

**Pinehurst Netball Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes**

***Tuesday 27th July, commencing 7.30pm***

***Pinetrees Community Centre, The Circle, SN2 1QR***

**Chair:** Lauren Swain

**Minutes:** Emma Yendell

**Present:** Val Holbrow, Josie Meredith, Gemma Jefferies, Izzy Minturn, Emily Perry, Becky Williams, Lynne Watkins, Mary Lyons, Joan White, Doreen Wilcocks, Claire Wilson, Jan Richmond, Laura Goodchild, Brogan Jones, Lizzie Gage, Pat Harris, Lauren Swain, Lucy Yendell, Emma Yendell.

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| **No.** | **Lead** | **Agenda Item and Comments** |
| 1 | Doreen Wilcocks | **Welcome and meeting etiquette**  Doreen welcomed everyone and apologised for only managing to visit Dorcan once due to the pandemic.  As the Club has been going for 77 years this year, a volunteer was requested to write to All England Netball as it is likely that we are the oldest club in the country.  A grant of £2021.00 was awarded to the club- this will be used for summer camps next year. With help from Joan White, Pat was able to reconcile the spending from the previous grant.  **Action:** Brogan Jones and Laura Goodchild have confirmed they will write to All England Netball.  **Action:** All members have been asked to keep their eyes peeled for further grants, and sponsorship opportunities. |
| 2 | Pat Harris | **Club Constitution**  Pat Harris reported that seven amendments were requested (mostly grammatical) and were agreed. Lynne Watkins proposed that the Club accept the constitution.  A proposal of having a Club Captain was added to the constitution’s amendments.  **Action:** All club members accepted the constitution with grammatical amendments.  **Action:** Laura Goodchild was voted in as Club Captain. |
| 3 | Joan White | **Financial Report**  Joan White reported that there had been little cost movement due to the pandemic, but this has recently increased due to the return of training and the Summer League. For information, Summer League costs were £70 per team.  Joan requested prompt payment for outstanding fees and thanked Doreen for the Lottery income.  Pat reported that the Academy will charge the same court fees for coming season, and added that the club has a significant discount. |
| 4 |  | **Committee Reports- secretary, chair, safeguarding** |
|  | Pat Harris | **Secretary**  This has been the most unusual year in the history of Pinehurst NC. The Club needs an Umpiring Secretary, and a Junior Coordinator.  Pat hopes to restart on Gold Caps, with two more members will be taking their Level 2 coaching qualification.  There will still be COVID related rules for the year ahead, and the Club will base their rules on those set by England Netball, and Swindon League.  Doreen suggested a High 5 coaching course and recruiting more young players. Fundays during the school holidays (using the grant money) will hopefully lead to new young members. Pat hoped that Kerry will be able to fulfill the grant requirements (Youth Summer camps).  Pat shared hopes for a successful and happy season. |
|  | Lauren Swain | **Chair**  Lauren thanked all the committee members for regularly attending Zoom meetings and reacting quickly to government updates.  Thanks were extended to Claire, Kerry and Sara for organising the training, and the players for attending the sessions.  Lauren was pleased to see new members enjoying the Summer League and thanked all the umpires for their part in the success. Next season will bring lots of new ideas and updates, and Lauren is happy to address any queries or concerns. |
|  | Josie Meredith | **Safeguarding**  Josie has taken on the Safeguarding role; as a teacher she is familiar with the principles of protecting children, but also anyone vulnerable.  She has completed the UK coaching in safeguarding and NSPCC courses, ensured that the Safeguarding policy is up to date, and created a Safeguarding Manual which is accessible to all.  Josie stressed that it's every member's role to promote safeguarding and will be working with other members of the Committee on new policies e.g. Under 18 players join the senior teams but they are still classed as children and should be accompanied when leaving the hall.  **Action:** Lauren Swain has agreed to be deputy safeguarding officer. |
| 5 | Lauren Swain | **Election of officers (Junior Representative/ Umpiring officer)**  Lauren Swain extended her thanks to Stacey Richmond for all her hard work and commitment to the juniors.  Positions of Junior Representative and Umpiring Officer remain vacant.  Joan informed the meeting about the Facebook group Team White, where umpires swap shifts. The Club agreed to concentrate on finding umpires.  **Action:** Laura Goodchild will be creating a flyer to promote and encourage players to become umpires. |
| 6 | Lauren Swain | **Matters arising**  The Wiltshire AGM will take place on Tuesday 24th August, and a club representative will attend. Swindon AGM will be held mid-August, where league dates will be confirmed.  Pinehurst will hold trials on August 17th, 24th, 31st.  Janine Richmond and Holly Brown are arranging a club and awards night. Dates suggested are Sat 28th August/4th September and a poll will be taken. The Gas Club in Stratton is favourite as an outside area is required.  **Action:** Club members agreed by a vote of hands that selectors will be the team coaches and head coach. Where necessary, Pat (HC) will have the deciding vote. |
| 7 | Lauren Swain | **Any Other Business (AOB)**  Lynne Watkins reported that several people have asked for kit. Purchasing will be arranged at the next Committee meeting. Joan suggested a kit swap and questioned how much the deposit should be for returning kit.  Pat thanked Lizzie Gage for all the prompt messages that she puts out.  The new season may see fresh regulation- possibilities include new risk assessments for each venue, the continuation of sanitising, entrances being kept free of gatherings, players required to take two lateral flow tests per week and players staying away for any illness (even colds). The Club will base their rules on those set by England Netball, and Swindon League.  It was proposed to only have two Summer League teams in future. Saturdays seemed to prevent some from playing- it has historically taken place on Wednesday evenings. Players will need to affiliate in advance. A Summer League manager may be needed.  It was asked whether mixing the ages was a good thing, and the Club agreed that newer players benefitted from the experience of others. Becky Thompson emphasised that Summer League is good for the club- you can see the development of the players, and it's a nice end to the season. She thanked Pat for the team selections. Becky was thanked for all her encouragement.  It was requested that the teams for the new season be announced promptly after selection to ensure training together before the matches start.  The GDPR officer (Lynne Watkins) has sent in a report and has confirmed that Facebook needs to be corrected to delete nonmembers and players need to make sure all their personal details are correct on the ENgage database.  Josie thanked Lauren for everything she does.  **Action:** Lizzie Gage will put out a poll for new kit asap; ordering new kit now won't arrive until November. |

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