

MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 11th May 2019
Function Room, Territory Netball Stadium

1. Meeting opened by Catherine Sansom, President, at 11:33am and in welcoming everyone to the 2019 AGM performed an Acknowledgement to Country

2. **ATTENDANCE**

Board Members: Catherine Sansom - President
Melissa Yates - Treasurer
Josine Wynberg - Appointed Director

Member Associations: Alice Springs - Annie Farthing & Carlie Ryan
Darwin - Sandy Mackintosh & Linda Parnham
Gove - Carly Robb
Katherine - Andrea Read
Palmerston - Neil Forsyth & Rachel Boyce

Netball NT Staff: Ian Harkness (Executive Officer)

3. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Life Members - Pat Gallagher - Shirley Richards
Board Members - Tahlia Lee - Shannon Millar - Mark Coffey.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM HELD 12th May 2018**

It was Moved Neil Forsyth (Palmerston) and Seconded Linda Parnham (Darwin) that the Minutes of the AGM held 12th May 2018 be accepted as true and correct. **CARRIED**

5. **REPORTS - BOARD & STAFF**

- Presidents Report
- Executive Officer Report
- Participation Manager Report
- Development Manager Report
- Pathway Manager Report
- Alice Springs Development Officer Report

The following items were raised for clarification and / or discussion:-

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- Linda Parnham (Darwin) queried the inclusion of Ben Manfield in the Development Managers Report as an Umpires Coach along with Kylie Bell trying to understand either how that came about or, if a Course, why others are also not included.
The Executive Officer will follow up for clarification and respond
- Sandy Mackintosh (Darwin) raised the Netball NT participation in the Australian Netball League (ANL) stating it has limited value with an economic impact and also minimal NT players.
Catherine Sansom advised that Netball Australia will be conducting a review of this competition in 2019 also articulating that both ACT and Tasmania have concerns around similar aspects.
Consideration needs to be given to the future alignments and pathways for Territory players as the current ANL model has no benefit to Netball NT and a restructure would be required for any possible future involvement.
In discussing the number and talent of available NT players reference was made to the more recent performances of the NT 17's and 19's teams where results have been encouraging.
The review to be undertaken by Netball Australia will include consultation with the NT Member Associations.
- Linda Parnham (Darwin) raised the matter of online accreditation courses and associated costs for both umpiring and coaching.
It is believed the current costs are prohibitive and limiting the number of people doing the courses.
It was requested to ascertain the figures of online accreditations / examinations undertaken in 2018 - **the Executive Officer will endeavour to secure these figures and circulate.**
In conjunction with the belief there is declining numbers a query was raised over the accessibility of these courses in various parts of the Territory with limited online availability.
- Andrea Read (Katherine) sought clarification on the comments regarding facility development advising that Netball in Katherine did not receive any funding from the recent facilities expenditure in the town.
Catherine Sansom advised that Netball NT is keen to have all centres have the best possible facilities and are available to meet with and lobby the relevant Government levels to support any infrastructure improvements.
Carly Robb (Gove) advise they hire facilities from the local school and are happy with the approach.

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- Sandy Mackintosh (Darwin) raised the matter of the current development program structure and the conduct of Academy Programs by Netball NT in direct conflict with those by Member Associations.
General discussion resulted in agreement that any programs for players that had not yet been selected in State representative teams should be the domain of the Member Association, especially those ages relative to NT Championships categories.
Neil Forsyth (Palmerston) clarified the role of Netball NT should be to assist in the conduct of these Programs similar as to what already occurs with the Pathway Manager at Palmerston.
The Executive Officer will discuss with the Pathway Manager and enact a change.

It was Moved Carly Robb (Gove) and Seconded Sandy Mackintosh (Darwin) that the above reports be accepted. CARRIED

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Melissa Yates (Treasurer) spoke to the financial reports advising of the very tenuous position the Association is in, teetering on insolvency.

The Association is now having to critically consider what it gets involved in, and what not to, based on expenditure but also on return to the sport with the Remote visits given as an example.

The impact of the Stadium, particularly the running costs associated with the electricity is an unknown and will require ongoing monitoring.

The recent staff resignation of the Participation Manager led to the decision not to immediately replace the role until a clearer understanding of the Associations position is obtained.

Sandy Mackintosh (Darwin) stated it was great to hear that there was a close monitoring and review of activities and in relation to the Stadium indicated that a number of people were saying it was getting cold and perhaps it is now time to utilise the windows and fans and turn off the air conditioning.

Linda Parnham (Darwin) sought feedback on the Arafura Games noting comments from other sports with the Executive Officer advising of an impact in that the time and effort leading into the event was quite extensive and there would have

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been a cost to the lost productivity that administering the Games took away from usual core business.

Sandy Mackintosh (Darwin) queried the amount of 'catering' being advised that encompassed everything from rep teams and staff on trips and that 'travel' also included a number of activities and encompassed accommodation.

Annie Farthing (Alice Springs) queried the realities for the Association and Melissa Yates advised of being involved in Remote Programs that vast majority of which do not provide any return for the sport, those that are in close proximity to the Major centres may result in a player recruitment however those more remote do not result in that outcome.

Melissa Yates also advised of the representative team levy had remained at \$2,200 for about four (4) years whilst expenses increased annually and this had to change and needs to be kept abreast of cost increases and the historical practice of two (2) training camps for the representative teams needs to be reviewed.

The Executive Officer provided a summary on the Stadium electricity concerns which are being further investigated by the authorities.

Annie Farthing (Alice Springs) sought clarification on the first quarter financials with Melissa Yates advising the deficit budget is still acknowledged pending ongoing review of Stadium and other operational costs however our revenue streams need to be improved.

In regard to representative teams, Carly Ryan (Alice Springs) raised whether or not the NT Championships should be utilised for State Selections ?
This was identified for discussion in the Forum environment.

Neil Forsyth (Palmerston) indicated a need for this group to meet more than once annually to assist in addressing aspects such as the current economic climate and the conduct of various programs and this could be done via Skype or at the NT Championships.

Annie Farthing (Alice Springs) sought clarification on the status of the Strategic Plan with having MA's involved in the review.

Melissa Yates advised the first review had been conducted at Board level with not having an external facilitator involved based on economics and will arrange for that version to be circulated.

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Annie Farthing (Alice Springs) advised that she didn't envy the Board especially being concerned with a deficit budget and whilst revenue streams could be increased felt that based on experiences with the Alice Springs Stadium it will take at least two (2) years to work it all out.

It was Moved Andrea Read (Katherine) and Seconded Sandy Mackintosh (Darwin) that the Audited Financial Reports be accepted. CARRIED

7. ELECTION OF BOARD

It was Moved Carly Robb (Gove) and Seconded Neil Forsyth (Palmerston) that the delegates from the following Associations be allowed two (2) votes each - Gove, Katherine and Palmerston. CARRIED

Nominations were received as follows:-

- President - Catherine Sansom - 2 years
- Elected Director - Shannon Millar - 2 years
- Elected Director - Mark Coffey - 2 years
- Elected Director - Rachel Boyce - 2 years.

Ballot papers were distributed to voting members however **it was Moved Sandy Mackintosh (Darwin) and Seconded Annie Farthing (Alice Springs) that all nominees be elected. CARRIED Unanimously**

At this time Melissa Yates advised that the 2019 year would be her last as Treasurer and that as there is a current casual vacancy on the Board if any member Association knew of anyone with a financial background who may be keen to join the Board in 2019 with a view to becoming Treasurer in 2020 then please contact the Executive Officer.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR - **It was Moved Sandy Mackintosh (Darwin) and Seconded Neil Forsyth (Palmerston) that Merit Partners be appointed as the Netball NT Auditors for 2019. CARRIED**

9. 2020 AGM Date - To Be Confirmed



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10. **MEETING CLOSED** - Meeting closed by Catherine Sansom at 12:55pm

Signed as a true and accurate record:

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Catherine Sansom, Chair	Date