

Present: David Cadogan, Nicole Cadogan, Ellie Stanley, Ashleigh Phillips, Isobel Stoodley, Nick Osborne (via Videolink), Michelle Salamon, Dwight Graham, Lauren Jukes, Jackie Jukes, Carla Killen, Chantelle Wilcox and Jane Stoodley

Apologies: Amy Richards, Megan Newbury, Liz Gold, Sarah Zardawi.

Forum Opened 7:12pm

1. Uniform: Nicole Cadogan brought up the Club discussion late 2018/ early 2019 when she was tasked with reviewing the Club's uniform colours. She reported that any change in colours would require changing to the Mayfield-West Bowling Club's colours of red, blue and white in order to ensure ongoing sponsorship support.

The move to the A-line dress for Seniors has been well received and at this point in time it was felt by those present that Waratah colours were unique and historically identified as Waratah. It was agreed to maintain the current colours.

2. Club Shirts: Samples of shirts from 100%Netball were presented by Carla Killen. The style of shirt had previously been agreed upon and the design that was voted on was design 3: a mostly white shirt with maroon and gold highlights in an ascending spiral pattern. It was pointed out that this would be a good shirt to umpire in.
There is some concern about inconsistency in sizing of shirts especially between the unisex and women's cut.
Carla Killen and Nicole Cadogan will liaise with 100% Netball to clarify the sizings. An initial order will be submitted based upon the training singlet sizings as they were sourced through the same company. It is hoped that the order will go in during October so that the shirts are available at registration day.
3. Recruitment 2020 – David Cadogan urged the Club to get information re registration to the schools as early as possible. Club registration information can be placed in school newsletters but is dependent upon support from the schools.

It was suggested that a link could be available on the website to allow pre-registration or an expression of interest. This would mitigate the possibility of early registration information being lost by parents and allow those interested in playing with WNC next year the opportunity to be emailed closer to registration. Registrar Nick Osborne felt this was doable and would work updating the website. Chantelle Willcox discussed having an incentive such as free registration available as a prize for people who use the EOI link. Communications Office Jane Stoodley agreed to liaise with Nick Osborne on this idea.

Jane Stoodley reported that the Club had been contacted by WEMOOSH and they were keen to have the club present netball skills during Term 4. Flyers would be available for parents to pick up. This is a unique promotional opportunity that the Club should explore.

Another suggestion was to offer a chance of Free Registration (via a draw) if the Club's Facebook promotion was shared. The benefit of this maybe be limited as under 18s were already subsidised by the Active Kids Voucher.

It was suggested that emails also be sent to the High Schools in an attempt to gain a Cadets team. AS NNA has mandated that teams cannot be stacked with rep players, some players may be looking for alternative clubs.

Promotion through the University of Newcastle was desired but without any clear avenue as players new to University often arrived after registration processes were completed.

Chantelle Wilcox suggested that the Club needed to target the Associations where rural players came from as a possible advertising point. Waratah currently has players from Tamworth, Musselbrook and Taree (for example) who may be willing to be liaisons for this purpose. Publicity Officer Chantelle Willcox agreed to create a flyer for this purpose.

Facebook posts may also be boosted in the lead up to Registration Day. Cost to be determined.

4. Team Photos – It was not well known within the Club that the profits from the Photos were given to a Charity. It was suggested this should be advertised in the future as some players would be keen to support this idea, even if they did not get a photo. The donation hasn't previously been advertised as sometimes the money has been donated to a family in need within the Club. Senior players present felt that irrespective of who was to receive the donation, there would be broad support from our community.
5. Game Diary – Ellie Stanley suggested moving to Netball NSW format diary. There are currently 2-4 remaining of the alternative style. There was mixed feelings with some liking the old style and some the new. It was agreed that coaches could choose their preferred format and the club would be willing to supply and stock both.
6. Coaches – with the hope of the Club growing in size, there will be a need for a bigger pool of coaches. Senior players find it difficult to coach a senior team as they are also playing at the same time. This makes them limited to junior coaching but with seniors coaching juniors, parents do not develop their coaching skills so to evolve towards coaching a senior team. Chantelle Wilcox suggested that when a senior player coaches a junior team that a parent is recruited to be an assistant coach. This may lead to more parent coaches over a period of years.
7. Positives – During 2019 all Senior teams trained on the same night. This built more camaraderie between the teams and made it easier for senior managers to encourage players to support other teams. It was also encouraging to have the Superstars supported by a Senior team at games. It boosted their morale. In addition the change in leadership at NNA has lead to more engagement and support at association level.
8. Club Training – the senior coaches are proposing Club training on Tuesdays during February. Junior Sessions from 4-5:30 pm and Senior sessions from 6-7:30pm. The Senior coaches will liaise with the junior coaches to provide basic skills training leading into the season. The

sessions will be held at National Park. While it is acknowledged that this may be a barrier for some juniors, the importance of increasing Club visibility pre-season is essential. Co-locating Junior and Senior training sessions enabled easier support and mentoring of junior coaches and would assist in building Club Community. There was strong support from Senior coaches for this to become the normal training environment in the future.

Attachment 1: Junior & Senior Coaching Feedback

9. Club Gazebo Panel – David Cadogan suggested that the Gazebo needed a panel to maximise the shade. The panel could have the Molycop logo on it. Isobel Stoodley will pass to David previous information from the supplier of the Gazebo so that David could acquire more information.
10. Website – it was noted that some information on the Club Website such as coach and team profiles were outdated. The incoming Communications Officer would address that in a timely manner.
11. Greater Open Competition – the update regarding the proposed changes to this competition will occur on September 25th. The Club will send representatives. Early alliance with independent teams in this competition may provide pathways for Waratah players.
12. Equipment – Liz Gold requested all coaches contact her promptly with gear lists. Coaches can choose to either keep their kit if they are returning to coaching in 2020 or return the kit to her. Either way she needs a written list of contents and requirements for the 2020 season to be returned to her by the **end of the October 2019 school holidays**. Any game bag that isn't labelled with "Waratah" should be returned so that this can be corrected. Training balls that have poor grip should be thrown out.
13. Budget 2020 – the Treasurer presented the budget for 2020. At present the registration fees are unlikely to change. It was suggested that money be allocated to umpire theory courses. Coaches courses in the budget would be renamed to Development courses in order to meet all development needs – coaches, managers, administrators and bench officials. It was reported that it was becoming more difficult to source trophies under \$20. Potentially there may need to be an increase in the trophy budget or an increase in fundraising.

The Treasurer – Dwight Graham – moved that the proposed Budget for 2020 be accepted. Seconded David Cadogan. Carried.

Attachment 2 Budget 2020

Meeting Closed: 8:38pm

NEXT MANAGEMENT MEETING: Tuesday October 22nd, 6:30pm