

Lismore and District Netball Association Inc.

Council Meeting 20th September, 2011 LDNA Clubhouse

Meeting opened 6.05

Executive: Melissa Dundas, Leanne Whitby, Sharon Watts, Penelope Gibson, Peggy Predebon, , Rachelle Watson,

Delegates: Daleys, Kylie Davis, Woodlawn: Patricia Steele, SCU: Jess Fraser, Summerlanders: Linda Ball, Cass Fawcett, Amanda Franey, Clunes: Annette McGrath, Rous: Suellen Innes, Goonellabah: Rebecca Mander, Leslie Kirk.

Members Kerry Flick.

Apologies: Leslie Jordan, Marie Mackney, Lynne Sims, Colleen Glencross, Debbie Melino, Di Cripps.

Documents available to attendees: Reports – President’s Report, Canteen Report, Tournament Report, LDNA Income and Expenditure Statement, Incoming and Outgoing correspondence, Coaching Convenor’s report.

Minutes of the previous meeting confirmed **Rachelle Watson and Cass Fawcett**

BUSINESS ARISING:

Progress on club key activation of the court lights is being further investigated with the more likely option being access through the meter box rather than the disabled toilet. No quotes have been sought as yet.

Congratulations from Leslie Kirk to the Swifts Clinic coordinator Rachelle Watson and her team for a successful clinic.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

The tender for the improvements to the club house has been accepted and completed.

Peggy spoke about the update of the Honour Board. Quotes not yet received but there will be a price difference in vinyl lettering vs paint. Council support the use of painted lettering in the same style and format as previously used.

Chubb need to be notified to install the necessary upgrades to meet the LCC fire inspection report.

Regarding letters from solicitors and conflict of interest: Peggy Predebon, Leanne Whitby and Melissa Dundas met with the newly appointed solicitors, Sommerville Laundry and Lomax. Due to the withdrawal of services from our previous solicitors, Melissa Dundas met

with delegates from Workers, Daleys, Rous, Summerlanders and Henry Rous to get permission to appoint new association solicitors. The new solicitors will appoint a MPIO officer within the firm.

Melissa also said that incidents over the past 2 years have been stressful to all concerned and suggested that council needs to be involved in more decision making throughout the season, requiring monthly council meetings through the netball season so that incidents arising can be discussed and decisions made by the council.

Melissa stated there is a lot of gray area in the constitution which requires tightening up to prevent some of the conflicts that have arisen.

Discussion followed on holding a workshop to look at changes to the constitution using past constitutions and the Netball NSW constitution as background documents. This could be done through tracking changes on a word document of the current constitution.

The workshop date was agreed as 8th October – 9 – 11 am

Correspondence from Kerry Flick suggesting changes to this years Net Set Go program. Linda Ball spoke as the Summerlanders delegate on Kerry's behalf and Rachelle Watson and Leslie Kirk responded to the letter which was read to council.

Kerry's concerns were that Net Set Go Coaches were not involved and there was OH&S issues with too many kids on one court. However, Leslie and Rachelle were able to confirm coaches were given oral and written resources were involved in the Net Set Go program. Leslie spoke of being impressed by the coaches who shared a common use of netball terminology. Parents are to be encouraged to be involved in coaching Net set Go.

Melissa then spoke of letters received from a player and the players partner which were accusing and abusive in nature without the knowledge of the club delegate. Clubs were reminded that letters and complaints should go through the delegates so they can be dealt with appropriately.

Correspondence report seconded Suellen Innes.

REPORTS:

President's report, moved by Melissa and seconded Rachelle Watson
Treasurer's report –Moved by Sharon and seconded Cass Fawcett

Representative verbal report that rep selections are underway and teams would be announced on the website this week.

Accommodation for next years State competition is booked and State Age yet to be booked.
Umpires (no report) – Thank you to Michelle and Suellen and their team of helpers and congratulations on co-ordination of finals. Also umpires looked professional for finals.

Coaches' convenor

Moved Rachele and seconded Peggy Predebon.

6 more coaches have been accredited with Development coaching.

Canteen report

Moved Rachele Watson seconded Kylie Davis

Tournament report

Moved Melissa Dundas Seconded Leslie Kirk

Business Arising

Leslie Kirk, Goonellabah, made us aware that the notice of fees and calendar for 2012 should be available at this meeting. Melissa responded that these are not yet available and that the meeting was brought forward as moved at the AGM in line with the finish of the netball season.

Leslie also asked that the fee structure for L&DNA be transparent and take into account funding needed for ongoing needs of the association. She suggested in order to achieve this a special general meeting to be held where a the draft of the constitution following the workshop can be further discussed , 2012 fees and subscriptions and calendar of events can be tabled, as well as other important business as it arises. This proposal was supported by Linda Ball, Summerlanders. SGM to be held 25th October, 6pm, clubhouse.

New Business

Jess Fraser raised the concerns of her players that missed the opportunity to play out the season due to cancellations following wet weather. Only matches where teams who were affected by the last games score outcome played make up matches, resulting in some teams not playing their last matches.

Melissa suggested that badging games were done on individual timers rather than playing all courts to full 15 minute quarters.

Jess Fraser raised that umpires were being badged on lower level games. Leslie Kirk responded that further education of the netball community was needed in that entry level Badges require games which give opportunities for umpires to demonstrate penalties.

Meeting closed 7.40pm

PENELOPE GIBSON

SECRETARY LDNA