

The 8-9 years were combined again this year and had 8 teams in the competition and the Under 10 years we had 4 teams. Biggest change for this age group were all games were played on the top courts. This involved the age group in the overall QNA competition. Also assisted with the junior umpires being keen to umpire and the ability to have more runners and support around the younger umpires. We also held a BBQ for the last game for all Netsetgo players.

11 years had 5 teams and the 12 years we had 8 teams. The 12 years had a significant change at the end of the competition. With the 12 years divided out into 2 Finals series with the bottom 4 teams having their own minor division finals. These were great games to watch and see these girls involved in the finals series and will hopefully go a long way in keeping the teams in the competition as they move into cadets.

Cadets Div. 1 & 2 were combined and worked quite well. Separating out for the finals. 5 teams in total 3 teams for Div1 & 2 teams in Div. 2

Cadets Div. 3 and Div. 4 both had 4 teams in each division.

For juniors in total there were 38 junior teams.

The finals series went very well. All games were played in the spirit of the game with the finals always adding extra excitement.

During the season we purchased 5 new timers for game timing and also the 4 Finals scoreboards. All players who played in the Grand Final day received a Premiership or Runners up trophy.

QNA had great Representation at the ACT Premiership competition run by the Tuggeranong Netball Association with 3 QNA clubs attending Waratah, Royals and Sunrise. With Sunrise Cadets 1 taking out the premiership for Cadets and Waratah Div. 3 winners of their senior division.

Netsetgo season we had 42 participants registered. The new time slot of holding NetSetGo at 1.30pm and being on the top courts seemed to work very well. All the 14 & 15 year Rep players that ran the Netsetgo skills sessions did a great job and were always very enthusiastic. We held a BBQ at the last session which the girls enjoyed.

Summer/ Twilight Competition.

Played on a Thursday night for 8 weeks. We have 18 teams entered and we have teams from 4 of the 5 clubs. To date we have only played 1st round. 2nd round cancelled due to wet weather.

We are running 3 divisions. Under 10's on the bottom courts and on the top courts Under 12's and 1 Cadet Division. With 6 teams in each division/ age group. With just over 150 players.

Attachment G – Representative Convenor Report
